



Bishopswood Meadows (and Jan Hobbs) Nature Reserve

ST 252 131. 23 acres (9.3 ha.)
Species-rich limestone and marshy meadows beside
River Yarty. Open access lane off road at ST 252 129, 400
metres from Bishopswood village.

Start: *Candlelight Inn
Bishopswood, Chard TA20 3RS*

Terrain: *Roads and footpaths steep in places. The latter
can become very muddy after prolonged periods of
rain. Dogs welcome but please keep on lead*

Distance: *Approx. 2 miles*

Approx time: *45-60 mins*

Go For
a Wild
Walk



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Notes: Please take care along roads, please close gates after you. There is only 1 stile along the route, between stops 1 and 2.



Marbled white

A distinctive medium-sized white butterfly, with black-chequered markings. Adults on the wing in the summer, from June to August.



Get Started!

- 1** Starting from the Candlelight Inn (bottom car-park), go down the side of the pub to the footbridge over the River Yarty. Over the stile, go across the field through the gate (cattle often in here), go right diagonally across the field & over the stile on to the track. A right of way turns left at a gate and across a field but for the WildWalk continue on down the track.
- 2** Go ahead through the gate into Jan Hobbs reserve. A short distance down the track turn left through Milkham Copse, a piece of ancient woodland. The track can be very muddy. Look out for spring flowers and hazel nuts chewed by dormice.
- 3** Go through the gate then straight across open ground of the reserve's two fields until you reach the gate at the road.
- 4** Turn left. Head up the hill past Cross Hill Farm.
- 5** Take the footpath on the left to Moorseek Farm (through a farm gate and then 2 other small metal gates).
- 6** Go down the track past the farmyard and down the field. Go through a gate and fork left over the footbridge across the River Yarty into Bishopswood Meadows Reserve.
- 7** A loop walk is shown as a red dotted line. For the loop walk, turn left along the River Yarty to the Lime Kiln then loop back through the reserve. If not following the loop, turn right up the field and through the kissing gate. Look out for blue butterflies, orchids and waxcap fungi. Go along the track-way to the road.
- 8** Turn left onto the road past Woodend Farm and Otterford Parish Hall. Turn left at the main road and downhill to the Candlelight Inn.

Feeling Better?

Grey Wagtail

Grey wagtails have a very long, black and white tail with a yellow rump and yellow belly. They are grey above with black wings. Males have a grey face with a black throat bib and a white 'moustache'.

