



02 SOMERSET GLASTONBURY

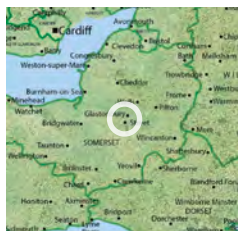
▶ Distance: 5 miles/8.25km ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



St Michael's Tower on Glastonbury Tor.

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PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking St Dunstan's car park (fee), BA6 9EH, grid ref ST499388

Is it for me? Paths, tracks, lanes, a couple of short steep climbs, muddy and slippery after rain in a few places

Stiles 2

PLANNING

Nearest town Glastonbury

Refreshments Rainbows End Cafe (Tel:01458 833896) or 100 Monkeys Cafe (Tel: 01458 833386)

Public toilets At start

Public transport Trains from London Paddington via Bristol, Buses First in Bristol Bath & the West 376 from Bristol, Buses of Somerset 29 from Taunton

Maps OS Explorer 141; Landranger 182 or 183



CHOSEN BY...

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The Somerset Levels has a few hills and you'll climb two on this walk. Wearyall Hill is the home of the Glastonbury Thorn allegedly planted by Joseph of Arimathea, and Glastonbury Tor where St Michael's Tower is all that remains of the church. Arthurian legend, holy wells, and Celtic mythology abound along with views over the levels and the Mendip hills.

1 Start

Cross the road and go through archway into Heritage Court, turn R towards church then L onto St Benedict's Close. Just past the King Arthur pub turn L into Fairfield Gardens,

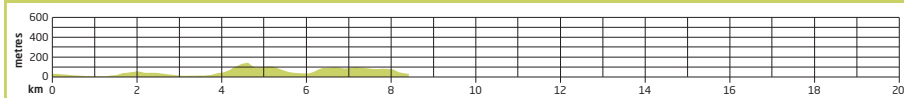
then R into a gravelled car park. Take the footpath out of car park onto Palmers Road, turning L then R into St Gilda's Way. At the end of the road go half R to find the footpath into the playing field. Follow the line of trees across the field then turn L and head towards red brick building. In the corner of the field follow the footpath through a car park up to the main road. Cross the road, turn L, then after 150m go through gate and follow lower path uphill to what remains of the Glastonbury Thorn.

2 1 mile/1.5km

Turn around and follow the ridge towards Glastonbury. Go through gate onto narrow road, turn L and at crossroads turn R.

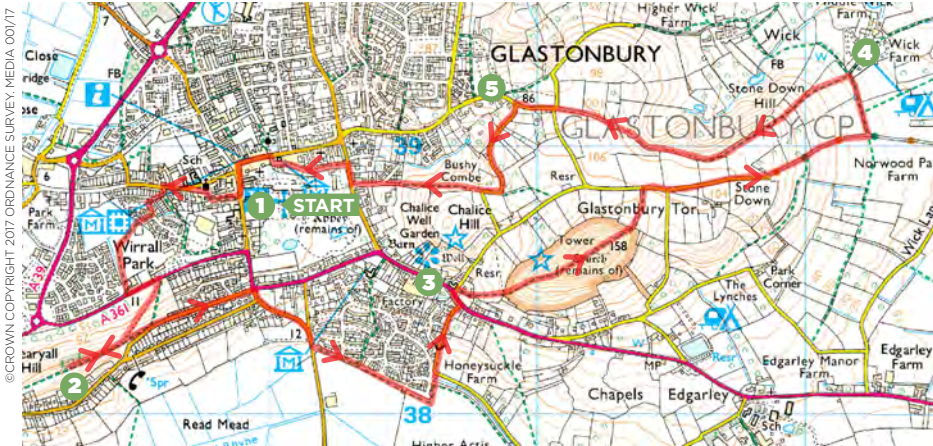
After joining a larger road turn L into Bretonex Road. After 200m go over stile into field and turn L following fence. ➔

GRADIENT PROFILE



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DON'T MISS...



The Chalice Well and Gardens for the 'Red Spring' holy well where there is peace and tranquility amongst the gardens, and the restorative powers of the water for your feet.

Over the next stile back onto the road and turn R and follow the road turning sharp L. After 100m turn R into park then immediately L heading uphill until reaching Coursing Batch. Turn L then R onto Wellhouse Lane. (75m up this lane is the White Spring, well worth a peaceful visit.)

3 2/4 miles/3.5km
R onto lane that leads onto

NT land and the foot of the Tor. Follow path to St Michael's Tower and enjoy the views. The path down is not straight over the top, but turn R and find the start of the path and follow this down to the road. Turn R and at bend in road go straight on marked dead end and cycle route 3. Follow path downhill for 800m and where footpath crosses the track turn L onto footpath going through gate. In 250m a footpath crossroads is reached. Just past here are the famous Gog and Magog oaks.

4 3/4 miles/5.5km
At footpath crossroads turn L heading uphill to Paradise Lane. Pass through a hedge boundary and continue uphill. At the top of the next field don't take 1st gate for permissive path but take 2nd gate for Mendip Council public footpath. Continue on this path

through a couple of gates before joining a road. Go along the road for 100m then turn sharp L onto Bulwarks Lane.

5 4 1/4 miles/7km
At track junction turn R, away from Tor and when the road turns sharp L continue straight ahead on footpath and through gate. Through another gate and pass Shekinashram B&B with its wall of prayer wheels. Continue down to main road. Turn R then at top of High Street turn L. At the bottom of High Street turn L to return to car park. **CW**

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