



TRAILS

LANSDOWN AND CHARLCOMBE CIRCULAR

8.5km / 5 MILES
3 HRS



START/FINISH

Lansdown Park & Ride, BA1 9BJ



WALK INFORMATION AND ACCESSIBILITY:

There are buses from the city centre to the Park & Ride and local buses along Lansdown Road. The car park is free parking, as you pay on the bus. The total elevation of the walk is 300m elevation, with two very steep sections, one down and one up. There are some rough/uneven paths, particularly the steep downhill section and the section by Beckford's tower. These are also likely to be muddy and slippery after rain. There are stone stiles and some steps. There are toilets (20p) and a water tap at the Park & Ride. Pubs with food are at Blathwayt Arms at the start and Hare & Hounds (with spectacular views to Solsbury Hill) near the finish. The route crosses the busy Lansdown Road near the start and finish, the road is fast, but visibility is good. There may be livestock in some of the fields.

EXPECT TO SEE

- Charlcombe village
- Beckford's Tower
- Views across west side of Bath
- Views of Solsbury Hill

THINGS TO DO

- Stop in Charlcombe village to visit the pretty Church of St Mary with its beautiful garden
- Visit the museum at Beckford's Tower, please check opening times, as it's not open all the time
- Visit one of the pubs

DID YOU KNOW?

- Each spring the road through Charlcombe is closed and volunteers assist the annual migration of frogs and toads to their breeding pond
- Beckford's Tower and museum was built in 1826/1827 and is the only remaining piece of William Beckford's architecture
- The church in Charlcombe dates back to 12th century



MAP

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ROUTE

1

Leave the P&R at the rear, through the gap to the right of the toilet block and changing room buildings (dark wooden buildings), the public footpath is along the hedgerow opposite. Go towards the racecourse with the hedgerow on your left. Cross the small lane and go right, following the public footpath round the edge of the track rails, reaching the Blathwayt Arms via a kissing gate. Turn right walking along the main road till you reach the same lane (you could walk straight down the lane, but take care, as there's no pavement). Cross the main road, and take the entrance to Upper Langridge Farm, then take the footpath across the field to the right immediately after the cattle grid. Pass under the electricity lines.

2

Take the stone stile and follow the footpath to the left and then right, round the edge of the field. Cross this field and another field and stile, keeping to the left.

3

Keep on the marked footpath until you reach a wooden kissing gate, going through this and reaching the lane. Cross this lane, the path continues opposite. Keep on the obvious path across more fields with stone stiles, keep following the footpath signs ahead.

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When you reach a red tiled barn roof in front of you, ignore the right footpath through a gate, and turn left, with the hedge on your right to a metal gate. After the gate, the path goes steeply downhill. Keep going straight down, across a rough field and a small wood after which the path enters a field, becoming less steep.

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You'll see a house beyond the bottom left corner of the field, head towards that, leaving the field via a kissing gate onto a track. Take the track down till it joins the lane and turn right along the lane. This is a quiet lane but look out for traffic. Stay on the lane for just over 1 km (3/4 mile).

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When you reach a farm on your left and low building on your right (a wellness centre and spa at the time of writing), look for the steps up to a footpath in a gap in the hedge on the right and take this, going uphill across two fields.

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At the wooden gate you'll emerge onto a road, take the lane opposite and at the end of that, turn right into the village of Charlcombe. After 200m take the footpath up a track on the right which takes you to the church.

ROUTE

8

Carry on past the church and re-join the lane heading up, round the bend to the left and past some houses.

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By the driveway called 'Littledown' take the footpath up the steps on the right and through a kissing gate. Head straight up the hill with the hedge on your left. This is the steepest uphill section. At the top turn right along the road. The Hare & Hounds pub is on the right, or keep going along the road.

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Just after Granville Road cross the road (taking care as it's busy), and take the track next to Hamilton House, and taking the right fork. Enter the field via a kissing gate, and then through another on the right. Follow the path, with the valley to your left, you'll see Beckford's Tower ahead of you. Stop and visit Beckford's Tower, if the museum is open, or you can look round the cemetery any time. Then continue on the same path.

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Keep going with the hedge on your right along the rough path until you reach a kissing gate through the hedge emerging onto playing fields. Take the track on the left which takes you back to the Park & Ride. There's a locked gate at the end of the track, but you can pass between the wooden huts to get back to the car park.