



Rotating around Rickford

There may be lots of ups and downs through fields and woods on this walk but the views across the Wrington Vale are spectacular. A mix of terrain, environment and effort required – not difficult but not for those who like a comfortable stroll.



How to get there

Start at map ref: ST502592

Car:
Park at the Village Club

From the Village Club car park in Blagdon head up the hill along the High Street until The Seymour Arms is ahead. The main road curves left, cross it and continue up the hill on Street End beside The Seymour Arms. It's a fairly steep incline but with stunning views of St Andrew's Church and the lake if you pause for a break.

Past the Yeo Valley headquarters the road curves left. Continue onto the drive straight ahead which becomes a footpath. This drive is above the house known as Westerley.

At its end cross the stile directly ahead and follow the path across the field to the far side. Watch out for deer crossing the field too and more lovely views of the lake.

Cross another stile into the next field heading west towards the trees on the far side. The path continues through a gate in the corner and where it joins the Limestone Link.

Follow the hedge until you come to a kissing gate and entrance to Burrington Ham.

Keep heading west (straight ahead), across another path, and continue on





this path which echoes the line of the Combe gently heading down and right leading to The Rocks. From there there are stunning views west as far as Wales and east beyond the lake.

The path curves back on itself along the south side of the hill. Just beyond the rocks the path forks. Head down hill on the left track. Keep heading down taking the next right fork through the bracken towards the stand of silver birch trees. Take the right fork through the trees and continue down turning

left at the bottom and out onto a lane – Ham Link. Turn right and when it joins Rickford Rise turn left and down onto the main road, the A368.

Cross over onto The Batch and follow the path at the end round past the ford and The Plume of Feathers and through Rickford. Head up behind the pub on Leg Lane and into the field at its end. Follow the path over the field, over the stile into the next one heading east eventually coming out onto Bourne Lane. Turn right and follow the road passing the bottom of Coombe Lodge and back into Blagdon. At the bottom of the incline turn left and at the end of the track there is a footpath. Take this across the next two fields through a kissing gate onto Garston Lane. Turn right – head up the hill and turn into the Village Club car park on the right at the end.

Route information

- Distance:**
Approx. 3.8 miles
- Difficulty:**
Varied terrain and gradients
- Duration:**
2.5 hours
- Map:**
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