

Walk No. 4 - Cocklake via River Axe

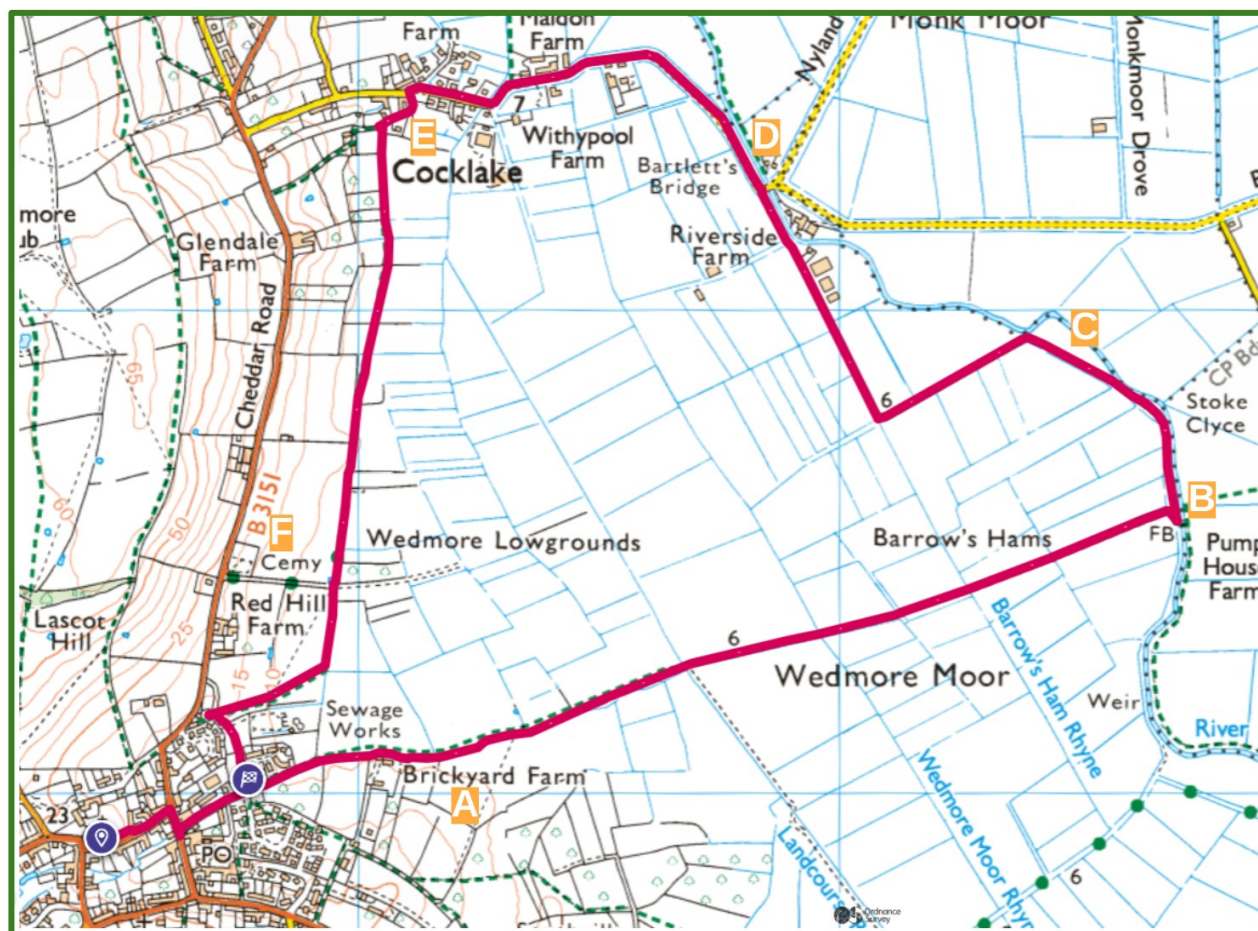
START - St Mary's Church, Wedmore

DISTANCE 6.5km / 4.16miles, TIME 1.5 hours, TOTAL ASCENT 7.31m

Map: OS Explorer 141 - Cheddar Gorge and Mendip Hills West.

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This is an easy, level walk from the centre of Wedmore out to the River Axe and back via Cocklake. Like all walks on the moors, it is best in dry weather as sections of the path can be very wet in the winter or after prolonged rain.



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1. From St Mary's Church head into the village past The George. Turn right at the Wedmore Village Store then left down The Lerburne. At the end of the road carry straight on down the track ahead of you. You will pass Brickyard Farm on your right where Wedmore bricks were once made [A].

2. Keep straight on through two Bristol gates (pedestrian gate within a field gate) down a lovely track with high hedges either side and into a field. This field can be very wet so mind your footing. Cross the bridge ahead of you with gates at each end.
3. You will see a similar bridge ahead across the next field. Cross it and go straight on over the following field to a double stile where you reach the River Axe **[B]**.
4. Stay on this side of the river and turn left. Go a short distance along the river. The right of way should continue along the riverbank, but it is currently very overgrown and blocked by a fallen tree **[C]**. Until this is cleared you will have to detour left into a field then immediately right to a gap in the hedge into the next field.
5. Cross this field to another gap where you can turn left to continue along the river. Follow the path a short way until it becomes a track. This is potholed and can be quite muddy.
6. You will reach a junction on the track where you turn right and go past Riverside Farm. At the end of the track you will see Bartlett's Bridge on your right **[D]**. Don't cross the bridge but keep straight on along the road. This takes you round a couple of bends to another bridge and into Cocklake.
7. Carry on until you see a narrow lane to your left called Cocklake Lane between 'Homefield' and 'Lane End Farm' **[E]**. Turn into this lane which bends to the right. When you get to a gate ahead of you labelled 'Crate Farm' you will see a fingerpost and a path to the left. Follow this path back to Wedmore. The route is very clear as you go straight on and there are gates directly ahead of you across each field.
8. After a short while you will get to a road that leads up to the cemetery **[F]**. Cross this road and through a Bristol gate into the field opposite.
9. Keep the hedge to your left but before the end of the field turn right up the hill and through a gap in the hedge. Cross the next field diagonally to the left. You will see the Lerburne car park to your left ahead of you. At the end of the hedge on your left there is a stile into the car park. Keep the car park on your left and follow the path between hedges back to The Lerburne.
10. Turn right and you will get back to the centre of the village.



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