



Upper to Lower Morton

Distance: 4.5km Time: 1-1 1/2 hours Starts: Butt Lane/Morton Way Crossroads

Having lived on this side of Thornbury for 5 years, we had never had ventured out into this part of the surrounding countryside, and boy have we been missing out! This lovely route takes you out of Thornbury into Upper Morton, through peaceful fields and farm tracks. It then loops back into Lower Morton, coming back out onto Butt Lane.

There are some good views over to the River Severn and Wales, making us think how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area. This walk makes us feel like we are out walking on holiday!

1. The walk starts at the crossroad between Butt Lane and Morton Way.
2. Walk down Morton Way. Take the first road on the left - Badger Road (through the new builds).
3. Follow Badger Road as it curves to the right. You'll see a road signposted 'Nos 25-35 ODDS', turn left here and follow the path straight ahead to a stile in the hedgerow.
4. Climb over the stile into the field beyond and go straight ahead to the gate in the top right hand corner. Once through the gate, follow the lane straight ahead which takes you out onto the B4061 Gloucester Road.
5. Walk along the right along the verge for a very short time and on the opposite side you will see a public footpath. Cross over and climb over the stile, then follow the path in the grass straight ahead to a second stile.
6. Once over this, carry on straight ahead across the field to the opposite site. The footpath isn't clear in the field so you may find it useful to refer to our maps here. You are heading directly towards the pylon that has woodland behind it.
7. Once across the field, climb over the series of two stiles, then go left, following the very edge of the field. Keep the hedge on your left at all times.
8. After you've walked a while, you'll cross from the part of the field with crops growing in it, into a more grassy area (past the water trough). Keep following the edge of this, again with the hedge on your left.
9. Just before you reach the end of the field area, there is a broken stile leading into the field on your left. Take this.
10. In our video we now stray slightly off the footpath as we didn't want to walk across the crops and the path was not clear. We followed the edge of the field round to our right, turning the corner and then joining up with the footpath (which you can see is where the tractor has driven) just after the section of field where there has been a bit of a landslide into the ditch below.

However the path should be straight ahead of you as you enter the field, then turning left before you reach the other side. We'll leave it to you to decide what is appropriate.

11. Whichever way you get to it follow the path through the field, following in the tractor marks. You are heading slightly uphill and essentially doubling back on yourself from the way we just walked, the woodland now on your left. We recommend you refer to our maps if you are confused about this section.
12. When you reach the end, you will see a track straight ahead, leading away from the field. Follow this track until you come out on the road.
13. Cross the road and continue along the one directly opposite, until you reach the end and Morton Baptist Church.
14. Turn left and follow the road (which is Morton Street) all the way until it comes out on Butt Lane.
15. Just as you join Butt Lane, there is a public footpath leading into the new build estate on your left. Go through the kissing gate and walk straight ahead on the path running in between the hedge and the houses. Keep following this until you reach the end and then turn right and follow the path/hedge on your left until you reach another gate out onto Butt Lane again.
16. Turn left and follow Butt Lane to the end. Cross back over to Morton Way and you are back to where you began!

