

A Local Meadows Stroll

Approx distance 2 to 3 miles
Approx duration 1 to 2 hours



A short walk over moderate terrain with great views of the village and lake.

Leave the site via the pedestrian path and turn right on reaching Ham Lane, continue for approx 170 yards, turning right into Sticing Shord Lane, follow this very quiet lane, and in 500 yards you will see new 'kissing gates' on your left and right, ignore both of these and walk on for a further 150 yards, you will now see a road off to your left and a gate, immediately in front of you, at the side of the gate is a kissing gate, cross over and walk along the left hand edge to a stile in the next hedgerow boundary.

Unfortunately the local farmer has seen fit to install a cattle water trough right in front of the kissing gate, and when wet or cattle are in the field, access to this kissing gate is impossible without getting very muddy. Instead, walk to your right for 100 yards and cross via the original stile into the football field, turn left and retrace your steps to the place you would have come out at, now follow the path alongside the football field, past the changing rooms and into a small paddock. You will see a stile in the right hand corner, cross this stile and immediately come to Wick Road (the main road through Bishop Sutton). Turn left, passing the Sutton Spice restaurant. Pass the Old Pit Garage on your right and in 100 yards you will find the Village Hall on your left. Cross the road here and walk down the side of Montrone Cottage, follow this path between the houses for 200 yards, bearing left at top of the path to a new 'kissing gate'.

Continue forward following the boundary behind the housing estate for 400 yards (for a superb view of Chew Valley Lake, walk to the top of the hill and look over the houses) returning to the path, you will now find two new 'kissing gates'.

If you choose the one on your right, cross the field to the next gate and continue forward, reaching Sutton Hill Road where you turn left. This option takes you uphill a little, but is a nice stroll down when you reach the road.

If you wish for a slightly shorter walk, take the left hand 'kissing gate' and follow until you reach the road, continue now on metalled roadway for about 250 yards, noticing the colliers cottages circa 1785 at the junction with Sutton Hill Road. Turn left and in 300 yards you can deviate again by crossing the road and following the footpath on your right, this will take you past The Batch and eventually to Wick Road, turn left and you will pass the village and come to Ham Lane.

However, if you are ready to return to park for that cuppa, then just continue along Sutton Hill Road until you reach the Red Lion, cross the road and into Ham Lane, returning to the site.