



so110 Beacon Batch from Cheddar Gorge

Black Rock Car Park is at the E (upper) end of Cheddar Gorge, on the B3115 Cheddar to Priddy Road

The walk shown is for guidance only and should not be attempted without suitable maps.

Details	
Distance:	12km (7½ miles)
Total Ascent:	242m (794ft)
Time:	3½ hrs Grade: 4
Maps:	OS Landranger® 182 or OS Explorer Map™ 141
Start/Finish:	Black Rock Car Park, Cheddar Gorge, Somerset
Grid Ref:	ST482545

With thanks to Clive Hooper

A stroll in the Mendips

S From the Parking Area go E through a gate to climb gently NE up through Black Rock Valley Nature Reserve. (1 km)

① Follow the main path (The Mendip Way) as it bears N (left) past a gate on your right and bears NW to reach a second gate at the N end of the reserve. Continue NW beyond along the edge of Long Wood eventually reaching a stile and open fields. Continue WNW along field edges to reach a farm access road. Go N (right) on the access road to reach a junction with a lane. Turn W (left) and follow the lane until it bends S by Tynings Farm. (3 km)

② About 200m before reaching Tynings Farm, leave the Mendip Way and go N (right) to follow a (re-routed) path past the farm and then NE along a field edge to reach a gate. Go through and follow a clear path ENE across open moorland gently climbing to the summit of Beacon Batch (trig point). (2 km)

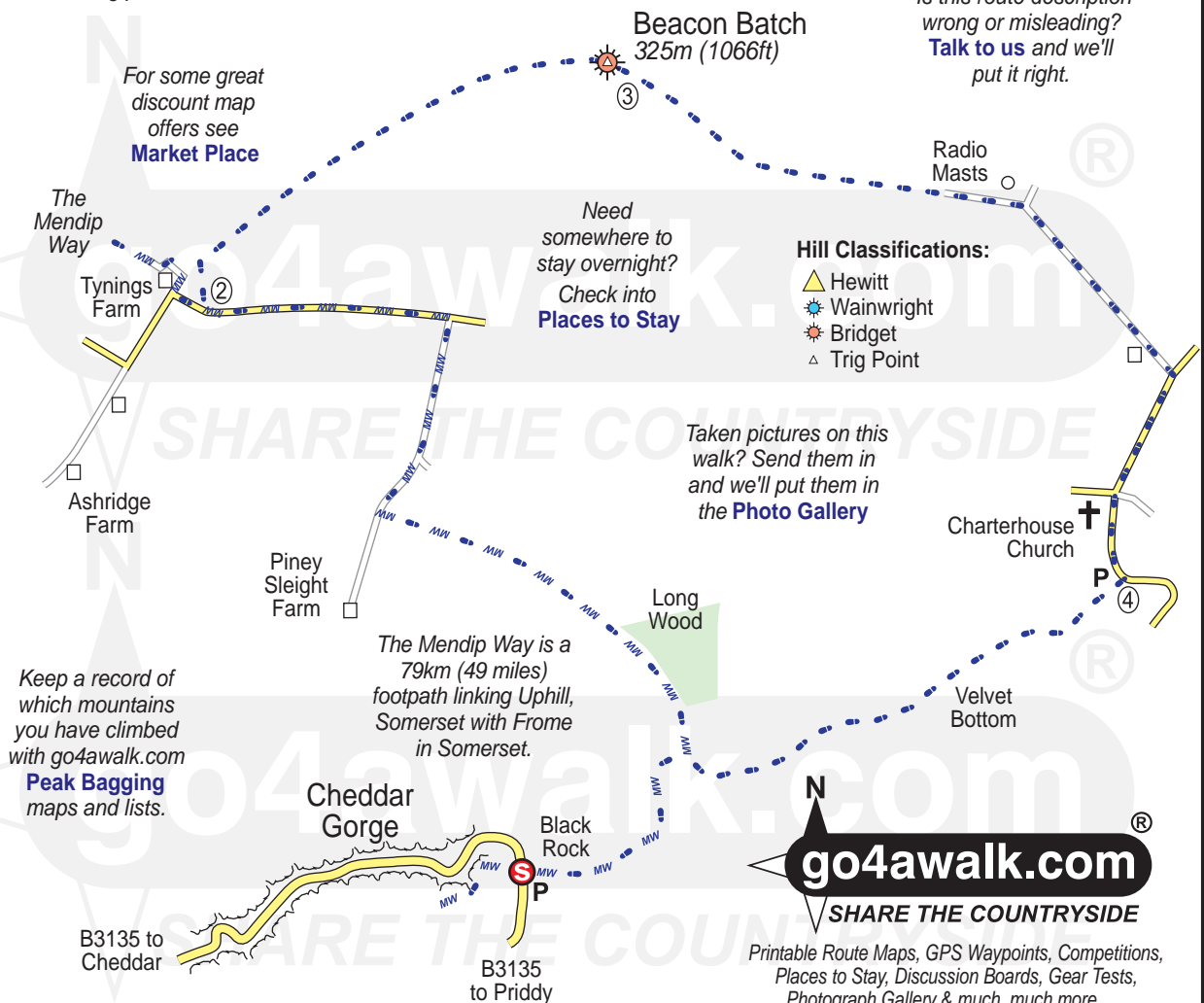
③ Continue E beyond bearing slightly S towards a collection of radio masts and an access road beyond. Go SE on the access road to reach a lane. Go S (right) on the lane and follow it past a junction and Charterhouse Church to reach a car park. (3 km)

④ Go SW (right) through the car park and then through a gate giving access to Velvet Bottom Nature Reserve. Go SW descending through the reserve to reach the gate passed on the outward journey. Go SW (left) to return to Black Rock and the start. (3 km)

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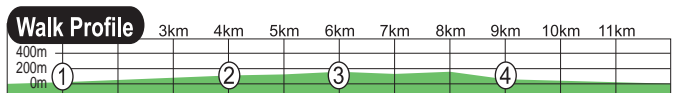
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