

so110 Beacon Batch from Cheddar Gorge

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

With thanks to Clive Hooper

Black Rock Car Park is at the E (upper) end of Cheddar Gorge, on the B3135 Cheddar to Priddy Road

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
Sat Nav:	N51.2875 W2.7441

GPS data: Position Format = 'British Grid'
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A stroll in the Mendips

From the Parking Area go E through a gate to follow the West Mendip Way gently E, N (left) & NE (right) up through Black Rock Valley Nature Reserve. (1 km)

① Follow the main path (West Mendip Way) as it bears N (left) through a gate to climb NW through Long Wood Nature Reserve. Cross a stile & continue WNW along field edges to reach a farm access road. (1½ km)

② Go N (right) on the access road to a lane. (¾ km)

③ Turn W (left) and follow the lane until it bends WNW (slightly right) about 200m before Tynings Farm & Trekking Centre. (¾ km)

④ Leave the Mendip Way and go N (right) to follow a (re-routed) path N & then NE between fields to reach a gate. Go through and follow a clear path NE (half right) across open moorland to reach a fork. Bear ENE (half-right) and continue ENE across the 1st crossing path to reach a 2nd (a sunken ditch). Go E (half-right) to the summit of Beacon Batch (trig point). (2 km)

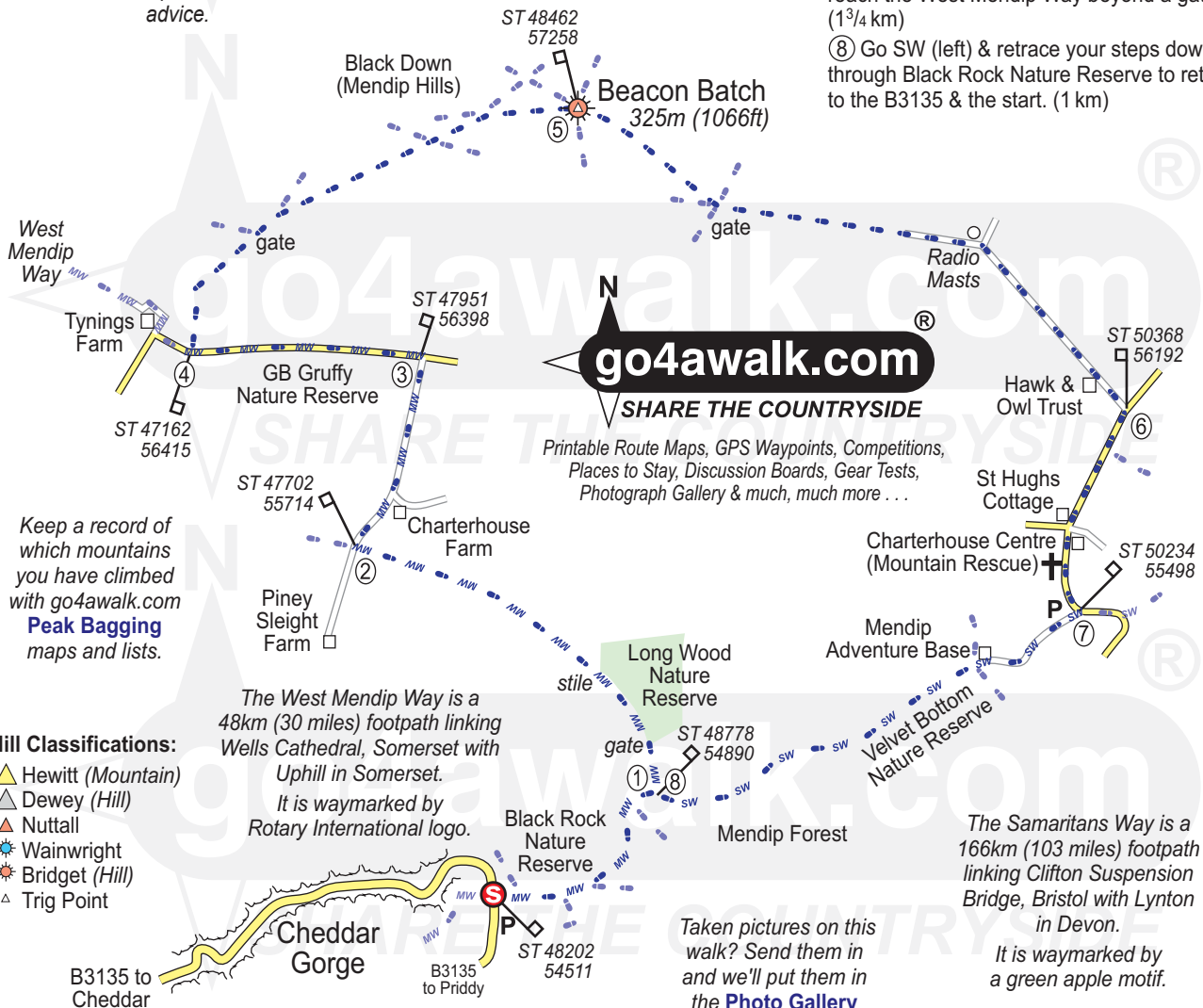
⑤ Continue SE down the other side aiming for a radio mast to reach a gate. Go through and follow the track past the mast to a junction. Go SE (right) down the access road to reach a lane. (2½ km)

⑥ Go SSW (right) on the lane and follow it across a junction & down to reach a signed path just beyond a left-hand bend. (¾ km)

⑦ Go SW (right) through a gate & descend through Velvet Bottom Nature Reserve to reach the West Mendip Way beyond a gate. (1¾ km)

⑧ Go SW (left) & retrace your steps down through Black Rock Nature Reserve to return to the B3135 & the start. (1 km)

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- ▲ Nuttall
- ☀ Wainwright
- ☀ Bridget (Hill)
- △ Trig Point

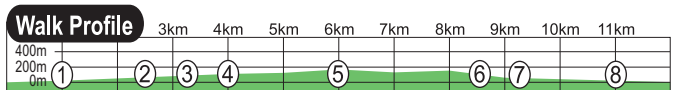
The West Mendip Way is a 48km (30 miles) footpath linking Wells Cathedral, Somerset with Uphill in Somerset. It is waymarked by Rotary International logo.

The Samaritans Way is a 166km (103 miles) footpath linking Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bristol with Lynton in Devon.

It is waymarked by a green apple motif.

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