

Mendip Hills AONB



TRAIL TYPE

Walking

GRADE

Easy to Moderate

DISTANCE

Hinton Blewett Walk:

3 ½ miles

Litton Walk:

2 miles

Combined walk:

5 ¾ miles

TIME

Hinton Blewett walk:

2 hours

Litton Walk:

1 hour

Combined Walk:

3 hours

OS MAP

Explorer: 141

Landranger: 182

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FACILITIES

Pubs in Hinton Blewett and Litton

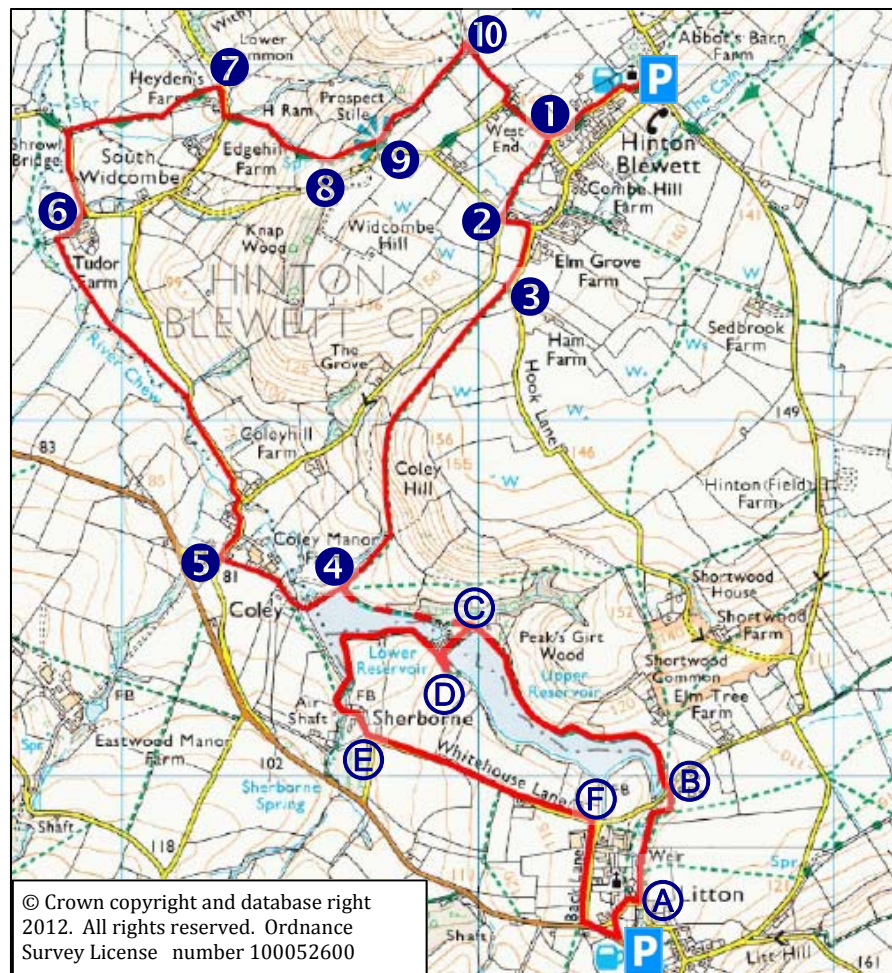
Hinton Blewett & Litton

A choice of walks exploring the rolling countryside, historic villages and hidden valleys and reservoirs of the north eastern corner of the Mendip Hills. Enjoy stunning views from Prospect Stile across the Chew and Yeo valleys towards the Bristol Channel.



TERRAIN

A choice of 2 short walks, one 3 ½ miles (5 ¾ km) the other 2 miles (3 ¼ km) in length or one moderate walk 5 ¾ miles (9 ¼ km) in length along paths, tracks and minor roads. Several stiles and gates and some moderate climbs and uneven ground.



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START/END

Road side parking in the centre of Hinton Blewett.
ST595569

HOW TO GET THERE

BY BIKE

Hinton Blewett is 2 ³/₄ miles off the Sustrans National Cycle Route 3
www.sustrans.org.uk

BY BUS

Service 752 Bath to Hinton Blewett.
Service 754 Norton Radstock to Hinton Blewett

BY CAR

Hinton Blewett is signposted from the A37 in Temple Cloud.

DIRECTIONS – Hinton Blewett Walk

From the parking area cross the village green towards the Ring o' Bells pub and turn left along the road bending to the right past the entrance to St Margaret's Church **(1)**. At the road junction cross the road joining from the left and go straight ahead through a metal pedestrian gate next to a field gate shortly followed by a metal kissing gate.

Follow the waymarked footpath ahead going through 2 more kissing gates, then a gap in a fence line and then ahead and slightly uphill to a metal kissing gate to the right of a house onto a road **(2)**.

Turn left along the road, then take the first right onto Hook Lane. Go past the playing field on your right and take the next footpath on the right crossing a stile next to a metal field gate **(3)**. Bear left across the field heading for a stile in a gappy hedge, then follow the yellow arrow diagonally across the next field to a stile in a hedgerow. Go diagonally across the field to the left of a telegraph pole to a wooden pedestrian gate next to a metal kissing gate in the far corner.

Go straight ahead passing a large oak tree and then across the field to a clump of trees in the far corner. Go through a metal kissing gate and turn right and go downhill to a metal kissing gate by the dam **(4)**.

*For the longer walk turn left here along a track with the reservoir on your right, on reaching the next dam follow the Litton Walk directions from point **(C)**.*

Continue straight ahead across the dam and over the bridge to a wooden pedestrian gate by a cattle grid, turn right and follow the stone track ahead past farm buildings until you reach a road **(5)**. Turn right along the road, crossing the River Chew on a bridge then turn left. Where the road bends right turn left onto a footpath through a metal gate and follow the path straight ahead with the river on your left, cross a wooden footbridge and continue straight ahead to a wooden gate in a fence to the left of a farmhouse. Turn right into the farmyard go past the farmhouse and two small red brick barns then turn left through a small gate in the middle of a vary long metal gate and follow the track out onto the road **(6)**.

Turn left along the road, just before a road bridge turn right onto a footpath through a metal gate and go straight ahead with a line of trees on your right to a gate leading onto a wooden footbridge. Cross the bridge and go ahead and uphill heading for the top left corner of the field. Go through a wooden kissing gate over a footbridge and turn right heading to a metal kissing gate to the left of a barn, then ahead to another metal kissing gate onto a road with a wide grass verge **(7)**.

Turn right along the road, past a house on the right then take a footpath on the left through a metal kissing gate next to a field gate. Head uphill across an open field to a water trough beside a stream then continue uphill with a hedgerow on your left. Go through a metal kissing gate and cross a field with a patch of scrub on your left to a kissing gate in the far hedge **(8)**.

Bear slightly right, on coming out of the trees climb a steep bank then bear left and climb more gradually keeping to the upper edge of the field until you reach the Prospect Stile view point **(9)**. Go through the kissing gate at the viewpoint and take the footpath along a track lined with hedgerows on both sides, at a T-junction with another track turn right **(10)**. Joining a road turn left and follow the road around a left hand bend past St Margaret's Church and back to start point.

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START/END

Walkers using the pub are welcome to use the car park at The Kings Arms, Litton.
ST594545

HOW TO GET THERE

BY BIKE

Litton is 2 ½ miles off the Sustrans National Cycle Route 3
www.sustrans.org.uk

BY BUS

For the nearest buses see Hinton Blewett above.

BY CAR

Litton is signposted from the B3114 between West Harptree and Chewton Mendip.

DIRECTIONS – Litton Walk

Start in the car park of The Kings Arms pub in Litton. Take the steps from the upper parking area and turn right downhill along the lane heading for the far side of a cottage with stone mushrooms outside. **(A)** Cross a wooden stile with adjoining dog gate and go straight ahead to a double wooden stile. Cross the stile and bear diagonally right and uphill following a hedge boundary to cross a wooden stile and then down a bank onto a road **(B)**.

Cross the road and go through a kissing gate a little to the left in the opposite hedge. Once through the gate bear a little to the right along a track, keep on the track ignoring a footpath sign on the right. Follow the track along the side of the reservoir until you reach the dam **(C)**.

*For the longer walk go straight ahead here along a track with the reservoir on your left, on reaching the next dam follow the Hinton Blewett Walk directions from point **(4)**.*

Turn left and walk across the footpath on the dam to a metal gate on a metal footbridge **(D)**. Go through the gate and follow the signposted footpath dropping to the side of the lower reservoir. Follow the path bearing left still alongside the reservoir. At a small waterfall take the new path to the right of a redundant stile and go straight ahead with a pool on your right to reach a wide grassy path leading into the hamlet of Sherborne **(E)**. On reaching a lane turn left, this is Whitehouse Lane and will take you back to the edge of Litton. **(F)** Take the first road turning on the right onto Back Lane, on joining the B3114 turn left to return to the Kings Arms.