

Walk 4 Circular Cat Head Chiselborough into the quieter areas of Ham Hill Country Park

- Distance approximately 8 km
- Time allowed 2 hours walking
- Park next to Village Hall
- **Refreshments:**
- Cat Head Chiselborough
- Prince Of Wales Ham Hill 20 minutes of track
- Lord Nelson Norton 10 minutes of track (all pubs are dog friendly)

Route:

Turn left past the village hall into North Street, then take the next footpath to the right past the phone box.

Turn right onto the road and head up the hill and out of the village, at a sharp bend in the road look for two sign posts on your left down a short track; take the one heading down the hill past the old ash tree (on the right) and continue down the field until you meet the track by the pond and Oak tree (dogs should be on a lead as there are normally sheep grazing in this field).

Turn left on the track and continue until a T junction, turn right into Hocker's Hill track, here.

Continue along the track to the bottom of Witcombe valley to a conjunction of paths.

Here go through the gate on your left and start heading up the valley, at the information sign, turn right and head along the field following the line of the hedge and stream which is on your right. After approximately 1 KM pass through the gate into an open wooded area note the pond on your right (Pit Pond) as you pass through the glade. The track then bares left through the gate and out into a field.

Here you have a choice bare slightly right and pass into the woods through a marked gate or follow the track baring left up the hill towards a marked trig type point not shown on map, aiming towards a house in the distance at the top of the rise.

Climb up through the woods until you come across a track take the left route here (the right will take you up to Park Lane). Pass through the gate and follow the track towards the house in front of you, as you approach the house bare slightly left and follow path down a steep incline where you pass through a gate. In front of you there is an obvious tree, the aim is to get to the top of the ridge to take in the views of the valley beyond; there are a couple of obvious animal tracks you could take so follow your nose. On the top of the ridge there is a metal bench dedicated to members of the Yeovil Running Club; here if you stop for while you will be rewarded by the sounds of Skylarks marking their territory whilst advertising his suitability for fatherhood.

Walk south along the top of the valley and take the path down the hill to rejoin the conjunction of paths you came to earlier in the walk. Turn right along the track and follow until you reach Greenham Cross passing the water mill on your left at Little Norton.

The road can simply be followed back to Chiselborough from here. It is possible courtesy of the farmer; to walk along the field boundary on the left and avoid the road but please be mindful of signs and life stock as it is not a generally permitted right of way.

Satellite Map of Walk

