



FOOTPATH WALKS AROUND LONG ASHTON WITH A PUB HALFWAY **THE FAILAND INN**

All the walks in this series are on tracks and paths across fields, in woods and some are by streams, so be prepared for some mud and occasionally livestock.

The route starts and finishes at **The Little Tipple** at 50 **Weston Road**. The roads encountered are shown in bold type; hopefully residents will find a starting point near home. Residents in the Kings Croft area can start at **Warren Lane**.

Not all the paths in the area are rights of way. Some paths are 'Permissive' so please use them but do not abuse them. The local councils are trying to improve some paths and signs so changes may occur. Please help to keep the paths open by walking on them and dispose of litter and your dog's muck in the proper way so that the paths are left as you would like to find them.

Walking time will vary depending on your starting point and your speed. As a rough guide allow about an hour and a half for the outward walk; the return takes less. Use Ordnance Survey map Explorer 154.

To check **The Failand Inn** opening and meal times telephone 01275 392220.

From The Little Tipple go along **Weston Road** passing the adjoining estate agents and the bus stop. After passing the ends of **Fenswood Road** and **Kings Croft** turn right up **Warren Lane**. Ignore turnings on the right and at the top continue ahead passing the side of the cottages and then ahead up the track to a kissing gate. Continue ahead uphill, keeping to the left hand hedge. In the top left hand corner of the field are two kissing gates. Go through the one on the right (the other one

will be used on the way back) and continue uphill at the left hand edge of the field. Go through another kissing gate and, on reaching the Long Ashton Golf Course, keep to the left. After passing the 16th tee and a shelter, near the 14th tee, continue ahead, keeping well over to the left. Be aware of golfers as they drive towards you from the right.

In the left hand corner there is a wooden kissing gate. Go through this and bear left, cross the driveway (this leads left into Bristol City's training ground) to enter the playing fields of the QEH school. The footpath is around two sides of the field and keeps to the left hand fence and wall. It ends at a kissing gate on the **B3128 Clevedon Road** near Longwood House. Turn left and, at the traffic lights, cross **Weston Road** (Failand) and immediately turn right to cross **Clevedon Road**. Turn left and, shortly after passing the bus stop, turn right down **Green Lane**.

Just before the lane forks (one of which leads into the Bristol & Clifton Golf Course) leave the lane by turning sharp left to go through a metal bridleway gate. In the small field, and in the next two large fields, continue ahead through bridleway gates alongside the right hand hedge. In the fourth field the bridleway turn sharp right and in the corner of the field turn left.

Do not go as far as the metal gate visible at the end of the field as there is no right of way there.

Part way down the field go through a gap in the hedge on the right. A wooden gate leads to a fenced bridleway which ends at another gate on **Oxhouse Lane**.

Turn left to the crossroads and **The Failand Inn** can be seen a short way to your right on the **B3128 Clevedon Road**. Failand Post Office Stores is to the left.

It is best to cross over to the opposite side, to the left hand pavement of Flax Bourton Road and then cross this road to reach the pub on the Clevedon Road.

The return route starts along **Flax Bourton Road** so after visiting the inn retrace steps to the crossroads. Go along **Flax Bourton Road** (there is a pavement all the way) and at the end of the road, at the T-junction with **Belmont Hill** and **Weston Road** (Failand), carefully cross over to the car parking area opposite to enter Ashton Hill Plantation Woods (also known as Belmont Woods).

Ignore the very wide track that goes downhill on the right. Instead, go along the path at the left hand edge of the wood. Leave this wide path when it turns right and continue ahead on a narrower path so as to stay near the wall on the left hand edge of the wood. On the other side of the wall is the Long Ashton Golf Course and the footpath used on the outward part of the walk. At the bottom of a downhill slope bear left to go through the kissing gate referred to earlier.

Go downhill towards the bottom of the field and (unless you choose to retrace steps down Warren Lane) turn left along the field edge, with a wire fence and the backs of houses in **Kings Croft** (and Fenswood Court) on your right. Go through a gate into a field and aim for the power line post on the left and then bear right to a wooden gate, near a metal gate. A fenced path then leads to a stony track known as **Keeds Lane**. Turn right and, after passing the football pitch and play area, the lane crosses **Rayens Cross Road** to reach the main **Weston Road** and **The Little Tipple**.