

Wells & Biddle Combe

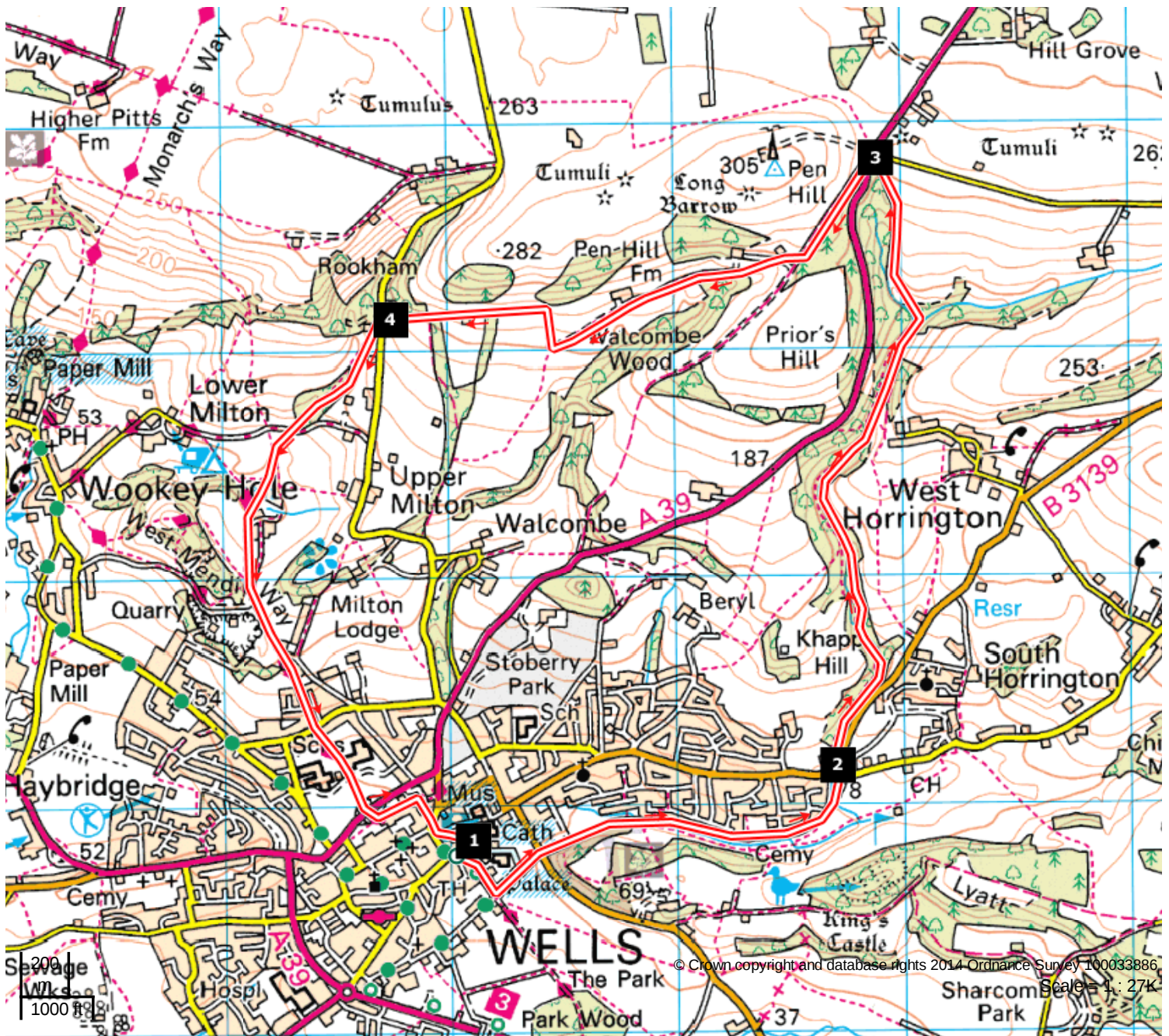
Starts at Wells

3 hours 30 minutes | 6.8miles 10.9km | Moderate



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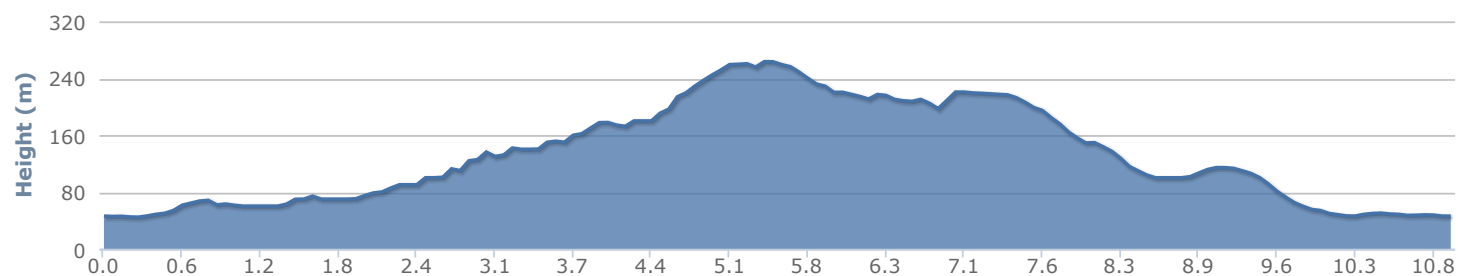
A circular walk from England's smallest city. This walk takes in some of the historical buildings, goes up a beautiful combe to the top of the Mendips where there are wide sweeping views. On returning to Wells the fine cathedral is passed.



— Main Route — Alternative Route Point of Interest Waypoint

Distance: 10.91km Ascent: 307m Descent: 307m

Route Profile



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Starts at

Market Square Wells

Ends at

Market Square Wells

Getting there

Wells is served by buses from Bristol, Bath, Taunton and Bridgwater. The bus station is just off the bottom of the main street. To get to the Market Square walk up the main street from the bus station.

There are numerous restaurants, cafe's and pubs in Wells where refreshments can be obtained. Public Toilets can be found just off Market Square.

Route instructions

[1] Start in the Market Sqare in Wells from the pavement alongside the measured long jump of Olympic Gold Medalist; Mary Rand. Walk across the square and through the archway leading to the Bishop's Palace. Veer right to walk alongside moat on the lefthand side. On reaching corner of moat turn left and follow tarmac path ahead to reach a road. Cross over the road and turn right and almost immediately left onto an unsurfaced track. Follow to the end and then continue in the same direction on a well defined footpath running along the back of houses. Keep on this path until it reaches a road.

[2] Cross over road to a gate entering a footpath. Pass through the gate and follow path into woodland (the start of Biddle Combe). Follow the path which as it enters the combe runs beside a stream. After rain the path can be very muddy but follow it all the way up the combe. At cross paths go straight ahead. On nearing the top of the combe the path leaves the woodland and enters a field. Turn left in the field and follow the left hand boundary to the corner of the field where exit onto main A39 road between Wells and Bath.

[3] Cross the main road with care and turn left into a narrow road running downhill. Follow this road down through the wood to a point where there is a junction to the right. Turn right towards a large house but before reaching it turn left to follow the road across the hillside to Pen Hill Farm. From Pen Hill Farm continue in the same direction now on a path. At a junction turn right and head uphill to the corner of a field. At corner turn left and continue straight ahead until exiting into a road.

[4] Cross the road to find a path running downhill to left. Follow this path which passes through woodland before exiting into a lane. Cross the lane and follow a path going straight ahead down the side of a field. Pass through a small orchard and then reach the edge of Model Farm. After passing farm on the right walk diagonally across a field to pass over a stile in the corner. Join a path going straight ahead to emerge into a road. Cross the road and turn right and then almost immedaiely left to follow a path downhill. The path now crosses a school playing field and then leaves by crossing a footbridge over a main road. After crossing footbridge turn left to follow a path. At the end of the path turn right into a road and go ahead to jin a major road. Turn right and follow road a short distance to point opposite the entrance to cathedral green on the left. Cross the road to enter cathedral green. Walk across the green diagonally to the right and then follow tarmac path out through Pennyless Porch in the Market Square.

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