

Follow the Country Code - Respect, Protect, Enjoy

- Park sensibly - don't block gates or drives.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Leave farm animals and machinery alone. If you think an animal's in distress, alert the farmer.
- Keep to the public right of way.
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- Keep your dog under effective control and pick up after your pet - dog mess can harm livestock.
- It is good practice to keep your dog on a lead around livestock; however, if cattle or horses try to chase your dog, it's safer for both of you to let your dog off the lead to run away.
- Plan ahead, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate clothing.
- Be aware you may not have a mobile signal in places during your walk.

About this walk

This route takes you through lovely countryside, past ancient churches and traditional farmhouses, through small hedgerow-bound fields and out under the wide open skies along the vast Severn Estuary.

Length

7 km - about 2.5 leisurely hours, starting at the White Hart pub.

Under foot

The walk follows public footpaths with short sections of quiet country lanes. Although the lanes are quiet, do take care as they are narrow in places. You may encounter cyclists and horse riders as well as cars. There is one stile along this route. Please note: in winter and wet weather, wellies are a must for this walk!

Food and drink

The White Hart in Littleton is on the route. Oldbury's Community Shop and Anchor Pub are about a half a kilometre from St Arilda's Church.

Parking

You can park in the village; please park sensibly. If you'd like to use The White Hart's car park, please ask first.

Regular Walk

Long Littleton Loop


Explore our series of regular and easy access walking routes

Easy Access Routes
Buggy and wheelchair friendly routes

- 1 Little Littleton Loop 2km
- 2 Severn Beach Short North 2.5km
- 3 Severn Beach Short South 3km
- 4 All Around Avonmouth 2km
- 5 Lamplighter's Walk 2km

Regular Walks
Different lengths, mostly off-road

- 1 Hill Hike 5.5km
- 2 Windbound Wander 3.5km
- 3 Oldbury Outing 5km
- 4 Oldbury-Kington Loop 6km
- 5 Long Littleton Loop 7km
- 6 Two Bridges Loop 10km
- 7 Severn Beach Stride 5.5km
- 8 Spaniorum Skyway 9km
- 9 Lawrence Weston Moor Loop 2.5km
- 10 Shire Stroll 2.5km






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Severn shoreline landscape

The representation on this map of a road, track or footpath is no evidence of the existence of a right of way.

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Long Littleton Loop

Start: White Hart, Littleton, BS35 1NR.

The description assumes you are going anti-clockwise around the route, but it is signposted in both directions.

With the White Hart on your right, head off down the lane. Architecture lovers should note the White Hart and nearby Village Farm **A** both date from the 1600s, like many houses in the village.

On the triangular green at the first junction, take a moment to learn a little about local heritage **B**. Then go up the lane to the right. Before too long you'll notice a turning to your left; this lane leads to St Mary of Malmesbury church **C**. Take a look at the church (call the very friendly wardens for the key if you need to) before heading out across country. With the church at your back, go right through the gate (just before the lane turns right into a field). Keeping the hedge on your right, head across the field.

Along here there are tremendous views north and west **D**; take a moment to admire them! Moving along, you pass a wood on your right. After going through a kissing gate, bear right gently down to a stream. Keep the stream on your right through this field and the next, then pass through an old and beautiful orchard **E**, then a garden, then onto Church Road. **Take care** joining the road. Go left, passing the junction with Lower Cowhill Lane and heading uphill to the main wooden gate of St Arilda's Church **F**. Read about this Anglo-Saxon saint and then enter the churchyard; explore the church and take in the wonderful views. Go

around the church and out of the churchyard by the side gate and steps, then immediately right through another gate and into fields, gradually descending toward the Severn River.

When you come out onto Westmarsh Lane, carry on straight towards the river, with Welsh's Orchard on your right. Where the lane goes off to the left, take the kissing gate and head back through fields.

Follow the route through the small fields and finally up onto the flood defences **G**, turning left and here getting wide open views up and down the Severn. Look out at low tide for parallel rows of old stakes going out into the river; these are the remains of old salmon fishing ranks (you can read about them at Whale Wharf). Eventually, when you reach the pill (a local word for tidal inlet), follow the signs back off the flood defences down to Whale Wharf **H**. Read the information here about the fascinating history of this spot, then walk down the lane until you see a way-marked gate on your right taking you back onto a public footpath.

With the hedge line on your left, go through the first field and into the second. About half-way through the second field you'll see a footbridge on your left. Cross the bridge and go diagonally (bearing right) through this field to a corner gate.

Keep the hedge on your right through the next field, over a footbridge and then straight through the next field. Then just keep the hedge line on your left the rest of the way back to Littleton. Nearly there!

Please take care climbing the old stone stile as you come back into the village's main road. The White Hart is on the left as you complete the loop.

