

Avon Wildlife Trust

Folly Farm *for yesterday's countryside*



OS grid ref: ST610 603

Walk details

duration: 2 hrs

grade: moderate

Key to map

— walk

① point of interest

— reserve boundary

P car park

scale

200m

From the car park walk up through the woodland plantings into Folly Wood (1). Look for early purple orchids and bluebells in spring. Turn left at the top (2) and head through a kissing gate towards Round Hill which overlooks Chew Valley and the Mendips (3). Turn your back to the view follow the crest of the hill back towards Folly Wood. Pass through the kissing gate and enter another plantation, bear to the right, following the wide ride as it runs through the wood (4). Before reaching the deer gate, turn right again, with the small conifer plantation on your right and leave the wood via the large deer gate. Turn left and then right over a small bridge into an open field. Turn left and keep the hedge to your left to the end of the field (5). Continue along the ridge with the slope to your right (6) and bear right where the path divides. Follow the path down the hill, and look out for heath spotted orchids in spring and devils bit scabious in summer. Gently bear right and then left until you cross a small foot bridge, pass through the bottom of another field (7) and reach the kissing gate of the Access for All Trail (8). Turn right and follow this surfaced path along the edge of Folly Wood, passing the badger watching platform to your left. Crossing the bridge by the stand of hornbeam turn right and return to the car park passing the Folly Farm Centre (9).

How to get there

From Bath on A368, or south from Bristol on A37 turn right at Chelwood roundabout onto A368 towards Bishop Sutton. After 2 miles look out for sign on left on small lane shortly before Stowey.

Access

Please note – NO dogs at Folly Farm. Please park in marked car park. Good access for wheelchairs and pushchairs along Access for All Trail.

Did you know? Folly Farm is one of only a few *ferme ornees* in the UK - an idealised or ornamental farm within a landed estate, which would combine beauty with usefulness. It was developed in the 18th century by Sir Henry Strachey of Sutton Court.

Why don't you... look for an inspirational course at www.follyfarm.org

look out for...



devil's bit scabious



marsh fritillary



badger