

Weston under Penyard to Kingstone and Bury Hill

An easy 3.4 mile walk through quiet lanes, meadows, and a fruit farm, taking in Weston village, Kingstone and Bury Hill. Designed to avoid the winter mud!

Start from the Village Hall at School Lane in Weston under Penyard.

Grid reference SO 633 231.

Length 3.4 miles. Grade: Easy. 10 stiles

1. Go up the track with the village hall on your left and enter the field on your right through a small wooden gate next to a field gate. Walk towards the church, crossing a wooden stile (WP11/2)¹ and then through a wooden kissing gate (WP11/1) to the church. Keep right through the churchyard and down a slope to join Church Lane. Turn right, down to the A40 and cross into The Streete. Follow The Streete and after about 130m, turn left at the wooden finger post down a narrow footpath.
2. This short section, marked by blue arrows, is a courtesy diversion around the grounds of "Stonewold". On re-joining the normal footpath at a steel field gate turn left and go straight ahead through the horse paddock (the electric fence can be opened) and over a stile (WP25/5) into the fields surrounding the Penyard House Hotel. Go straight ahead again through the field and over another stile (WP25/6) next to a field gate. The path hugs the fence on the left for about 70m (note the late 16th century Weston Hall on the left) and then turns right, across the field to join the road at a stile and stone steps (WP25/7).
3. Turn left down the road for about 100m, over a stile (WP24/1) on the right and to the top of field where the route of the old Gloucester-Ross railway line can still be seen. Cross the stile (WP24/2) into the apple orchard. Turn left and then right, keeping the high hedge on your left. Near the top of the orchard, find a stile (WP24/3) in the hedgerow through to a field on the left (take care not to miss it). Immediately turn right and over a stile (WP24/4) to join the road at Dairy Cottages (Note the old stone pigeon house at the far end of Dairy Cottages).
4. Turn right and follow the road for about 500m to the T-junction, with Bollitree Castle in front of you. Go left for about 120m and opposite Bollitree Cottage turn right to follow Bury Hill Lane for 0.9km. Just after The Old Chapel on your left, where the road bends right, go straight ahead through a wooden kissing gate.



¹ Note: It may help route finding to note that the stiles and gates in the parish of Weston under Penyard are uniquely labelled by their footpath number and stile number e.g., WP11/2 – Stile 2 on footpath 11.

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5. Follow the waymarker to go straight ahead in the field and then right at the hedgerow. Leave the field through a stile (WP16/3) and then down a grassy lane to the right, passing Stroud Cottage on your left and then follow the waymarker signs up the steep embankment of the disused railway. Cross the embankment and down the steps on the other side. Cross the wooden stile (WP16/4), go half right and then follow the lower edge of the field to your right towards the A40 road. Join the road at the field gate and cross the A40 with great care to the pavement.



6. Turn right and follow the A40 for 650m. Turn left into School Lane and walk 200m up to the car park at the village hall.

