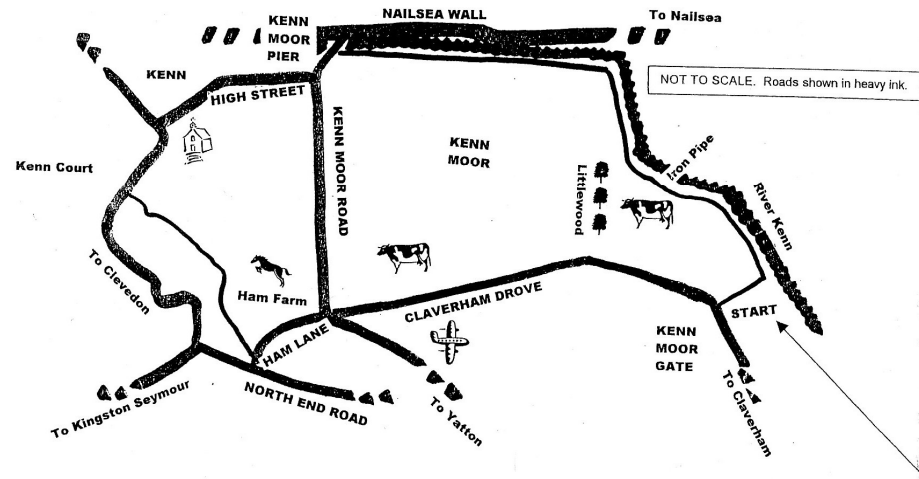


This walk of approximately 7 miles (about 3 hours) will take you into the heart of a Somerset Levels landscape. It takes in the village of Kenn, which is built on an island of gravel, but most of the walk is close to the parish boundary on our own peat moor. Much of this walk is on quiet, level country lanes but you are advised to be aware of the danger of traffic at all times.

The starting point is at Kenn Moor Gate on a sharp bend in Claverham Drove. Walk along the track and follow to the end; go through a gateway on your left into a field. Follow the edge of the field round to the right and continue through two fields keeping the hedge or ditch on your right until you reach the sluice at the end. Now turn left and keep the River Kenn on your right. You will pass an iron pipe as the river bends round to the right. Ahead you can enjoy views of the Tickenham Ridge with St Andrew's Church in Clevedon on the left of the view.

Follow the river under the power lines and around to the left. You are now walking parallel to Nailsea Wall, an ancient sea defence protecting Nailsea from tidal flooding, which is beyond the hedge across the river. On your left is Littlewood, created as a plantation in the 1820s when the moor was enclosed by Act of Parliament and all the fields and droves in this area were created.

Pass a bridge on your right, but do not cross it. Continue along the bank of the



river towards a stone cow shed. Keeping as far left as possible, take care as the path goes between the shed and the river and is very narrow. Cross the stile and continue along the bank. Pass another bridge without crossing it, then cross over a sluice gate. There is a water level marker to your right, helping with flood defence. Continue along the bank until you reach the road at Kenn Moor Pier. The old course of the River Kenn was replaced by the Blind Yeo in the 1950s in order to improve drainage of the moor, which is lower than the coastal belt.

From Kenn Pier turn left towards Yatton along the road until you come to Kenn Street. Turn right, passing Kenn Church with its Norman tower, and meet the B3133 near Kenn Village Green. Turn left and take care along this busy road, passing Kenn Court and turning left opposite its farm buildings close to the road into a gateway.

Follow the footpath sign and cross the field at a slight deviation to the right (2 o'clock). Once you have gone through the second field take the right hand gate and when you get to the little bridge look back at the superb view of Clevedon.

Cross the bridge and turn right into a wide track which was once a road leading to Maid or Mead Moor common. You must shortly turn left over a stile and through the field over stiles until you reach Ham Lane, where you turn left to walk along the road. Ham Farm is a very ancient site and boasts a fine dovecote which is a Listed Building. The field patterns are much older here, irregular shapes which contrast with the straight lines of the fields of the moor which were made much more recently.

Walking along the ancient North End Road, you will shortly come to a cross-roads. Go

straight on along Claverham Drove, passing Woodspring Wings model aircraft club on your right. There are fine views of Yatton church and Cadbury Hill to your right. Just on your left on a bend in the road you can see Littlewood again. There is no public access to this nature reserve owned by Yatton and Congresbury Wildlife Action Group, but if you have the time you can walk down the gated track and see into the wood and read the interpretation board sited down the drove. This is the only place in the parish to glimpse what the moor once looked like, with gorse, broom and other heathland species and over 200 alder trees.

Carrying on along Claverham Drove you will return to your starting point at Kenn Moor Gate.



Yatton Parish Council and Yatton Ramblers are grateful for the work of Marian Barraclough who first devised a boundary walk on which these three *Round Yatton Walks* are based, and for the advice and support of the North Somerset Council Rights of Way team.

This Round Yatton Walk will take you over farmland that can be muddy and there may be livestock in the fields. You will pass close to deep water. Take care on the roads.

Please be considerate to landowners and follow the Countryside Code:-

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow the signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs on a lead
- Consider other people

If you have enjoyed this walk around the parish, why not also try Walks 1 and 3?

Available from the parish office in Yatton Library (01934 426473) . Last updated March 2009.

Leaflets 1 (The Cadbury Round) and 3 (The Roman Route) for 5-6 mile walks covering other parts of the parish boundary.



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Kenn Moor Circle

One of three circular country walks loosely based on a section of the parish boundary

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