



Enjoy going uphill in Uphill

Blow away the cobwebs and enjoy stunning views during this energetic walk.

Walk information

Distance: about 3 miles

Difficulty: medium/hard – some steep uphill sections. Loose stones and muddy paths.

Duration: allow 2.5 hrs

How to get there

By car: From the A370, turn into Uphill Road South. On-road parking in the village. Please park considerately.

For bus timetables visit www.travelinesw.com

The walk starts on Uphill Road South, near the junction with the A370. At the northern end of the Bluebell Field is a gate into the Plantation, a woodland managed by the Woodland Trust.

A number of paths lead through the woodland. Head away from the road to the northern side of the Plantation. There is a little wooden bridge leading onto Coldharbour Lane, the stone track which runs alongside the golf course.

Turn left out of the woods and walk straight ahead, across the golf course. Stay within the blue markers at all times and be

aware of flying golf balls as you cross.

The public footpath continues straight ahead, up a little dirt track behind the stone wall. Go up and over the mound, taking care on the steep descent onto the beach.

Turn left at the beach, towards the car park. Join Links Road and follow this until you get to Uphill Sluice.

Uphill lies below the high tide level so a sluice, which prevents high tide flooding, has existed here since 1606.

Turn into the car park and follow the path past the boatyard, café and through a kissing gate into Uphill Nature Reserve.





It's one of North Somerset's Green Flag sites, making it one of the best green spaces in the country.

There are two lime kilns in Uphill, both small-scale kilns which likely went out of use in the late 18th or early 19th century.

One produced 'white' kiln and the other 'brown' kiln. It is very rare to find examples of both on one site, making it a site of great archaeological industrial importance.

Go past the quarry on your left.

An area of the quarry is grazed by sheep in the winter and fenced off to public access to preserve the rare wild flowers.

Continue through a gate, towards the brow of the hill, with views across Brean Down.

This path is also a permissive cycle route – for leisure, not racing. Please be mindful of other users and cattle and ensure gates are closed behind you.

Go through another gate. You are now leaving Uphill Nature Reserve and entering Walborough Nature Reserve, run by Avon Wildlife Trust.

Follow the path downhill. After the gate at the bottom turn right and follow the hedge line to join the West Mendip Way footpath.

Go through kissing gates to cross a little wooden bridge, and keep to the left edge of the field.

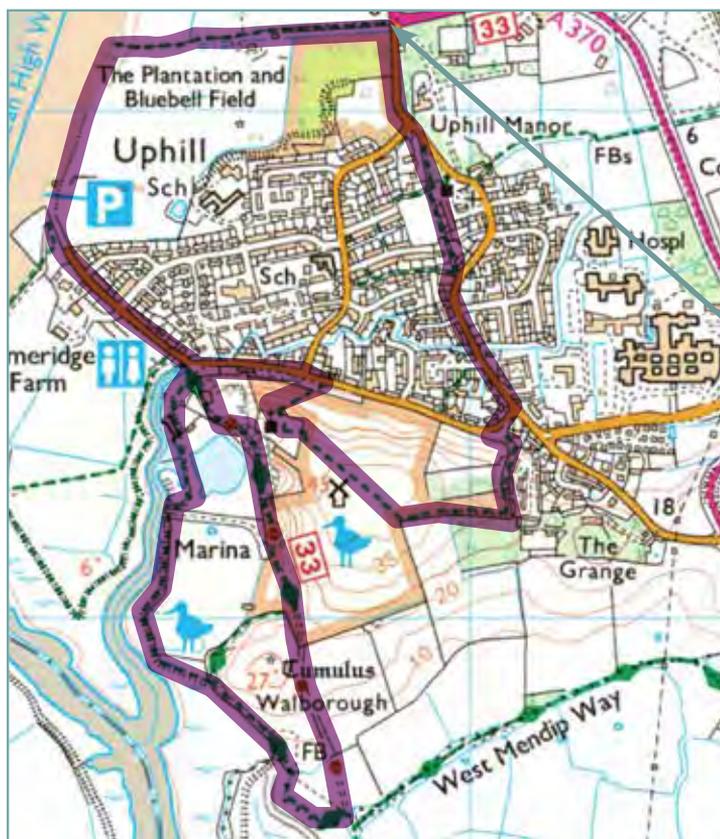
The path heads upwards around the hill, but look out for a narrow path downhill on the left. Cross a stile and follow this path, which runs alongside the River Axe, back towards Uphill Boat Centre.



Cut through the boatyard to rejoin Links Road and turn right. The public footpath continues on the right, just past the turning for Old Church Road. This is a steep climb to the top of the hill and St Nicholas Church but the views are worth it.

Walk through the graveyard and onto the brow of the hill, past the tower. The tower stands on the site of an old windmill and was built as a beacon.

Continue ahead and at the woodland, keep to the right edge of the field, which then joins Folly Lane. Bear right and a quick left back onto Uphill Road South to return to the starting point.



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