

A Walk from Brent Knoll with panoramic views of the Mendip Hills and Somerset levels

Journey time by car 8 minutes

Walk time (one way) 40 minutes

Directions from Wall Eden Farm



Take a right at the end of the farm track and right again at the T junction on to the A38. Follow the A38 north until you meet a round-about sign posted for Weston Super Mare (A370) a short distance on turn left at traffic lights. Take the next left after the bend to the school and church. There is road side parking by the church for a few vehicles, so please avoid school times.



Your walk starts here in the grounds of the magnificent East Brent church. Go into the church grounds, keeping to the left and on pass the school. The route is clearly defined by wooden railings, for about 100 metres. There you will find yourself at the bottom of the knoll, with a steady ascent (can be slightly muddy) to the top.

Good to have picked a clear day to view: Burnham on sea with sandy beaches and far reaching estuary, the white washed lighthouse dominates the picture.



Steep Holm, a little further to your right and set quite far out to sea, sit comfortably mid channel between England and Wales. Further left again and there stretching into the channel is Brean Down (Napoleonic fort)



Left again and you will see: Crooks Peak
this great walk for another day.



Next to this a break in the hillside is
Cheddar Gorge famous for its rising cliff
line and caves.



Looking East towards the rising sun and you will recognise, the Glastonbury Tor.



Historically and not so long ago (1300) all this land before you of Somerset levels was covered by water and marsh land, and from here at the very top of Brent Knoll you can see the flood plains where water waterways where navigated by local peoples; local tribes navigated between the tall reeds and built wooden walkways and lived out their lives. Brent Knowle hill started out as a volcano, later settlement for an Iron Age fort, followed by occupation of the Romans.

The views from here are amazing and evoke reflective thought.



It is hard to imagine that the world can change so much, the scene above was once the sea!