

Bounding around Brockley Combe

A family adventure either on foot or two wheels can be enjoyed in this circular wooded route at Brockley Combe. The atmospheric countryside features lanes and rocky tracks, which could be challenging for young off-road cyclists.



Walk information:

Distance: about 2 miles.

Difficulty: medium – long descent and uphill section with loose stones. Paths can get muddy so wear suitable footwear.

Accessibility: not suitable for wheelchair users/buggies.

Duration: about 1.5 hrs on foot (with extended detour).

Map: OS Explorer 154.

Refreshments: nearby Backwell and Cleeve have pubs and shops.

The public footpath/bridleway starts on Brockley Combe Road, near the turn-off for Willis's Batch caravan park. There is no pavement on the road so take care if walking along here and crossing the road.

Brockley Combe has captured the imagination of many generations, and British poets Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Arthur Hugh Clough have written about it.

Whether walking or cycling, follow the gravel footpath up the hill. There is a fairly steep incline and loose stones.

As the grounds levels off there is a fork in the road but carry on straight ahead here. Watch out for overhanging branches.

After about a third of a mile, you will come to a crossroads in the path. Turn left here, and the path takes a slight descent.

How to get there:

Car

From A370 between Cleeve and Backwell, turn into Brockley Combe Road. Informal parking is available at Fountain Timber Products. This road is part of the Avon Cycleway (National Cycle Network route 10).

Bus

● Routes X1, 351, 352, and 353 serve the A370.



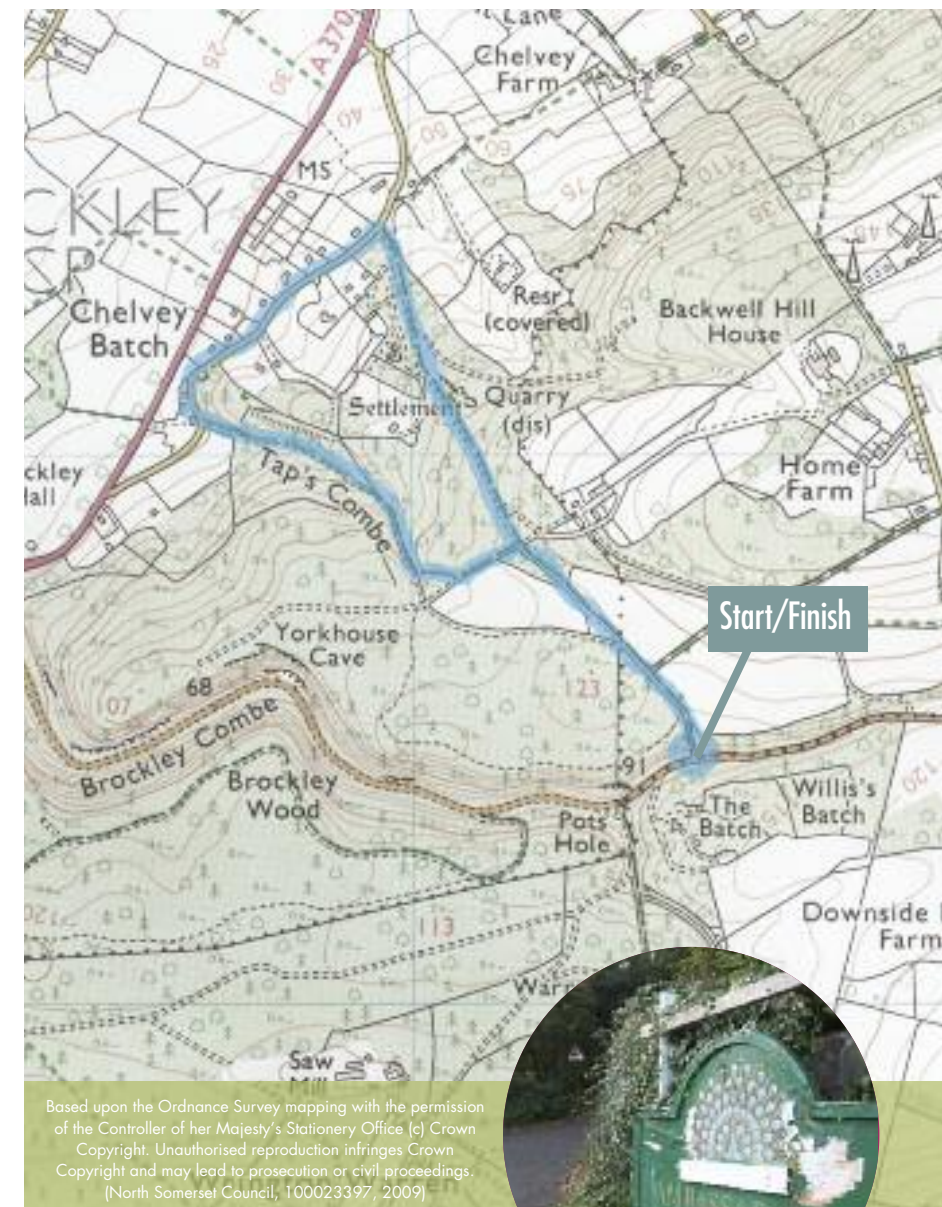
You will soon see another fork in the path, so take the right hand turn, and then go right again (this cuts the corner off).

The path you are now on, still with gravel and loose stones, has a fairly steep descent so take care, especially if cycling.

Tap's Combe will now be on your left, with a ruined stone wall on your right. You will also start to hear the hum of traffic on the A370 nearby.

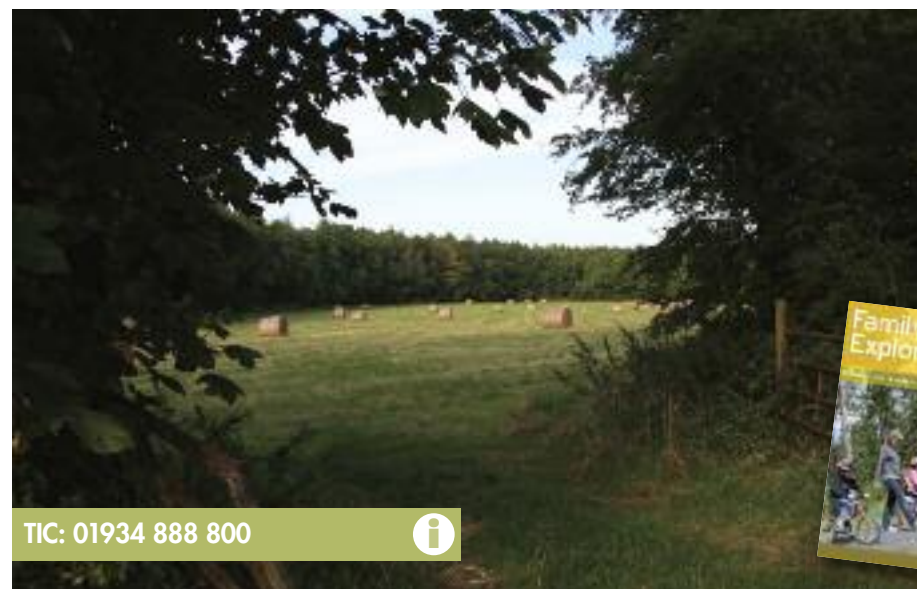
Follow the path straight ahead until it comes out onto a lane, opposite Brockley Cottage. Turn right here, past more cottages, until you see the sign for Ambassadors Health and Fitness Club. Turn right here and this paved lane leads back uphill so you may soon get out of breath.

Walk up this lane until you see a gravel footpath/bridleway leading off to the right.



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Turn into this footpath and you will soon come to the crossroads you were at near the start.



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