



TWO SHORT CIRCULAR WALKS

The Golf Course and Pill Grove Wood

This leaflet describes two short circular walks on the northern edge of the village. It is over the Long Ashton golf course and through woodland, on grassy paths and stony tracks so be prepared for a bit of mud. There is only one stile to climb over. Care is needed when on two short stretches of road that have no pavement. It is best to walk near the right hand verge so as to face oncoming traffic. Part is on a bridleway so be aware of cyclists and horse riders.

The path on the golf course is a public right of way so please keep to it. To be safe it is best to wait for golfers to play their shots and then pass by. They usually signal for you to cross the fairway.

Both walks start at **The Little Tipple 50 Weston Road** but it also possible to start near the top of **Providence Lane**. Allow about an hour and a half for each walk or under an hour if you are young or fit.

A separate leaflet is available describing two short walks on the south side of the village. Also two leaflets that describe, in two directions, the Village Circular Walk. The local library has a book describing the west of England section of the long distance path called The Monarch's Way.

Starting from the **Little Tipple** at **50 Weston Road** turn up the lane at the side of the Ashton Rose office. The signed footpath to the golf course is known locally as **Keeds Lane**. Cross **Rayens Cross Road** and continue ahead passing the playground and the football pitches. On coming to cottages, turn right on a path that goes to the right of a smallholding. This path is part of the

Village Circular Walk and also part of a national long distance path called Monarch's Way. Alongside a metal gate there is a kissing gate. Go through here and up a wide woodland path. When nearing the backs of houses bear right to a kissing gate on to **Providence Lane**.

Opposite, and slightly to your right, is a narrow fenced footpath. Go up here and after a green kissing gate the way is straight ahead on the grass at the left side of a fairway. Keep near to the woodland on the left and be aware of golfers as they drive towards you. This very old public right of way is marked by concrete bollards. Keep well over to the left (NOT on the path near the pond) and in the corner of the golf course turn left to cross a metal stile by a gate. Carefully cross the **Clarken Coombe Road** to squeeze through the stone stile and into Pill Grove Wood where a short path joins one of the bridleways in the Ashton Court Estate. Turn left and go uphill on a broad bridleway and, at the top where the bridleway turns right, turn left on to a broad track.

Stay on this main track. It eventually bends to the right into a clearing where you turn left. Go through the large metal gate on to **Longwood Lane**.

Take care by the quarry entrance opposite.

Carefully cross **Longwood Lane** and turn left. Keep to the right verge so as to face oncoming traffic and go down to the crossroads.

From here there is the choice of Walk A or B

WALK A

Carefully cross the main road and continue ahead down **Providence Lane**. In about 100 yards there is, on your left, a wide gateway. Go through here and almost immediately leave the track by turning right. The way is between the trees by a concrete bollard but pause here to check for golfers.

They play from your left as they try to reach this area of the fairway before attempting their next shot over the lane.

When clear, cross the fairway and keep near to the right hand fence but DO NOT veer right down a track. Instead, go to the left of the bushes and then again keep over to the right alongside the hedge and then by a wooden fence. Cross the right hand edge of the golf tee and continue ahead, down some steps and then down a slope by a metal hand rail. At the bottom turn right to go through the green kissing gate on the path to **Providence Lane**. Unless going down the lane to the main road via the Miners Rest or the Spice Inn, retrace steps.

WALK B

At the crossroads turn right along the main road. Keep close to the right hand verge so as to face oncoming traffic (or use the left verge as it is slightly wider). Fortunately it is only about 150 yards to the next footpath which is through a metal kissing gate, just before the entrance to the golf club. The way is straight ahead; a concrete bollard to the left of the hedge marks the way. Cross the edge of the car park, to another bollard to the left of a conifer hedge.

Check that the way is clear before crossing the fairway.

Golfers drive off from a tee to your right. When clear go straight across, passing by a large rock, to reach the edge of the wood. Turn right, keeping near the wood as golfers play towards you. When opposite the club house turn left on a path into Keeds Wood. This part is known as The Brake. Go through a metal kissing gate and downhill. Leave the wood by a kissing gate near a barrier, turn right to reach Keeds Lane again and retrace steps to the start.