



Take time out – Walk

Seven Streams

Enjoy far-reaching views across North Somerset and a meander along picturesque streams during this circular walk near Long Ashton.

Walk information

Distance:
about 3 miles

Difficulty:
the route is across fields and stony tracks. Be prepared for mud and occasionally livestock. There are some stiles. Peel Park is suitable for buggies, as well as to the top of Warren Lane. Wellies recommended

Duration:
about 2 hours

Refreshments:
LA Café at Long Ashton Community Centre - open weekdays 10am-1.30pm, and 9.30am-4pm first Saturday of the month, serving hot drinks, homemade cakes and light lunches.

The Greedy Goose Carvery and Tea rooms at Gatcombe Farm, open seven days a week

Gatcombe Court – house and gardens open selected dates during the summer

How to get there

Start at map ref: ST 537704

By car: Park at Long Ashton Community Centre, in Keedwell Hill, or considerately on the road.



This walk was devised by Tony Hibbett, who sadly passed away last year. Tony was a keen walker and wrote many footpath walks, which can be downloaded from www.longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk (under 'local information' tab)

Begin at the community centre in Keedwell Hill. Take the path that leads across the children's play area to Keeds Lane. Turn right here and go up the lane before turning left into Peel Park.

The field was originally part of Long Ashton Research Station and named after André Peel, an important member of the French Resistance during the Second World War.

Follow the winding path through the park until you reach the far side. Turn left into King Crofts, a modern housing development, and follow it down, then bearing left to reach Weston Road.

Turn right onto the main road before taking the next right, up Warren Lane.

Continue up to the top of the lane, past cottages on your right. Continue up the stony farm track until you reach two metal kissing gates on your left.

Go through here and cross the middle of the field. You will have wonderful views, as far as Brean Down in the distance. Exit this field through a wooden kissing gate in the middle of the hedge.

Head across the next field, veering towards the left. Take the well-trodden footpath next to the fence. Continue down and go through another wooden kissing gate.





Continue around the left edge of the next field and proceed ahead to Gatcombe Lane, through a final metal kissing gate.

Turn right up the lane. Go past the entrance to Gatcombe Mill and turn left down the track towards Gatcombe Mill House.

Carry straight on following the yellow waymarkers past the white house. Go over the wooden stile behind the house and bear right for a short way before turning left to go down towards the stream.

With the stream on your left, cross a second stile.

Continue on the path with the stream on your left and a woodland bank on your right.

You have reached 'Seven Streams'. This area can be wet and muddy if there has been heavy rain recently but is a very peaceful place to stop and rest your feet.

At the fork in the path, take the right-hand route (signposted a bridleway).

Ignore the kissing gate on your left and continue on the path, going up between the trees. At the top go through the gate (which is a bit stiff and needs lifting up) and turn right to follow the permissive path sign. Follow the path past the farm buildings until you reach Kingcott Farm.

Turn left to walk up the lane to Ashton Hill Plantation.

At the t-junction, turn right onto a track, then right again. This track is a permissive route through Ashton Hill Woodland, an ancient woodland dominated by ash, hazel and yew.

Continue along here until you reach a bend in the track and it opens up into a grassy area. Take the path straight ahead of you until you meet a path coming down. Turn right onto it and go through a kissing gate into a large field.

Veer to the left, down and across the field. Go through another kissing gate, and another, leading you onto a narrow path.

Walk along the narrow path behind a wire fence to Keeds Lane and turn right. Continue down the track until you reach the children's play area and community centre.



This map is for guidance only and walkers should carry and use the OS 1:25000 map when out.



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