



British Walking Federation

PT128 CHEDDAR GORGE WALK



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DISTANCE: 10km

ENTRY FEE: £2.00 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN: Bristol - Take A38 south from Bristol and turn left onto A371 towards Wells and Cheddar. At Cheddar, turn left on B3135 sign posted "Cheddar Gorge and Caves". Continue along this road to reach mini roundabout with "The Riverside Inn" opposite. Turn right and immediately turn left into Cliff Street car park

START VENUE: Cliff Street Car Park, Cheddar

OS MAP: 182 **GR:** ST460535

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CAR PARKING: Cliff Street Car Park (charges apply)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Buses available to Cheddar

REFRESHMENTS: At the start and on route.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 29th March 2023)

Leave car park and turn right on road. Continue ahead at mini roundabout, passing The Riverside Inn on right hand side. Continue on this road as it makes its way up through the lower end of Cheddar gorge. Follow road passing "Jacobs Ladder" on right and Cox's Mill Hotel and water features on left. At end of water feature, turn left immediately opposite "Original Cheddar Cheese Co" and pass through wooden gates onto track with large red 24 hr access sign on gate post.

Q.1 On signpost how far to Black Rock?

Continue on track until it changes to a tarmac surface, passing cottage on left. In 200m at open field on left and in front of black metal gates of Cuffic Cottage and Cuffic House turn right onto footpath. Follow path round cottage and after approximately 100m at path junction by electricity pole, turn sharp right following the path which climbs back up the hill to the right. signpost Gorge Walk. Follow this path uphill for approximately 900m following West Mendip Way signs. Go through metal gate in stone wall and bear left. Continue to follow footpath uphill keeping wall and fence on your left to metal gate.

Through gate and continue ahead for 10m and turn right. Follow path uphill for approximately 600m following line of an overgrown wall on right, ignoring all turnings on right. Continue ahead following signpost for Piney Sleight until you reach a flagstone stile at the corner of a wall, National Trust sign Piney Sleight.

Q.2 What is the number on the metal tag on the back of the sign?

Cross stile and straight on to wall corner and follow path ½ Left to gate/stile, over stile by gate and follow path on left hand side of field keeping stone wall and water trough on left to wall corner. Follow path and continue ahead through metal gate to reach left hand corner of field and flagstone stile to the Left of the farmhouse garden. Cross stile and continue ahead following top of garden to flagstone stile in wall. Cross stile and turn ½ right to gateway. Turn left on farm track and ahead to cross cattle grid and immediately turn right onto West Mendip Way. Continue through metal gate following right hand edge of field to eventually reach gate, next to West Mendip Way signpost. Follow main path as it bears left into Long Wood keeping wall on left.

Q.3 On Long Wood information board how many hectares is the Nature Reserve?

Continue ahead on main path which descends through the trees to reach kissing gate next to gate. Go through and follow path ahead in the same direction as before. Follow the main path through Black Rock Nature Reserve for approximately 850m ignoring all turnings. At gate continue ahead on track to reach gate and road. Cross road with extreme care bearing slightly right and take rocky footpath uphill. Follow main footpath as it climbs steeply through the woods for approximately 500m to reach gate and West Mendip Way signpost. Go through gate and continue along path for approximately 100m to reach fork in paths. Bear right on Bridleway following arrows. Follow path to reach high wooden kissing gate in fence, go through and continue ahead through gap in fence follow main path to left alongside wire fence to reach high ground above Cheddar Gorge. Continue ahead downhill, after pausing to view the reservoir, countryside, and on a clear day the Bristol Channel, Continue ahead on main path to eventually reach high wooden kissing gate in fence. Go through to reach "Pavey's Lookout Tower".

Q.4 On sign how many steps to reach panoramic views of the Somerset Levels?

Bear left 10m in front of tower on footpath and follow path downhill through trees to reach tarmac drive. Turn right. Follow road downhill to junction. Turn right continuing downhill to reach main road. Turn left crossing the river and follow road to roundabout and car park on left.

When you have completed this trail please use the [Permanent Trail Entry Form](#)

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