

Mendip Hills AONB



TRAIL TYPE

Walking

GRADE

Moderate

DISTANCE

3 ¾ miles (6¼km)

TIME

3 hours

OS MAP

Explorer: 141

Landranger: 182

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FACILITIES

Free parking in Blagdon.
Pubs, shop and café in Blagdon.

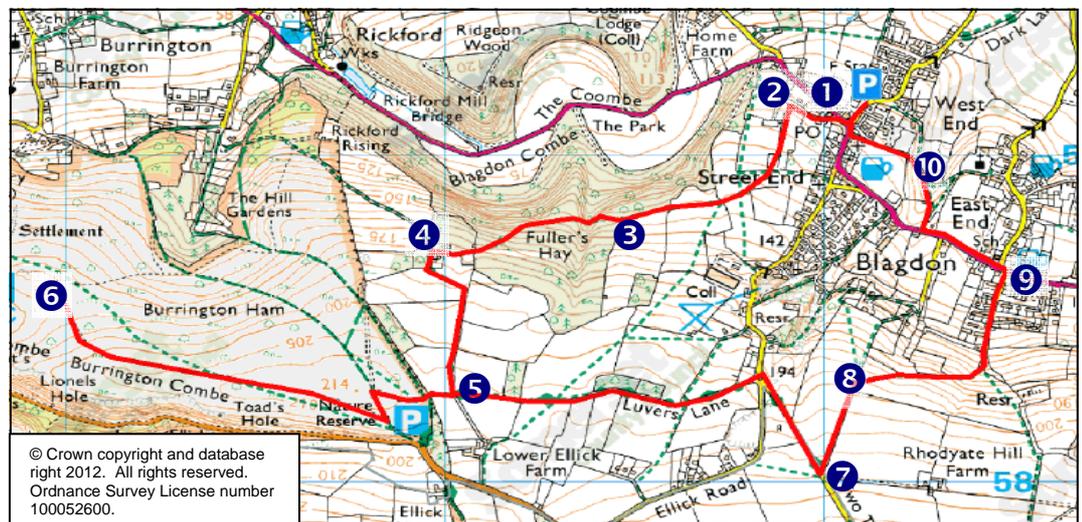
Blagdon & Burrington Ham

Burrington Ham, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), is part of the largest area of common land in the AONB. As well as specialised limestone grassland and wild flowers Burrington Ham features dramatic rocky outcrops with 360° views of Blagdon Lake, Black Down and the Bristol Channel.



TERRAIN

This is a moderate 3 ¾ mile (6 ¼ km) route along paths. Several stiles and kissing gates and some moderate climbs and uneven ground.



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START/END

Free car park next to
Blagdon Fire Station
ST501592

HOW TO GET THERE

BY BIKE

Blagdon is 3 miles off the
Sustrans National Cycle
Route 3

www.sustrans.org.uk

BY BUS

Service 672 Bristol to
Blagdon.

BY CAR

The free car park is
signposted from the A368
in the centre of Blagdon.

DIRECTIONS

Leave the car park through the small wooden gate in the upper left hand corner and follow the footpath bending to the right to Fanny's shop and café. **(1)** Cross the road and head up Post Office Lane, past the red telephone box, a short way along the lane becomes a stone track.

(2) At the rear of some houses turn left off the track, through a metal kissing gate, onto a public footpath, head uphill keeping the hedgerow on your right. When you are level with a barn, cross a stile next to a metal gate and follow the path diagonally to the right. Keep ahead, passing a stile on your left, and go through a gate beside a water trough in the far corner of the field. Take the right hand, level path across the field to a stile then ahead across another field before entering woodland.

(3) Keep ahead following footpath signs through the woodland to join a track between two cottages.

(4) At a T-junction of tracks turn left and follow a stone track to a stile, continue ahead through a line of large beech trees then across two more fields.

(5) Reaching a hedgerow at the top turn right and go through a metal kissing gate, bear right for a few metres, then cross another path to carry on straight ahead. Turn left and then right to follow a well trodden path to the rocky outcrop on Burrington Ham **(6)**.

Follow the same path back to **(5)** then keeping the hedgerow on your right cross 2 fields to a kissing gate by a small wood then cross another to go through a gate onto a lane. Follow the lane until it joins a road then cross over Ellick Road and turn right onto Rhodyate Lane and head uphill.

(7) Take the first footpath on the left (just before the entrance to Rhodyate Hill farm) and head downhill with the hedgerow on your right to a kissing gate then straight ahead through another field.

(8) Turn right through a kissing gate onto a narrow path between hedgerows then down steps between houses. Joining a lane bear right and then head downhill along the lane.

(9) Cross straight over the road to go through a small metal gate then turn left along the tarmac path. Turn right through a metal kissing gate and follow the path downhill with the hedge on your left.

(10) Go through the gate beside a pond, turn left and follow the tarmac path uphill. Go through a gate beside a pink house and continue to join the road, turn right and continue ahead to return to the car park.