



## TWO SHORT CIRCULAR WALKS

### Peel Park and Gatcombe

This short walk is at the western end of Long Ashton. It is across fields, on stony tracks and by a stream so be prepared for a bit of mud – and occasionally livestock. There are two stiles to cross. Apart from Peel Park to top of Warren Lane, the route is not suitable for buggies.

The route starts from **The Little Tipple** at 50 **Weston Road**. Go up the lane at the side of the adjacent estate agents office, cross **Rayens Cross Road** and continue ahead on what is known locally as **Keeds Lane**. After passing the play area turn left through cycle barriers on to a path in **Peel Park**.

At the far side turn left into **Kings Croft** and bear left to reach **Weston Road**. Turn right for a short way before turning right up **Warren Lane** and go left at the fork. At the top of the lane go past the cottages to your right and continue ahead for a short way up the stony farm track. Turn left through an open gateway into a field and immediately turn left.

*Please note that this is not the right of way. It is permissible so as to avoid crossing what is usually a ploughed field, and avoids damaging crops. The right of way starts further up the track, by a kissing gate.*

Go down the edge of the field for a short way, with the hedge on your left, before turning right on the grassed area of the field. At the far side turn right for a short way to find a kissing gate in the hedge on your left.

Go through here on part of the Village Circular Walk. Leaflets for this walk are also available.

Cross the middle of the next two fields and then bear left downhill behind Gatcombe Court to go through a metal kissing gate. In the field keep to the hedge on the left to reach **Gatcombe Lane** through, a metal kissing gate. Turn right up the lane and *after* passing by the entrance to Gatcombe Mill turn left near the entrance to Gatcombe Mill *House*. At the right hand side of the house cross a stile and bear up right for a short way before turning left and go down towards the stream. With the stream on your left reach and cross a second stile. Go across the *lower* edge of the field to the path which has the stream on your left and a woodland bank up to your right.

On reaching an open area, (known locally as Seven Streams – there are several springs) bear left to cross the bridge and continue up the very old pathway to a hedge-lined path and a bridle gate. You have now joined Long Ashton's only bridleway so be aware of horses.

At the end of a hedge-lined section (by the entrance to Rudge Farm) turn right. This next section of the bridleway is a stony track ending by the mini-roundabouts on Clevedon Road. Turn left along **Weston Road** and just after passing Blade's Garage veer left down a lane. After crossing the 'Weak Bridge' turn right. From the entrance of the **Gatcombe Farm Shop** and **The Greedy Goose** go up the lane to reach the **Weston Road**.

*You can shorten the walk here by returning to the starting point on the pavement.*

Opposite, and slightly to the right, is a wide gateway. With care, cross the road to go there. Go through a special walkers' gate that is set within the main gate. **Please shut this gate.** Cross the railway bridge and continue straight ahead. (More of the Village Circular Walk).

From the gate at the corner of the farm building cross the field, bearing left to a wooden gate. Cross the field to another gate and then across the middle of the field to a gated footbridge.

Bear right to go to a hedge gap by the right hand hedge and continue ahead to reach a metal kissing gate on **Wild Country Lane**.

Cross to the opposite side and turn left. Just *before* the bridge that crosses the railway turn right up steps and on to a path alongside the railway. At the bottom of some steps turn left to cross the railway.

To reach the **Weston Road** either:

(a) turn right on the cycle track into **Paulman Gardens**, then left into **Fenshurst Gardens**, and left again into **Lampton Road** or:

(b) continue ahead from the bridge, turn left on the cycle track and then right into **Perry Road**.