



# Stretch your legs around Sandford



## Walk information

**Distance:** about 3 miles

**Difficulty:** medium to hard: narrow, rocky paths, a few wooden stiles, a steep climb. Paths can get muddy so wear suitable footwear

**Duration:** about 1.5 hours at a leisurely pace

**Map:** OS 141 Explorer

**Sandford is part of the Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and after a wander through woodland and a steep climb, you're rewarded with wonderful views across this rolling countryside.**



Start on Hill Road in Sandford and head up The Batch. Follow the paved path around The Old Bakery.

Continue around this house and follow the yellow waymarker to the right, veering uphill towards Batch House.

The footpath goes uphill alongside Batch House, becoming a narrow, muddy track.

Go through the metal gate and turn left, following the yellow waymarker.

At the junction in the path, go through the gate on your left, heading down towards the playing fields. Watch out for brambles as you walk across the grassy area.

Go through the next kissing gate and continue onwards. The path weaves through the trees, along the northern edge of the woodland, adjacent to the playing fields.

Watch out for overhanging branches and tree roots jutting out. It is a well-trodden path so you should be able to see it fairly easily, despite it weaving up and down through the trees.

Cross the stile and continue onwards. You will eventually come out at a bend in a paved driveway.

Head downhill and you will come to Mendip Snow Sports Centre. Head right, underneath the platform (the dry ski slope).

## How to get there

**Start at map ref:** ST 421594

**By car:** On-street parking available in nearby streets. Please park considerately.

**Refreshments:** Food and drink available at the Railway Inn, on the A368; the Alpine Lodge at Mendip Snow Sports Centre; and Lyncombe Lodge also welcomes walkers.



Continue past the main entrance and follow the signs for disc golf.

You will soon be back in the woodland. At an orienteering signpost, take the path on the right, which zigs zags up the hillside. These are permissive paths through the woodland.

When you reach the track, turn left and go over the stile next to the gate. Follow the gravel track as it circles around the mound.

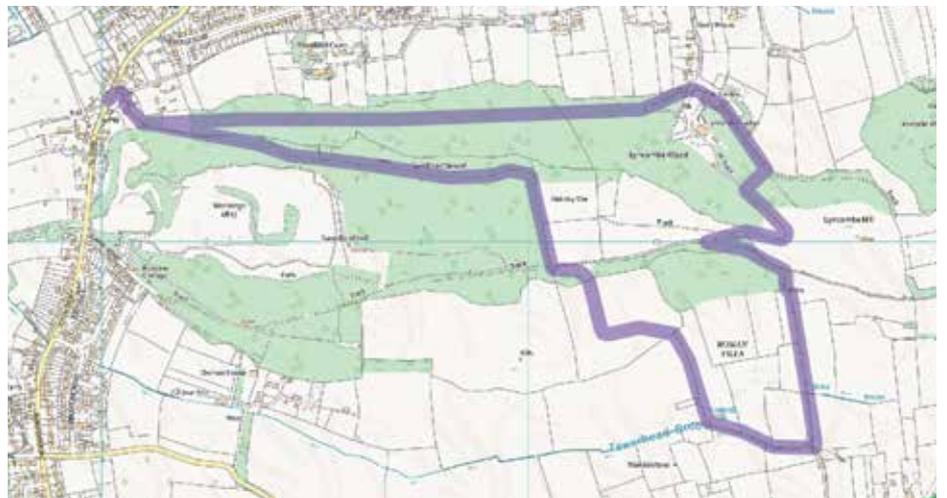
At the top, go through the big gate marked with a blue brideway sign. If you want to head straight back to Sandford, you can continue onwards on this route.

For a picturesque, longer route, go through the gate right next to the one you've just come through, to double-back on yourself. This is a narrow, rocky path.

At the junction turn right, signposted as a brideway. It becomes a wider track, running between fields.

At the end you'll come to a t-junction so turn right here.

Continue on and then turn right at the end. Walk up the hill, keeping to the left edge of the field.



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At the top of the field, go over the stile and head to the left. Now continue upwards across the field. It's a steep climb but the views are magnificent.

Exit the field at the top, next to the water trough. Turn left onto the track, alongside the fence.

Go through the metal gate and back into the woods. The footpath is then immediately on your right, over a stile.

Follow this as it bends round to the left. Continue on here and it will eventually lead back to the path you were on at the beginning, which then leads back to The Batch.

