



03 SOMERSET BECKINGTON TO FROME

Distance: 5½ miles/8.8km Time: 3 hours Grade: Easy 



Gloucester Lodge.

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From Beckington, whose wealth and prosperity was founded upon the medieval wool trade, this linear walk follows the Frome Valley through to the town of Frome itself. There are delightful riverside paths, the estate village of Lullington with its charming thatched cottages as well as the Orchardleigh Estate with its Victorian stately home, and a 13th-century island church. Frome has been rated by *The Times* as one of the 'Best Places to Live in Britain', and not only due to its fine architecture. It boasts a thriving arts and music scene, with any number of

independent shops that sell everything from vinyl LPs and retro clothing to lifestyle products and collectibles. There are regular buses back to Beckington from Frome.

1 Start With your back to the Woolpack, turn L and walk up the Frome Road in Beckington. In 230m, with a circular stone building on the R, turn R into Stubb's Lane. In 450m, bear L off of this road onto a footpath signposted to Lullington. Follow this waymarked path for 500m to a point where a farm gate blocks the way ahead. At this point, turn R and follow an enclosed path downhill to a handgate and field. Drop downhill to a gate

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking The Woolpack in Beckington. Ample parking on Frome Road south of the pub, grid ref ST801518, postcode BA11 6SP

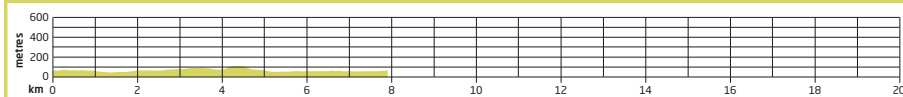
Is it for me? An undulating walk using quiet lanes and footpaths
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PLANNING

Nearest town Frome
Refreshments Plenty in Frome; Moo & Two coffee/tea shop on Catherine Hill is worth a visit
Public toilets In the Cattle Market Car Park in Frome; toilets in the Woolpack at Beckington for customers
Public transport Bus X34 Chippenham-Frome via Beckington (except Sun; faresaver.co.uk). Bus D2 Bath-Frome via Beckington (seven days a week; firstbus.co.uk)
Map OS Explorer 142; Landranger 183



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DON'T MISS...



A visit to Catherine Hill, a unique street of independent shops in Frome.

in the bottom R corner of the field, before following the R edge of the next field to a footbridge that crosses the Frome. Beyond this bridge, bear R to a stile and Lullington Lane. Follow this road to the R for 0.8km into the centre of Lullington, ignoring R turn by Gloucester Lodge along way.

2 1½ miles/2.4km
Follow road ahead for 250m and, on R-hand bend, keep ahead and follow footpath across L edges of two fields to stile and the golf course in Orchardleigh Park. Cross the greens in direction indicated by a marker post to reach estate road in front of complex of buildings signed as Elmhay Village. Turn R and, in 25m, L on a road signposted to 'Church'. Follow this road downhill to the hamlet of Orchardleigh and keep on the now gravelled track that bears L and R to climb uphill. Continue along an enclosed path before dropping downhill through a steep wooded bank and then crossing three fields to reach a stile and woodland path. At the end of this woodland path, cross a stile



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and follow a lane through Spring Gardens for 150m to a stile on the L opposite a drive to Jeffries Mill.

3 3½ miles/5.4km
Cross the stile and the field ahead to reach a busy road. Cross this road to a handgate opposite before crossing a paddock and the Whatley Quarry Railway. Beyond the railway line, follow an enclosed path for 500m to a stile. Cross two fields to reach a gravelled path by the Frome. Follow the path alongside the Frome, keeping L at any junctions to cling to the riverbank, until reaching

road called Welshmill Lane in 1.2km by Gracewell Assisted Living. Turn L, cross the Frome and turn R to follow the river to the Cattle Market car park. Cross the car park and bridge to the R of the library to enter the Westway Shopping Centre. Turn L down to the Market Place and the bus stop. CW

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