

Mendip Hills AONB



Bleadon Hill and Loxton

TRAIL TYPE

Walking

GRADE

Moderate

DISTANCE

4 miles (6 ½ km)

TIME

2 hours

OS MAP

Explorer: 153

Landranger: 182

CONTACT

North Somerset Council

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FACILITIES

Parking at Roman Road.
Hotel with bar and restaurant at Webbington
¼ mile from Loxton.

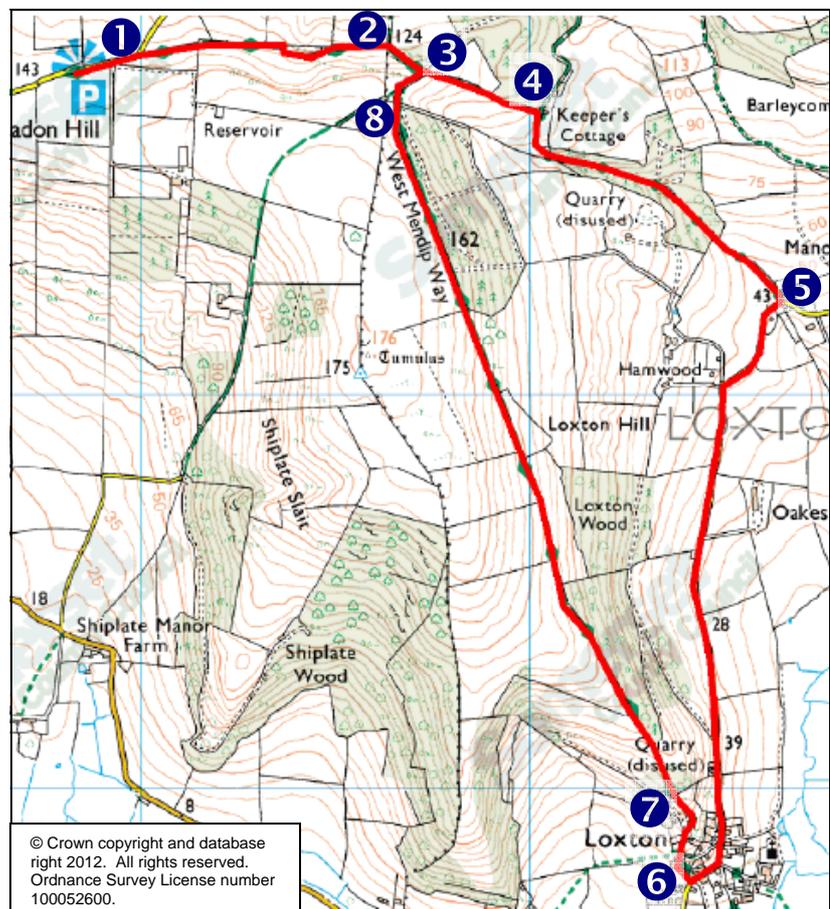
Enjoy stunning 360° views from Bleadon Hill, the highest point of the western end of the Mendip Hills, of Crook Peak, the Somerset Levels and Bristol Channel

The picturesque village of Loxton takes its name from the Lox Yeo River on which it is situated.



TERRAIN

No stiles but hilly with some rocky paths. Muddy in places so wellies recommended.



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START/END

Roman Road car park.
Grid ref: ST 358578

HOW TO GET THERE

BY BIKE

Roman Road is 2 ½ miles off Sustrans National Cycle Route 33.
www.sustrans.org.uk

BY CAR

Leave Weston-super-Mare on the A370 southbound and after the hospital roundabout, turn left onto Bleadon Hill, then left onto Roman Road. Parking is on the left 1 mile along this road.

DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION

From the parking area near the end of Roman Road walk eastwards.

(1) Where the road bends round to the left to become Canada Combe continue straight ahead onto the bridleway. The track can get muddy so wellies are recommended. Views across Weston can be seen on your left.

(2) At the end of the track you will come to a t-junction, with a signpost marking the West Mendip Way recreational route. Turn right onto the path, which then heads uphill and around to the left.

(3) You then come to another t-junction. Turn left on this wider path, which veers back downhill slightly and has wide ranging views across the valley to Crook peak. Continue downhill towards Keeper's Cottage. The path gets very rocky so take care underfoot.

(4) At the cottage, turn right onto the lane and then follow this through the woodland. You will eventually come out at the end of Weston lane, at the t-junction with Banwell Road and Christon road, opposite a house called Meerhay.

(5) Turn right onto the lane, watching out for cars where it narrows. Crook Peak is now on your left. Keep on this lane, which leads into the village of Loxton. Once in the village, follow the road to the right, and Loxton Village Hall will be on your right. There is a wooden signpost pointing to the path which runs alongside the village hall. You will go up here but first, if you go on a few steps, you will see an old street lamp. This was originally erected in memory of Queen Victoria's reign and was saved and restored by villagers in 1992.

(6) Go up the path by the side of the village hall and follow it round the back of the old school house. At the end, take an immediate left hand turn and go up the incline past North lodge.

(7) When the track forks at the top, take the rockier, right hand path nearest the white house. Part way along there are some benches to rest your legs and enjoy the view. The path then runs alongside a field and the bridleway then continues onwards for just over a mile.

(8) You will eventually come to a wooden gate, so go through here and then turn right at the t-junction. This path leads you to the t-junction you passed near the start of the walk. Turn left, follow the path round to the right, and then turn left again to go down the path which leads back to the start.