

Blagdon Lake Walk

Approx distance 7 miles
Approx duration 4 to 5 hours



A longer walk, following easy footpaths and lanes, starting from a popular local village, a 10 minute drive from the caravan park.

How to get there: Leaving site in a vehicle, turn left from site exit and follow down Ham Lane, at T junction turn right (Bonhill Road) to top, where it meets A368. Turn right and follow this road, crossing the lake in a couple of miles, the road then narrows before a sharp right hand bend into West Harptree, continue through Compton Martin and Ubley into Blagdon, pass the village stores & Post Office on your right, the road bends sharply to the left, but you should continue down the hill sp "Lake" and park in the village club car park adjacent to the volunteer fire station immediately on your left.

From car park follow the road down to the lake and continue across the dam, then turn immediately right onto the footpath alongside the lake. The path now crosses two small bridges & continues over a stile and into a field. After a third bridge leave the lake shore and head uphill. Pass through a glade of Scots Pine and follow the path around the edge of the field, to emerge into a lane at West Town.

Turn left past an old stone cottage (now converted into a nice home with iron gates) and then immediately right along a narrow leafy lane, traffic is virtually non-existent. You will come to a crossroad with an old chapel next to it, go straight across then turn right at the next road junction and through Nempnett Thrubwell, a hamlet of about 12 houses.

Continuing along the lane there are fine views of the whole of Blagdon Lake. The Mendips themselves form an almost continuous limestone ridge from

Frome to the east of Weston-super-Mare on the Bristol Channel.

From this point a large section of the Mendip backbone is laid out before you.

Pass through one more junction and on to the top of Breach Hill, just past the duck pond, to the right of the lane, a footpath begins which takes you through fields, behind Breach Hill Farm, where you look down onto Chew Valley Lake to the East.

Cross the drive of Ubley Park House, pass behind some old farm buildings and follow the path across a succession of fields, down to Snatch House at the eastern end of Blagdon lake.

Snatch House is easily recognisable from the hillside as there is a 10' chimney standing near it.

From here there is a path in the fields, parallel to the road, which leads back to the village of Ubley, turn right past Ubley Church* and continue straight on down farm lane into more fields. Ahead of you is St Andrews Church at Blagdon, keep walking towards it and you will find a stile in each of the hedgerows you have to cross. Finally there is a path around St Andrews Churchyard which will lead you back to your car.

* This walk can start from here if required. Park in the village hall car park, follow directions from church and continue on circular walk until you return to this place.