

MENDIP RING LEG 3. FIRST SECTION. SUTTON TO BATCOMBE. 7 MILES.

Start Point Grid Ref. ST633341

1 From the start point walk out to cross the A371 and follow the track signed to East Hill Dairy Unit, when you reach the end of the concrete track keep straight ahead through a gate onto a dirt track taking you out to a road, turn right then just after Wyke Farm on the left look for and cross a stile, aim half right up the hill to the telegraph post then aim for the hedge at the top of the field where you will find a well hidden stile, once over this aim half left for the dogleg in the hedge on the far side of the field where you will cross a stile onto a lane. Turn left down the lane, when you reach a sharp bend to your left turn right by the cottage and follow the bridleway up to the top of Lamyatt Beacon.

2 On leaving the Beacon do not follow the path into the woods but drop down to a bridlegate to follow the edge of the wood now on your left, to pass through another gate, turn right down the field to exit onto a road via a bridlegate. Cross over the road through the gate and follow the bridleway round the top of the hill. When you can see a large gap in the hedge at the bottom of the hill start to make your way down towards it, a little to the right you will see a stone track through the hedge go through this and up the slope to pass through a gate onto a metalled drive, turn right and on reaching a gate on your left go through this then straight ahead through the remains of a hedge to turn left up the hill. At the top turn right and follow the hedge to pass through a gate with a sign telling you to watch out for the Rabbits! Now follow the path across this field to reach Snakelake Lane, turn right and at the bottom of the hill turn left into Whaddon Wood. Follow the path through the wood to reach a stile at the end then follow the stream on your left to cross a bridge after which you turn right and walk up through the farm yard. At the end of the barns turn left, pass the cottages and follow the drive up to the road.

3 Turn right then left over the stile follow the hedge across the field to another road turn right and take the left hand fork. Proceed down the hill and you will see a path on your right take this and work your way down the hill through a gate, aim for the church this will take you into a track at the bottom of the field, go over the stile round to the left then follow the lane on your right up the hill to reach the road, turn right to reach Batcombe Church.