

Doynton Walk 2

Monarch's Way Loop



Map	OS Explorer 1:25K Bristol & Bath
Start & Finish	Cross House Inn Doynton
Grid Ref	ST 71943 74008
W3W	redefined.spurned.deaf
Distance	4 miles
Duration	2 to 2.5 hours
Difficulty	Gentle
Terrain	Some road walking, no significant climbs or descents
Accessibility	One stile and can be muddy in places

With the pub behind you, walk to your right down the High Street. Cross the stone road bridge over the river and turn left along Ham Lane and immediately right up Bottoms Farm Lane. At the top of the hill (1), continue straight on through a gate along a concrete track between fields. To the left are views of St James Church, Abson.

Just before the ford through a stream (2), hop up onto the bank on the right, follow a narrow path up the stream and turn left over a gated wooden bridge, then immediately left again to re-join the lane beyond the ford. Walk up the lane, go past a metal farm gate and turn right at the footpath sign into the field. Follow the hedge around the top edge of the field, as it turns right and then left, until you reach a gate and stile in the hedge. At this point, turn right to head down across the field to the wood at the bottom. At the wood turn left, following the path along the wood (staying out of the wood and in the field). Head for the right-hand corner of the field and cross the stile hidden in the corner to turn left up a concrete track (with stables on your left).

Turn right on to Redford Lane (3) and take the path, with the Water Recycling Centre on your right. Go over a narrow metal bridge across a stream and follow the main path keeping to the left (when another path goes right) until you reach Rookery Lane. Cross the road and go through a gate into the field opposite. Go straight across this field (with an old green lane on your left initially) and through a gate into the next field (the old green lane is now on your right). Enjoy the lovely views of Dyrham and the Cotswolds.

Continue down the field, past double field gates, with the wooded green lane on your right , to a pair of gates across the old green lane at the bottom right-hand corner of the field (4). Go through the gates and continue along the path (now the Monarch's Way) with the River Boyd on your left through four fields. In the 5th you will reach a wide wooden bridge on your left leading to Doynton Lane (5). Go over the bridge and through the gate and turn right on the road to head back towards the village.

Ignore the first stile on the right and then, after a bend in the road, go through a kissing gate with a footpath sign on the right, turning immediately left to cross the field, going over a small streamlet and continuing diagonally across the second field to a gate in the righthand corner. Pass the Millennium Pond on your right. Keeping the stream on your right continue through two more fields. You will see a Mill on your right; bear left (6) and cross a wooden bridge in the middle of the field and head for the church. Go through the churchyard and turn right on the main road towards the pub which is 200m along on the right.

