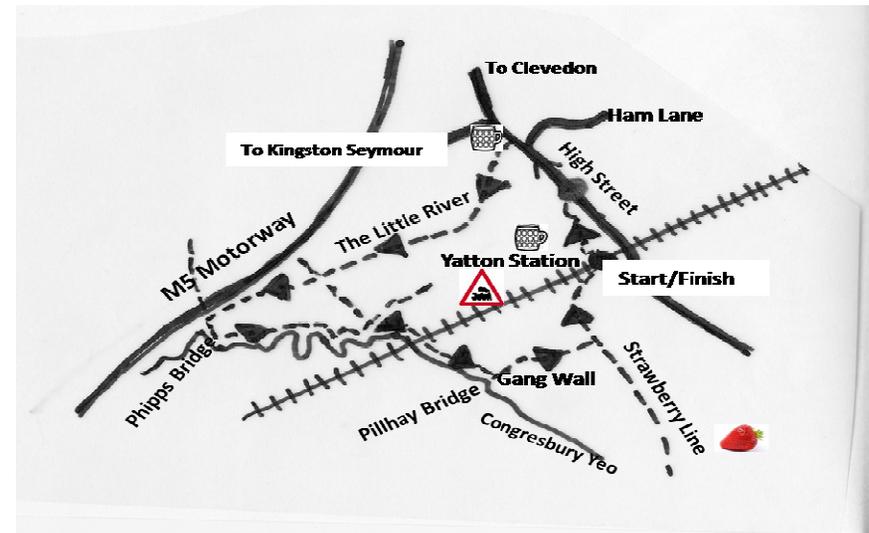


This circular walk of approximately 5 miles (2-3 hours) will take you along the banks of the Little River and the Congresbury Yeo, over the Great Western Railway, past the site of a Roman Villa, along the ancient flood defence at Gangwall and back to Yatton along the Strawberry Line. The route is mainly on flat ground and many stiles, but not all, have been replaced with kissing gates to make access easier. This is an easy walk, but can get very muddy in winter when stout footwear is advisable. There is a fee paying car park at the start/finish point.

Start from Yatton Station car park adjacent to the Railway Inn, take footpath through to Wemberham Crescent, turn left and follow road around to Horsecastle Close. Turn left to join Wemberham Lane, turn right and then left into Horsecastle Farm Road. Pass Horsecastle Chapel on your left and take the footpath on your right. Turn left into Meadowland, continue to junction, and turn right up Arnolds Way to roundabout. Turn left towards Kenn and walk along the right hand pavement until you see Ham Lane on your right. Just past this lane cross over and take the way marked path on the left after some farm buildings and before the river and Bridge Inn.

Go through the kissing gate. Keep left through this small field and go through the next kissing gate. In the right corner of the next field go through another kissing gate. Cross the track to the fourth kissing gate. Keeping the river in sight, continue on to fifth kissing gate. The walk now follows the

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banks of the Little River, which marks the boundary between Yatton and Kingston Seymour. Keeping to the left bank go forward over nine foot bridges.

In the last field cross an aluminium bridge to the right of centre. Then turn right along a track, through a gate and over a stone bridge. Turn left into the orchard.

Walk through the orchard with the Little River and a row of horse chestnut trees to your left. Over a stile and continue straight on along field edge. Go through a gate. Keep the river to your left and the M5 to your right and follow the river around a bend and head for the wooden bridge. Cross bridge and head for the sluice gate straight ahead.

Do not cross the stile at Phipps Bridge which goes over the sluice gate, instead head left along the banks of the Congresbury Yeo. There are two banks on

each side of the river. The river bank and flood bank. Follow the flood bank as it meanders through the pasture. Before the next hedge turn left off the bank, through a metal gateway and up onto the river bank.

Follow the river bank for 100 m then fork left and follow the flood bank again. As the next set of metal sluice gates comes into view the site of Wemberham Roman Villa is on the left. Unfortunately there is nothing to see today. Continue along the flood bank; do not cross the metal footbridge across the sluice gate. Instead follow the flood bank around to the gate on the right. Go through gate, follow the flood bank to join the river bank and continue to stile and cross railway line. The line is regularly used by fast trains so take great care.

Follow the river bank to the next stile. Head left, off bank and down the field to rejoin the river bank at far hedge line. Take the upper of the two gates on the bank. Carry on and turn left along the hedgerow to the next

stile. Go over stile and onto a track. Do not go through the metal gate. You are now on Gangwall. Carry straight on along this ancient track with hedges on either side. Eventually the track comes to the old Cheddar Valley Railway line, known as the Strawberry Line. Turn left and walk along this broad track back to Yatton Station.



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This Round Yatton Walk will take you over farmland that can be muddy and there may be livestock in the fields.

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 2?

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Leaflets 1 (The Cadbury Round) and 2 (Kenn Moor Circle) for 5-6 mile walks covering other parts of the parish boundary.



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## The Roman Round

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

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