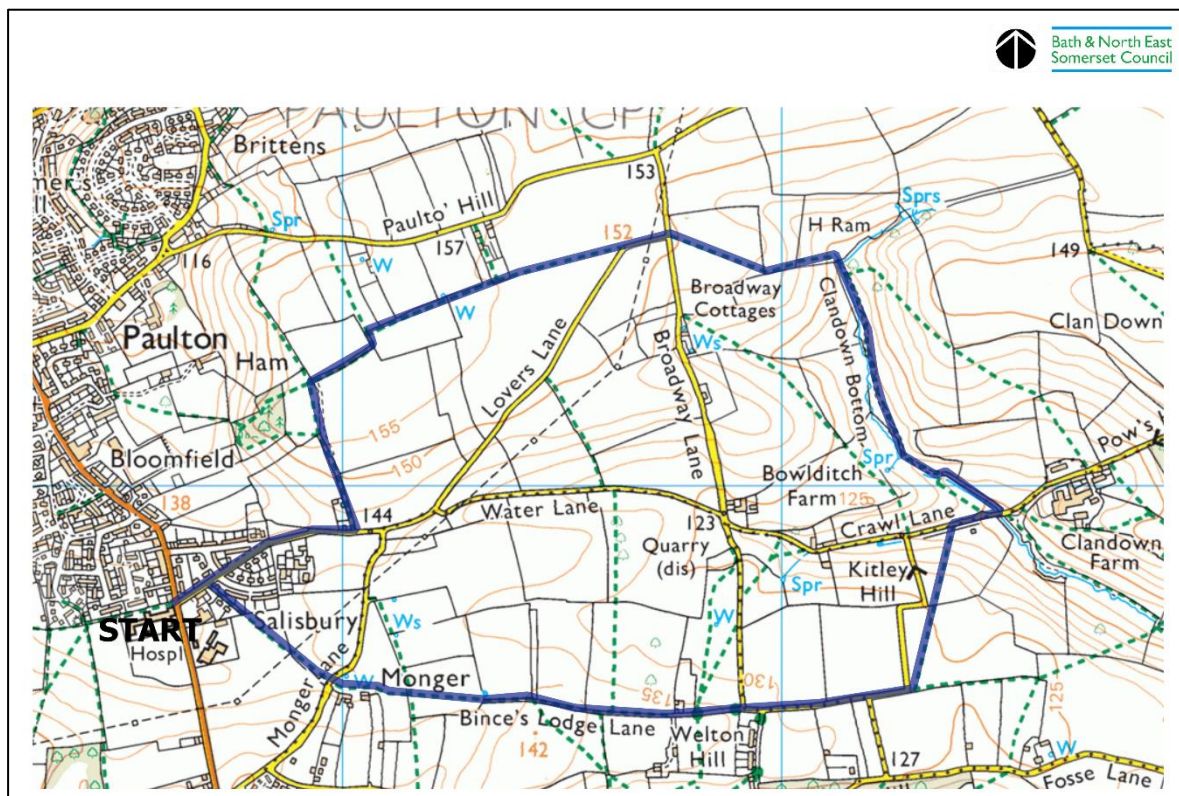


A Short Walk from Paulton

A classic easy stroll across fields, lanes and green lanes. Leaving Paulton straight into fields and along an ancient green lane high above Midsomer Norton. Drop down into Clandown Bottom and see the mature trees that once formed an avenue. Walking the fields above Withy Mills gives far reaching views to Stratton on the Fosse and beyond. Finally admire Paulton village where in the foreground is the first Paulton cottage hospital and Paulton Rovers Football ground. This walk has one hill which you can take at your own pace.



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Distance: 5 kms

Start: Clandown Road, Paulton, BS39 7ED. Grid reference: ST656 557.

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Code: MKG - Metal Kissing Gate. MG - Metal Gate

Public Transport: if arriving by bus leave at Paulton Hospital Bus Stop. Leave the bus and face towards the village with the hospital and Elm Hayes Surgery on your right and the care home on your left. Walk to first side road on the right, Clandown Road.

Car: There is a free public car park in the village, opposite the Red Lion pub, or park in one of the side roads, with due consideration to residents. Start at the junction of Clandown Road with Salisbury Road, (Elm Hayes Surgery on the right).

Directions:

Walk along Clandown Road to Meadow Road, - a side road opposite house No 23. Turn into Meadow Road and walk along the lane to the MKG with old railings in front of it. The old railings were manufactured in the village by Paulton Brass and Iron Foundry Established in 1810 and worked until 1889. Go through the MKG and walk straight across the field heading for the cottage in the distance. Through next MKG, follow the hedge on the right to the MKG that leads onto a lane. Walk across the lane and into the track in front of a cottage, (Monger Farm). Walk through the MKG into a field and follow the hedge on the right to its corner, then keep walking in the same direction and through a large gap in the hedge. Continue forwards towards a group of trees in the hedge ahead. Through the MKG into a 'green lane' called Bince's Lodge Lane.

Walk the whole length of the lane for about 400 metres. Take advantage of gateways to admire the views. By a cottage and farm entrance the lane becomes a tarmac surface. Continue along the lane until it joins another lane on a bend. Walk forwards along the lane and past the turning to White City. Walk until the lane meets another on a bend. Continue ahead along the lane to the left-hand bend and find a MKG. Walk through into the field. Walk diagonally left in a 10 o'clock direction across the field to MKG in the hedge. Go through the gate and keep walking in the same direction straight across the field and down the hill to a MKG in the hedge which has a concrete footbridge over a ditch.

Turn right, walk along the lane to the bottom of the hill where farm tracks, farm gates and metal pedestrian gates are on both sides of the road. Turn into the track on the left, through the MG and walk up the stony track into an open field. Continue with the hedge on the left, along the stony track and grass land along the bottom of this very large field. Note the mature trees on the hillside on the right, laid out as an avenue.

At the far end of the field find a field gate with an overgrown MKG on its right. Go through and immediately turn left and walk steeply up the hill. Note: This area can be wet and muddy and you may need to detour around the boggy ground.

In the corner of the field is a MKG. Go through and walk up the field alongside the hedge to the top corner. Before leaving this field turn to take in the view. In the flatish field on the left once stood a substantial Roman Villa.

Go through the MKG and walk diagonally right across the field in a 2 o'clock direction. Through the MKG onto the lane. Take the lane opposite and walk along a short way to the slight bend, take the MKG on the right into a very large field. Walk straight ahead, long ways across the field. There is usually a very well-established path across the field. Far reaching views can be seen on the left. Walk along the hedge edge at the back of the dog kennels (on your right) and continue to walk in the same direction to the far corner of the field. Through the MKG into the next field and continue walking with the hedge on your right. Through the next MKG into a farm track, which can be muddy.

Turn left and then right following the track to the MG on the left of a field gate. Go through. This area is known as Simon Hill by the local people and is the top of a mining area. The woods in front of you cover an old slag heap (coal spoil heap). Here you have a choice. Turn right and walk through into the next field to get panoramic views of Paulton. Return back to this point to pick up the route again.

Or.

If you have parked in the village car park, walk across the field to the wooded area and walk down the wooded path to the bottom where an exit on the right gives you a route back to the village.

Or.

Keep to the main walk by turning left to the cattle feeders and cattle holding area. Behind this is a metal farm gate with a pedestrian gate leading onto a track. Walk down the track and through a MG onto a lane. This is Clandown Road. Turn right and walk back to the start of the walk.

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