

Axbridge King's Wood & Cross

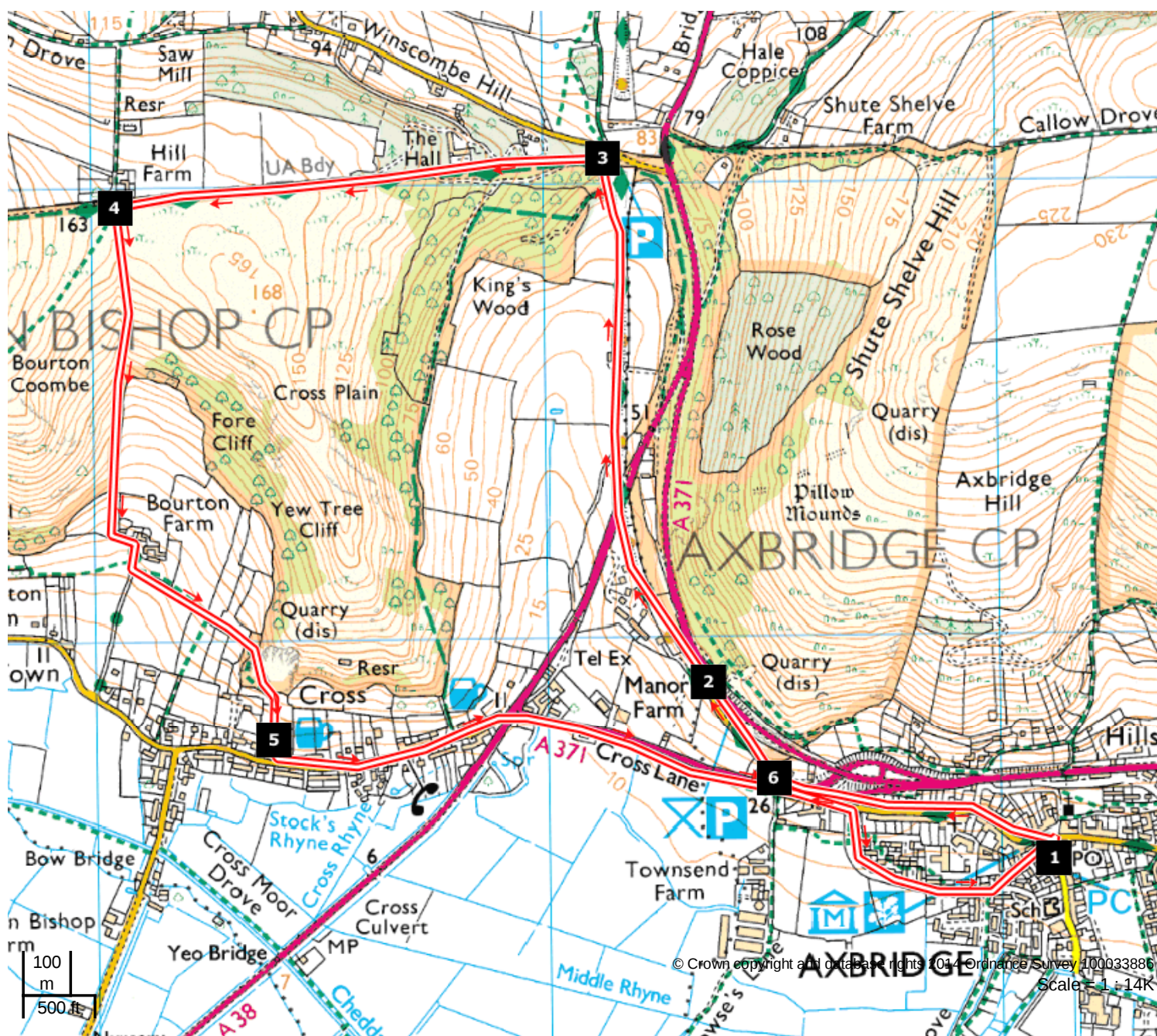
Starts at Axbridge

2 hours 0 minutes | 4.2miles 6.7km | Moderate



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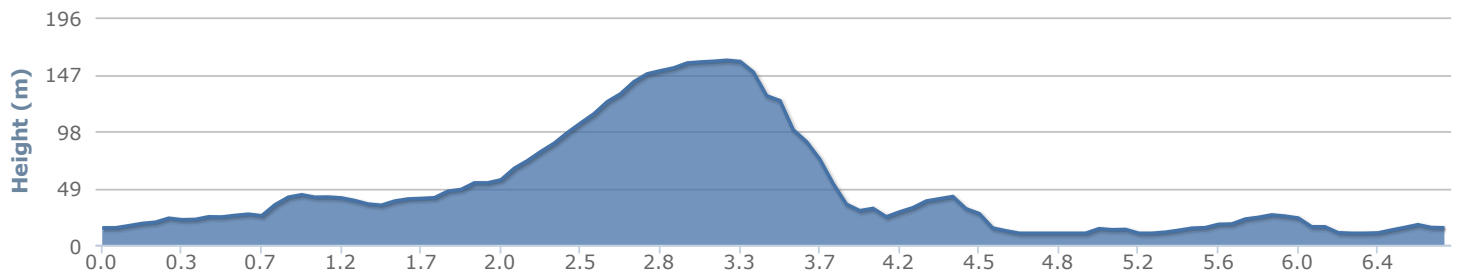
A circular walk from the old market town of Axbridge leading initially through old interesting streets and then out of the town and up onto the Mendips. There are good views across the Somerset Levels before descending and returning to the start.



— Main Route — Alternative Route Point of Interest Waypoint

Distance: 6.67km Ascent: 203m Descent: 203m

Route Profile



*move mouse over graph to see points on route

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Starts at

Moor Street car Park just off market square in centre of Axbridge

Ends at

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Getting there

Axbridge is by-passed by the main A371 road going onwards to Cheddar and Wells. Buses do run into the centre of the village and stop in the market square at the start of the walk.

Route instructions

- [1]** Leave the car park via Moor Street to reach the market square. Exit the square by the road leaving in the top left hand corner (By Lamb Inn) and follow uphill to reach junction of a number of roads at its end. Continue straight ahead with roundabout on right. After passing roundabout cross to right hand side of road and proceed short distance to junction of a lane coming steeply down from right. Turn right into lane and follow uphill to approach by-pass at top.
- [2]** Just before reaching by-pass turn left onto old rail track (Strawberry line) and follow forwards crossing main A38 and continuing onwards. On approaching tunnel track goes into a cutting. Just before the cutting turn off left to follow path going uphill along the top of the cutting bank. Cross stile at top of bank and turn left and then immediately right to join wide track going uphill to Kingswood car park.
- [3]** On approaching gate exiting to car park turn left in a 'U' turn to take path coming through gate and going up hill into wood. Follow path up through wood and exit on to the grassy hilltop. Continue straight ahead until reaching Hill Farm.
- [4]** Turn left at farm and head downhill into combe. The path is indistinct to begin with but as you proceed down it becomes a clear path going steeply downhill. Continue downhill in a straight line until the open land at the side of Bourton Farm (on left) is reached. Path turns left to follow boundary of farm and then turns right onto farm approach road. Proceed down road for approximately 75yds and then turn left onto footpath. Follow path straight ahead to reach a disused quarry. On reaching quarry turn right and follow path downhill to boundary where turn left and then in a short distance turn right over a stile and follow downhill to meet road in Cross.
- [5]** Turn left onto road and follow through village to junction with A38. Cross A38 (care needed fast moving traffic) into road opposite (A371 to Cheddar). Keeping on right hand side walk on verge passing a field gate on right and onwards to stile on right. Cross stile into field and turn left and follow boundary hedge to reach a stile exiting into road at edge of Axbridge.
- [6]** Cross stile and walk ahead to the junction of the High Street (outward route) turn right into Houlgate Way and follow to left turn where a sign indicates a car park. Turn left and follow road back into the market square where turn right into Moore Street to reach the car park.

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