



Chilton Cantelo Figure of Eight

A 2.5-mile walk with muddy terrain, stiles, and bridges

This walk starts at the T-junction South of Ashington (with roads to Yeovil, Ashington, and Mudford), so if you're driving, you'll want to park on the gravel lay-by on the road to Mudford.

First, travel in the direction of the footpath sign towards a bridge across a ditch. After you've crossed, continue in the same direction as before to a larger bridge over the River Yeo (Ashington Bridge), which has a concrete base and large metal railings.

Once across, bear to the left and continue once again in your initial direction across the field. You will come to a small path and bridge; follow it along a hedge and to a series of houses designed by Thomas Hardy. Once you've reached the houses, turn briefly right before turning left again and continuing down another path bordered on both sides with houses or wooden fencing. Cross over another small bridge and a small tarmacked road, continuing to head North with the former Park School on your left. You will eventually come to Chilton Cantelo Church. Turn right at the road, past the church.

You will shortly come to a crossroads. Turn right again, and proceed along the road for 700 yards. You should pass The Lodge and former Park School playing fields on your right, and will come to a series of barns and farm buildings. Once you have passed the last of these on your right, turn right down a marked bridleway consisting of a muddy track, with a tall, corrugated cow shed to the right of the path. This path will open out into a field after around 200 yards, and you should continue in the same direction, towards the river, and go back across Ashington Bridge. This time, hug the hedgerow on the right of the field and continue up the hill, towards a cluster of houses (Ashington). Once you have reached the road in Ashington, turn left, and walk along the road back towards the T-junction. You're back!

