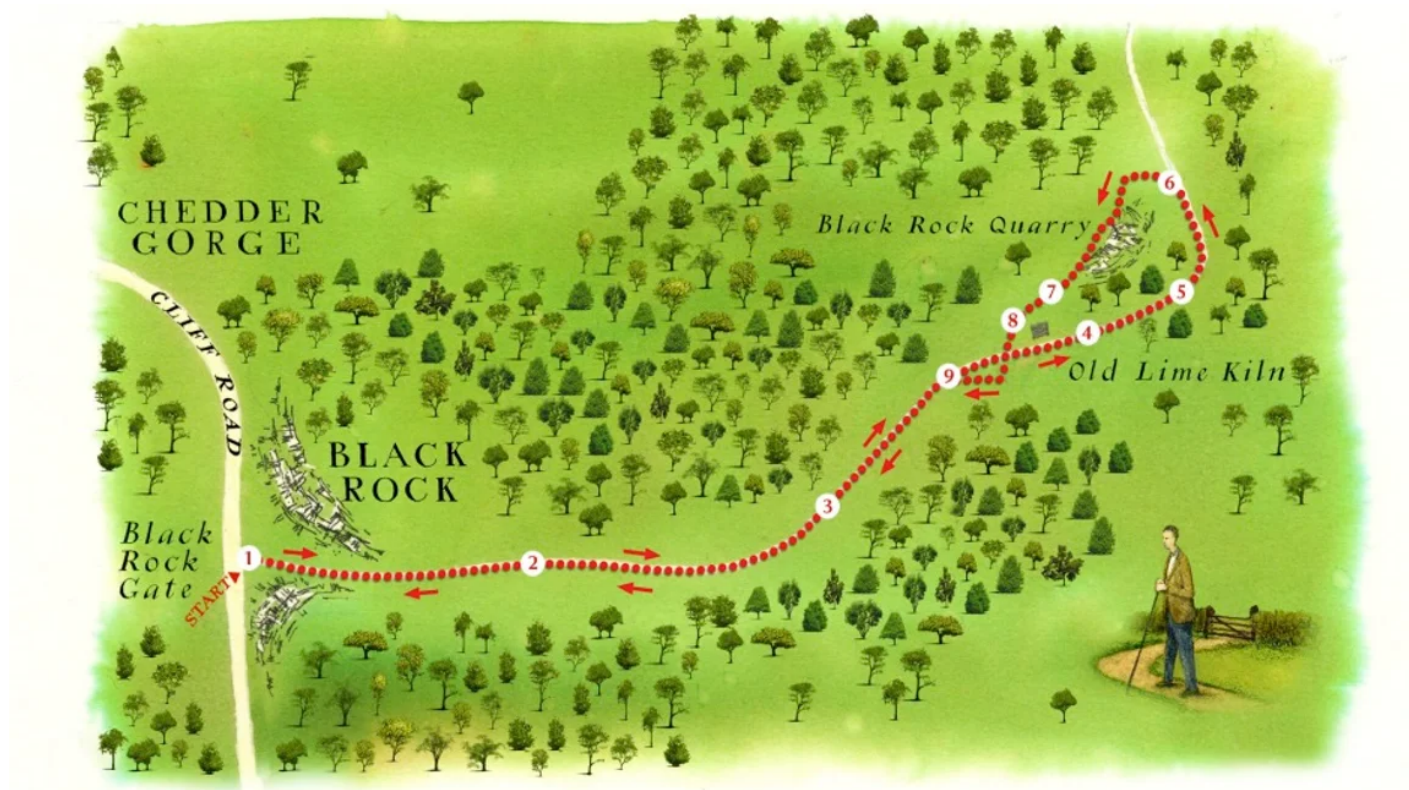


SOMERSET

Black Rock limekiln walk

This is a gentle and easy walk at Cheddar Gorge, through a hidden dry limestone valley, ending in a peaceful grassy area, ideal for a picnic.



Information

Address: The lay-by at Black Rock Gate, Cheddar Gorge, Cheddar, Somerset. Grid ref: ST482546.

OS map: Landranger 182

Activity: Walking

Easy: The walk is flat, with gates, but no stiles. For further information visit the section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome on leads.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Easy

Duration: 30 mins - 40 mins

Terrain

The walk is flat, with gates, but no stiles. There's a hard track surface, but it may be muddy in places during the winter.

Total steps: 9

Start point: The lay-by at Black Rock Gate, grid ref: ST482546

1. Park in the lay-by at Black Rock Gate in Cheddar Gorge.
2. Go through the gate and follow the track through the steep-sided woods. Pass through another gate. Notice how the trees and walls are luxuriant in mosses and ferns.
3. Keep going along the track, coming out of the woods into a steep-sided, sunny limestone grassland valley.
4. Walk past an oldlime kiln on your left, carrying along the track, with a dry-stone wall on your right.
5. You can now see the quarry on your left, continue walking along the track.
6. Head up left onto a flat grassy area, this is ideal for a picnic, or just to sit and enjoy the peace and quiet. House martins, swallows and swifts hawk for insects over this area.
7. Walk across the grass, with the rock face on your right until you are near the top of the limekiln. From here, there's a steep unfenced drop.
8. Pass this on your left and drop back down to the path.
9. Follow this back, retracing your steps, to Black Rock Gate.

End point: The lay-by at Black Rock Gate, grid ref: ST482546