



KEYNSHAM

WALK No 3

*A CIRCULAR WALK FROM KEYNSHAM
ALONG THE RIVER CHEW TO COMPTON
DANDO, ON TO BURNETT AND BACK TO
KEYNSHAM*

DISTANCE 7 MILES

**First half flat, followed by a steep rise,
with the remainder heading back down
hill to Keynsham**

22 Kissing Gates

4 Wooden stiles & 2 Gates

Start

Memorial Park Cafe

Keynsham

From the park cafe, heading down towards the bandstand, turning right along the river Chew, under the road bridge. Follow this path, straight over at the paths junction, past the ornamental lake, looking out for the alligator on the island ! til you come to the end of a cul-de-sac.. Turn right at the end, head up the road bearing left after a short distance, and left again in to the Albert Mill re-development, taking the main route thro' the archway to the right of the ornamental mill wheel, and turning left thro the flats where the public footpath sign indicates.

1. Point of Interest

Turn right by the weir, and carry on along the River Chew, and pass a wooden kissing gate. Continue for some distance, passing a wooden stile and a further 3 wooden kissing gates. You will reach the road just after stock pen enclosure *. Cross right over the road and thro' a wooden kissing gate on the left, and over a wooden bridge. Proceed along this footpath for some distance parallel to the River Chew including left and right at a byeway, passing numerous bridges and kissing gates. After one metal kissing gate head slightly right up the hill across a field, to a metal kissing gate at the top, then downhill

over wooden bridge and thro' metal kissing gate and into wooded area. Follow this path alongside the Chew for some distance, again numerous kissing gates until you reach the road. Turn left and head to well recommended The Compton Inn. All refreshment consumed in the pub or garden must be purchased here. From the pub retrace your steps for a couple of yards and turn right up Bathford Hill. Opposite Pippin Cottage head up steps, thro the metal kissing gate on your left and proceed along the footpath with the hedge on your left.

2. Point of interest

Head left then right at the metal kissing gate, and thro field over a stream into a wooded section, keeping straight on, not left,, then follow the path thro' the wood, and uphill to a metal kissing gate. Coming out of the wood, keep the hedge to your right. After some distance when you reach a gate by a track, head left and continue with the hedge on your right, til you come to a wide gap in the hedge, turn right over stream, and head back on the other side of the hedge, again with the hedge on you right. Head up a steep hill. At the top is a wooden seat where you can rest a while and admire the view

3. Point of interest

Heading left for 50 yards there is a wooden stile hidden in the hedge - for the more romantic a little further on there is a willow arch which you can proceed thro'. Turn right and follow the path with the hedge on your right. When you reach a point with a fence in front of you turn right in gap in the hedge and left on to lane

Beware - country road - no pavement

Head up to the village of Burnett. Take time to explore the 22 lovely stone houses and farms in this small picturesque village. Turn left opposite a cycle way sign -410- and head downhill, passing the 13th Century church of St Michael and the village water pump on the right. Turn left at the bottom by The War Cottage up a track that is not sign posted between the two cottages over a wooden stile at the top at the edge of the village.. Turn left thro two wooden gates in quick succession, and head straight on-not thro wooden gate to the right, stopping to admire the superb view. Follow the footpath diagonally downhill, thro 2 fields, steeply in places, towards the woods and over the wooden stile in the bottom corner of the field into the woods. A long walk

thro the woods, emerging with the field in front of you, turn left and keep the woods on your left, and parallel to a tributary, until you meet up with the River Chew. Follow the river for some distance along the bottom of a sloping field, until you reach a kissing gate at a bye-way. Turn left over a bridge and immediately right thro another kissing gate, and head back towards Keynsham along the outward path you walked earlier. You will reach a wooden footbridge, and then a wooden kissing gate just before the road. Turn right along the road going by Chewton Place

Beware - no pavement - proceed with care along this twisty section of road past Chewton Place

4. Place of Interest

Heading up the hill, opposite The Cottage turn left thro metal kissing gate and head right across the field, taking the lower level with the River Chew. After some distance head toward the wooden stile in the bottom left hand corner of the field. Pass over this and under an ornamental stone arch, and right up the metalled road (Steel Mills) and left where it joins Gooseberry Lane. Head down to the bottom, straight across and thro the metal

railings with the River Chew still on your left. Follow this path up the hill, with the New Inn on your right - stop here for some deserved refreshment

Places of Interest

1. Albert Mill, now converted to flats, is of local historic interest, with the wheel weir etc all intact set in picturesque setting

2. View across to Lye Hill

3. Panoramic view from, to the right Keynsham,s church tower, to the left, that of Compton Dando church

4. Chewton Place - recent years has seen a few changes to this listed building, but a lot of the mill workings are still evident. Look for the chimney like stone structure, which is actually built for nesting barn owls