

Lovely Lower Langford

Walk information

Distance: just over 3 miles

Difficulty: medium/hard – fairly hilly in parts, can get muddy and lots of stiles. Wear suitable footwear

Duration: approx 2 hrs

Map: This walk straddles two OS Explorer maps – 154 and 141

Nestled in the heart of North Somerset is a pretty village on the edge of the Mendip Hills. Stretch your legs by walking up these hilly paths to enjoy views for miles around.



How to get there

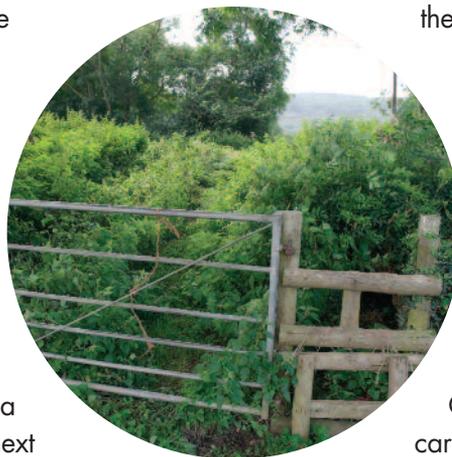
Start at map ref: 463607 (OS 154)

Car: Lower Langford is situated just off the A38, near Churchill. Limited on-street parking is available on Langford Road but more is available at The Langford Inn if you pop in there for refreshments.

Bus: Service 121 from Weston-super-Mare to Wrington or Bristol

Go over an old wooden stile, then over a newer wooden stile, and continue across the field towards the A38 ahead. There is a stream here so the field can get very muddy if it has rained recently.

This leads into a field surrounded by trees. Turn right after the stile, then left, to walk around the edge of it. At the end, the path turns right, to run around the back of some industrial units. Follow this path over two more stiles and out onto Bath Road.



From Langford Road, take the pebbled driveway opposite Maysmead Lane, which runs between some houses and leads to Grove Nurseries.

The public right of way is a grassy path which leads straight on, alongside the fence and past the greenhouses on your left.



Exit the field via a stile next to a metal gate. This leads out onto the A38 so cross the road with care. Go into the field opposite and head to the far left corner, to a gap in the hedge. Continue ahead and in the next field head towards the far left corner again, to go over a stile.

Cross the road with care. The bridleway continues on the other side, with a National Trust sign for Dolebury Warren.

Follow the bridleway uphill. At a t-junction in the path (where the gates to Dolebury Warren are) take the left-hand route, which continues steadily upwards. This is quite a long, uphill section so you may need to stop and catch your breath.

Continue on the rocky bridleway until you reach a crossroads in the path, near another gate.

Take the left hand path, marked with a stile and yellow waymarker. You are now entering Mendip Lodge Wood. Keep dogs on leads during this section.

Follow the directions of the footpath, turning left and then right to continue through the wood. You will pass the now derelict Mendip Lodge on your right.

This wide, rocky path will eventually narrow to a single track footpath which leads out onto Links Lane. Where the path narrows, look down to your left and you will see a stile leading into a field. Go down and over this stile then walk along the left-hand edge of the field, next to the hedge.



About a quarter of the way down the field there is a gap cut into the hedge and a stile. It can be hard to spot the gap, so look carefully.

Go over the stile and veer downhill across the field towards a metal gate which is next to a tree. Go through this gate, across the next field, and exit through the next gate.



You are now at Bath Road again, so cross the road with extreme care again, listening carefully for traffic. There are a few benches on the other side to rest your feet.

Follow the public footpath sign over the gravel track, then turn right at the cottages to go down the grassy path which runs alongside a stone wall.

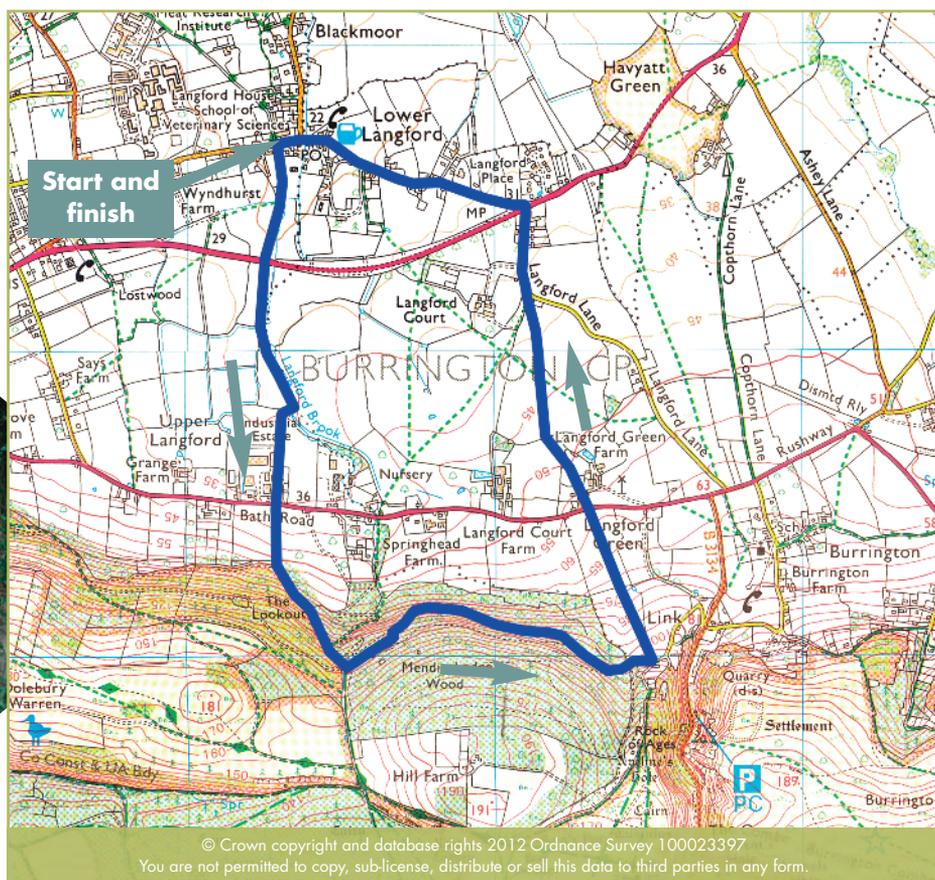
Go through the wooden gate at the end and then follow the yellow waymarker across the next field.

Head towards the gate opposite and then go across the next field again, towards the stone house.

There is a gap in the wooden fence so you can go through here, onto the driveway. This is the drive which leads to Langford Court, a grand house dating from 1651, with additional alterations in 1875.



The driveway leads out onto Langford Lane. Turn left here. There is no pavement so take care when walking along here, crossing the road where needed to make yourself as visible as possible to on-coming traffic.



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