

Walk in the Mendip Hills: The wild moorland of Black Down

The Black Down walk offers an escape to wild moorland, charming valleys and striking landscapes. Black Down is the highest peak in the Mendip Hills and boasts breathtaking 360° views of the Mendips, the Somerset hills, the Bristol Channel and more.

Location: Black Down, Mendip Hills, Somerset

Walk difficulty: Easy

Time: 2 to 2 ½ hours

Distance: 4.5 miles (7.2km)

Walk guide: [Black Down walk by adragonsescape.com](https://adragonsescape.com)



Black Down walk instructions

1. From the Burrington Ham car park, cross and walk up the road. Turn right at the Black Down sign, following the public bridle path.
2. Go through the gate and walk straight ahead directly up the hill, first following the man-made grassy path, and then the rocky path. At the junction, turn right toward the top of the hill and the waypoint.
3. From the Beacon Batch waypoint, veer left, taking the straight path and aiming for the woods. At the fork, veer left, keeping the woodland straight ahead. At the next junction, turn right and then immediately left, again aiming for the forest.
4. When you reach the woodland fence, turn right onto a downhill path and keep the woods to your left. At the next three crossroads, continue straight ahead on the downhill path.
5. At the T-junction, turn right and keep the fence to your left. At the fork, turn right, following the sign for Limestone Link. At the crossroads, continue straight ahead, following the path down into a series of valleys.
6. Cross the stream and veer left onto the uphill path. Cross a second stream and continue on the uphill path, keeping the fence to your left.
7. When you reach the bottom of the hill where the walk started (in step 2), retrace your steps back to the car park by turning left, going through the gate and following the path back to the road and the car park.

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Walk map and GPX file: [Black Down walk on outdooractive.com](https://outdooractive.com)

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Ascent: Somewhat steep

Trail condition: Good, but very muddy in winter and in wet weather.

Accessibility: Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Accessible for mountain bikes.

Parking: Burrington Ham car park (BS40 7TZ)

Facilities: Toilets, shops and pubs in Burrington Combe and Blagdon

Notes: Please be mindful of livestock and keep your dogs on a lead.

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