The Kenn Hedge Walk

Summary

A country walk with nice views that crosses some farmland outside of the park. Starting and ending in Chelvey Rise by the Old Farm House public house. Can be muddy in wet weather. **Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchair users.**

Walk Information

Distance: 2.4 km (1.5 miles). Gradients: flat. Surfaces: Unsurfaced, hard surfaces, metalled.

How To Get There

By Car: Park in Chelvey Rise, or any nearby street. Always be considerate of residents, do not obstruct their access.

By Bus: Use the X7 or X7A bus and alight at the Bibury Close or Winchcombe Bus Stops.

By Train: Walk northwards from Nailsea and Backwell Train Station along Station Road passing Backwell Lake, up the hill and turn right into Trendlewood Way. Chelvey Rise is second turning on the right. Distance from the station 1 km.

Safety

We want you to enjoy your walk in Trendlewood Community Park and the surrounding area. The park is very safe. However, you should be aware of the potential hazards you may encounter on your journey.

Trip and Fall Hazards

Many of the paths are unsurfaced and can become muddy and slippery during and after damp weather.

There are several bridges and styles to cross with steps.

Livestock

You may encounter livestock in some of the fields.

Do not disturb the animals and if you have a dog with you keep it on a lead.

Make sure you close all gates behind you – follow the countryside code.

Water Hazards

Do not enter the water.

The River Kenn, the stream and Rhynes are shallow and narrow but can flood in wet weather.

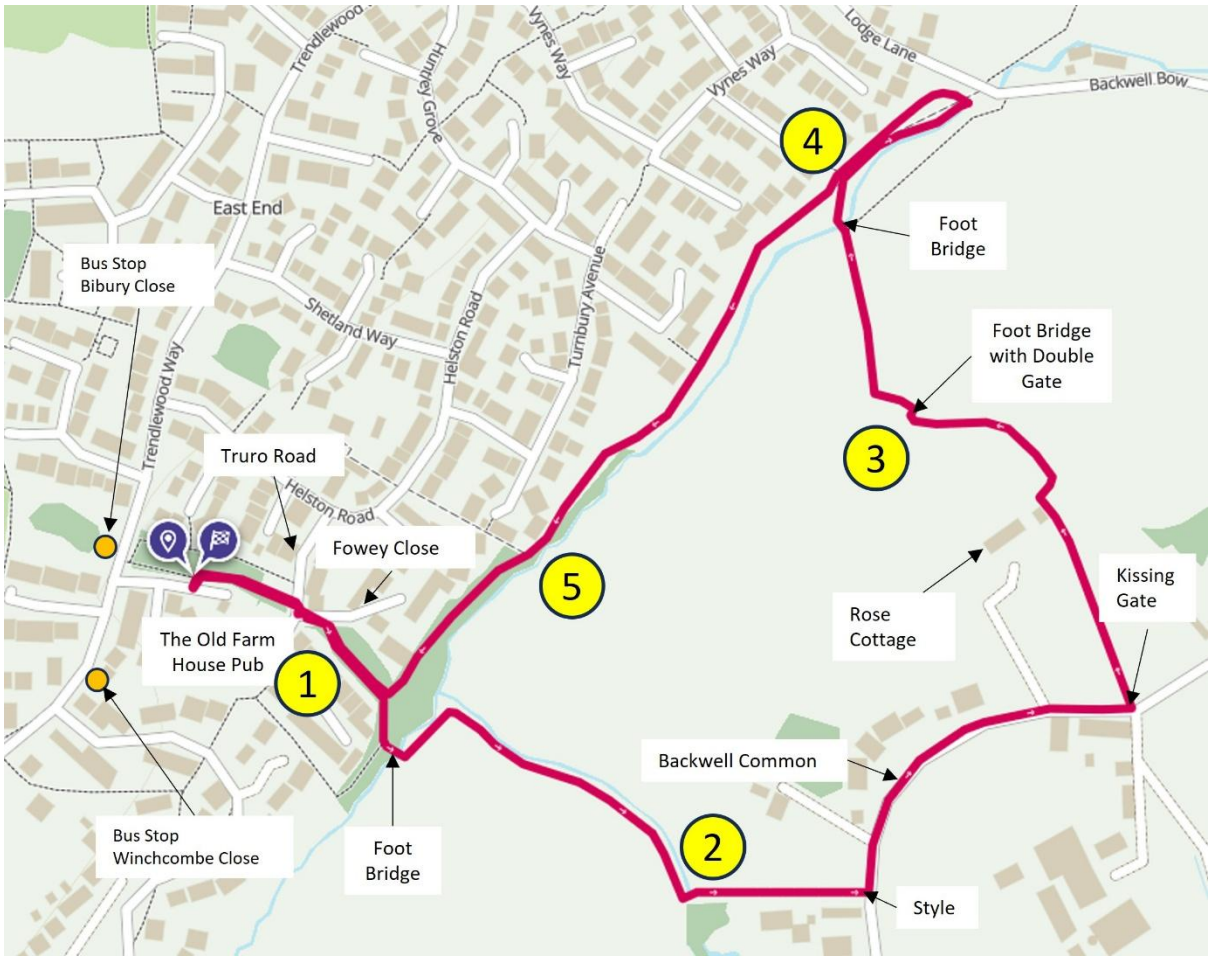
The water quality is unknown and should not be ingested.

Falling Trees

Do not enter the wooded areas during high winds.

There is a potential risk from falling branches and trees. Many trees have Ash Die Back and the history of mining can result in poor root holding.

The Route



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The route to be followed is shown in red on the maps. The numbers on the route refer to the sketch maps in the text.



The Old Farm House Public House

Stand in Chelvey Rise and look towards the pub car park. The pub was the farm house for East End Farm until the land was sold for the development of the Trendlewood estate in the 1980s.

The shallow valley on your left is part of Trendlewood Community Park and connects parkland on Nailsea's eastern boundary with the rest of the park.



The Park Alongside Chelvey Rise

Near the entrance to the pub car park, looking into the shallow valley, enter the valley taking the track to the right, being careful in damp weather as the track can be slippery.

Follow the track for a short distance and then cross Truro Road, re-entering the park at the junction with Fowey Close which is in front of you.

Proceed along the path turning half right near the information board onto the surfaced path. The surfaced path leads to a foot bridge with a gate. The ground to your left is managed to encourage wild flowers. The purchase of wild flower seed was funded by the Nailsea Lions, as a result this area is now known as 'Lion Corner'.



Map 1 - Chelvey Rise to Farmland Boundary Track

The stream under the bridge is the infant River Kenn. The hedge row along the river bank is known as the 'Kenn Hedge' and it is a very important wildlife habitat.

There is a thriving bat population in the area for which the Kenn Hedge is very important.

The Friends of Trendelwood park have recorded fourteen different species of bat in the park.

Cross the bridge and turn left. If you have a 1:50k or 1:25k Ordnance Survey Map with you it will show a public footpath going across the field from the bridge. There is no sign of this path on the ground as the accepted route to follow is the field boundary.

You have, for now, left Trendlewood Community Park. The route you are taking follows the River Kenn and then turns to the right to run alongside the field boundary that has a stream on the far side of the boundary hedge.

At certain times of the year live stock are kept in these fields. Do not disturb the animals and if you have a dog with you keep it on a lead. Make sure you close all gates behind you.

Looking across the fields to your left and right there are two clumps of trees that are slightly higher than the other trees in the area. These trees are growing on old mining spoil heaps and are all that remain above ground of two mines nearby.



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Map 2 - Route to Backwell Common, Note the Wooded Spoil Heaps

As you follow the field boundary the second field on the left is known as the Brick Field.

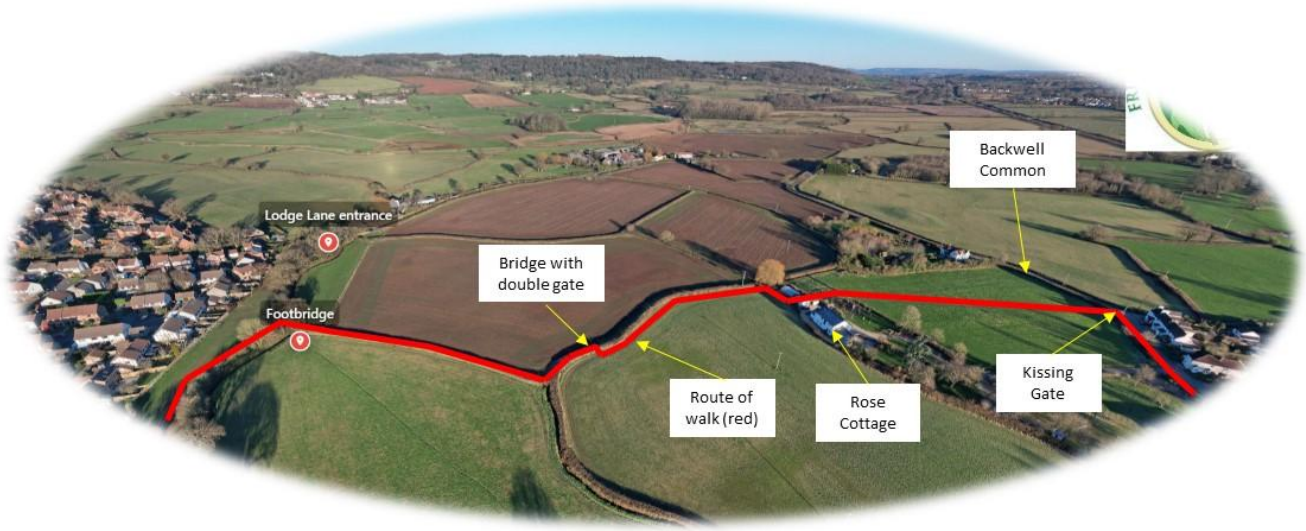
Take the path to the left crossing over the stream with the little waterfall and pass through the gate into the Brick Field. Follow the path straight on with the field boundary on your right.

At the end of the path use the metal gate to access the road which is called Backwell Common. Open the small inset gate to leave the field.

Turn left and walk along Backwell Common. The houses either side are mostly modernised miner cottages; some have their dates of construction on them.

Pass the large entrance to Rose Cottage on your left. Shortly afterwards leave the road by going through the kissing gate on the left and follow the path towards Rose Cottage. This path is a public footpath and it passes through the rear garden of Rose Cottage behind their garage. The path is fenced off from the gardens on either side of it.

There are two gates on the path near the garage building. After passing through the second gate, you are back in the Brick Field. Once again Ordnance Survey maps will show a public footpath crossing the field, but do not use that route. Instead follow the field boundary initially to the right and then around to the left.



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Map 3 - Backwell Common to Trendlewood Community Park

Taking care cross over the small footbridge that has two gates, one at each end of the bridge. There is a big step down off this bridge that can be slippery in damp weather.

Turn left and follow the field boundary.

The Kenn Hedge and the River Kenn are in front of you. Go through the kissing gate and cross the footbridge. Once over the footbridge you have now re-entered Trendlewood Community Park.

Go up the steps and turn right. Keeping the Kenn Hedge to your right follow the track which goes between the trees with the River Kenn on your right. If you are in need of a rest there is bench near the top of the steps.

Just before the gate to Lodge Lane turn left and go up the steps. Do not leave Trendlewood Community Park.



Map 4 – Foot Bridge to the Bench near Bude Close

The open area you have entered was established as a tall grass meadow in 2013.

Walk alongside the tall grass meadow bearing left to pass parallel with the property boundaries.

Continue straight on, leaving the tall grass meadow behind you and staying within Trendlewood Community Park. Go past the steps down to the footbridge on your left.

The area you are walking through is mostly maintained as amenity grass for the local community being cut regularly during the growing season. Some areas, particularly in the early summer are left uncut, this is to encourage wild flowers and insects.

Go straight on. After about 200 metres you will pass under a hedge row, to your left is a bench where you can rest and take in the view across the fields beyond the River Kenn.

Continuing straight on the path and pass through the gate. The tarmac path leading off to the right goes to Helston Road, our route does not go that way.



Map 5 – Gate to Chelvey Rise

Continue straight on until you return to the information board at Lion Corner.

Turn right at the information board and retrace the route back across Truro Road to the Old Farm House public house and Chelvey Rise.

If your boots are clean and it is not a Monday you can eat and drink in the pub.