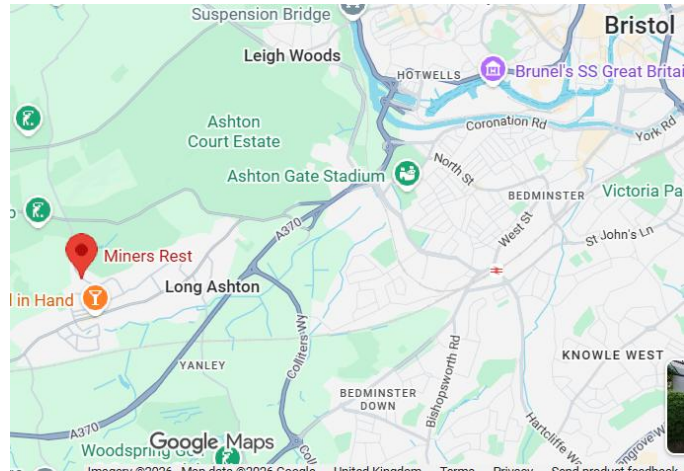


Miners Rest Walk

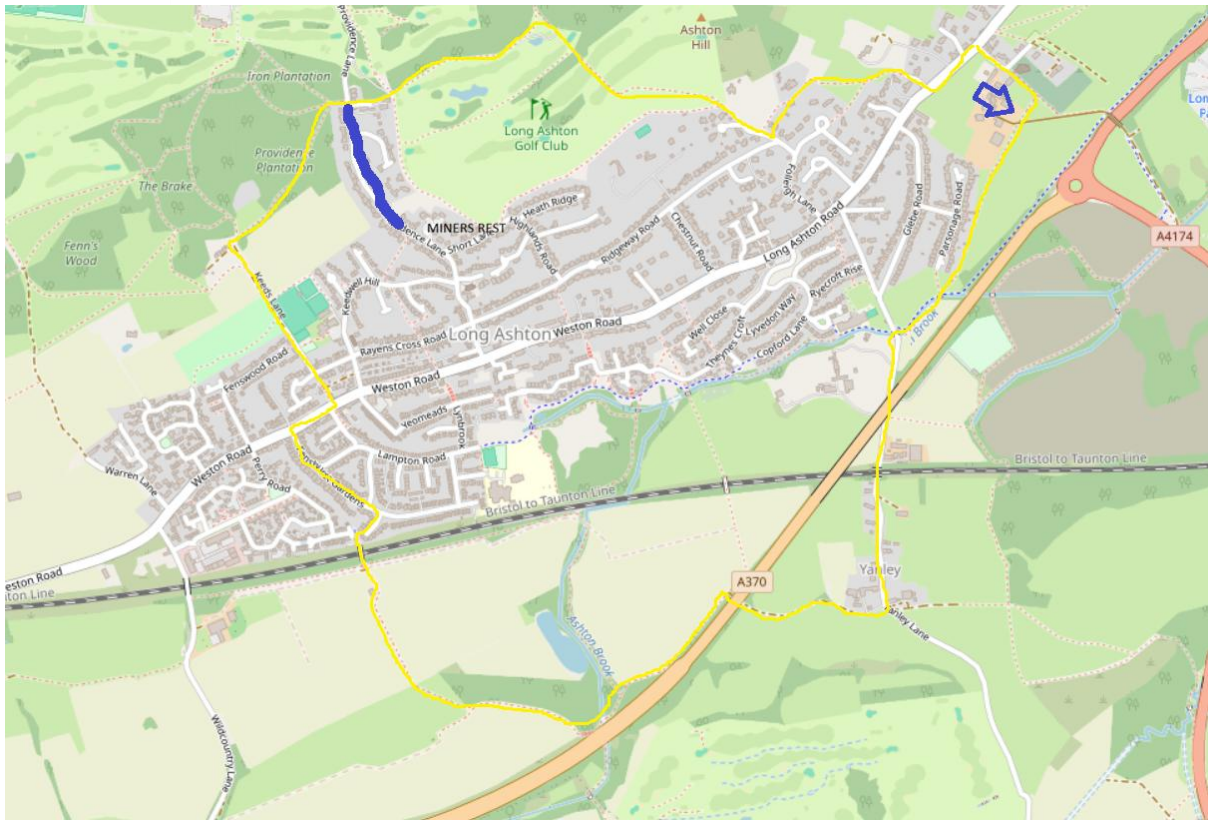
Miners Rest. You can too.

OVERVIEW

This route takes a satisfying tour of the countryside surrounding Long Ashton before looping back through the village centre and climbing Ashton Hill towards the Miners Rest. It begins at the Ashton Court end of the village, setting off down Church Lane. Fine views of Bristol on the return, including the massive development of the new HQ of Epic Software, a Health Record software company.



Start/Finish	Walk starts on Weston Road, near to the Angel Inn on the outskirts of Long Ashton, at the Ashton Court end.
Parking	Roadside parking near Angel Inn. Some parking down Church Lane, to the side of the Angel Inn.
Grid Reference	ST 553 711 is the Angel Inn.
What3Words	///assets.clocks.neck
Distance	4.7 miles/7.5 km Time 2.5 hours Ascent 630 ft / 190 m
Paths/Terrain	Varied! Fields with livestock. Lanes. Good footpaths. Muddy footpaths. Golf course.
Difficulty	Moderate. Some persistent uphills. Fields can be heavy going. There are some logical workarounds if you don't want to share fields with cows at walk start.
Public Transport	Long Ashton is well served by bus from Bristol: X1s/X7/X9. Bus stops outside the Angel Inn.
Toilets	At the Miners Rest. There walk passes close to a parade of shops in Long Ashton where The Old Library Cafe is a good option.
Other Pubs Nearby	Bird in Hand , in Long Ashton. The Angel Inn at the start of the walk was closed when I visited. Would like reports of its status please.



DIRECTIONS

1. Starting on the main road (Weston Road), outside The Angel Inn, take Church Lane to the right-hand side of the pub, leading to All Saints Church. Pass through a gate into the graveyard as you approach the church and follow this with the wall on your right-hand side until a kiss gate into the fields of Parsonage Farm. It has a number of footpath badges to mark the way.
2. Pass through the gate, and from here, follow the line along the wall into the next field. You'll cross 4 x fields in all, pretty much in a straight line, until you reach a gate onto a cycle path. Cows were being released from a barn as I passed, so expect livestock here.
3. Once onto the cycle path, turn right. This is [Festival Way](#), which connects Bristol and Nailsea. As the path emerges onto a lane, turn left to follow the lane in the direction of the A370.
4. Pass underneath the A370 and on towards the railway bridge. Pass under that too. Start uphill gently through the hamlet of Yanley, where the road narrows, until you reach the top of the lane, marked by footpath signposts left and right. Go right in front of Yanley Barn.
5. Pass through a gate to join a country lane. Woodspring Golf & Country Club is over the hill on the left! Continue down the lane, which winds to the right, back towards the A370 again. Pass under the bridge and turn left at the T junction in the paths.

6. The route runs in parallel below the A370 for a spell, before opening up onto a grassy area where paths go to the left, or down to the right into woodland. Continue on the left spur and soon spy steps uphill through trees to the side of the road. About 40 of them in all.
7. As you break out of the woods into a field, you'll see a sign on a gate declaring this to be Bristol University land. Skylarks were in full voice when I visited. Turn right to follow the hedge row until you see a gate into a newly planted wood/field area below, heading back towards Long Ashton. Take this short section to join a narrow path, a pencil straight divide between two fences with fields either side.
8. Emerge onto a bridge over the railway, here entering the village of Long Ashton. Within 25M of the bridge, a footpath leads off to the right between houses, continue slightly left. As you pass the Paulman Gardens sign, turn left onto Fenshurst Gardens, following the footpath now all the way up to the main Weston Road. Turn right.
9. After a short way you'll see a parade of shops at the heart of Long Ashton village, and on the left-hand side a path leads uphill by the side of the estate agents, opposite the bus stop. This is Keed's Lane, and starts the climb up Ashton Hill, continue straight on, passing playing fields on left and right as it leaves the houses of the village behind.
10. At the top of this stony/gravelly lane are various path options. Go right into woodland (Providence Plantation). Once turned, you'll see a small-holding field & decorative hut on your left. Still in woodland, the path curves left and then straightens up a steep, narrow passage through bushes. It was pretty muddy going when I did.
11. As houses emerge on the right, continue until you see a distinct footpath going right, with the view of a garage door ahead. This takes you onto Providence Lane.
12. The Miners Rest is 0.2 miles downhill from here. Return to this point to continue the journey. A Public Footpath sign across the road from where you emerged guides you towards the Church (the path follows the left hand-side of the chain fence, alongside the house). You emerge to the rear of the 3rd Tee of Long Ashton Golf Club!
13. There's some navigation around the course now. From where you emerged, follow the 'Village Circular Walk' sign straight on, keeping close to the hedge on your left, and taking heed of golfers coming up the fairway on the right.
14. As the path approaches a pond, you'll see it bears left into woodland, away from the course. A signpost soon guides you to the right, back towards the course.
15. Your route is pretty much a straight line from here across various greens and fairways, so take heed and respect the course. Walk across the green to climb a short bank where a footpath sign says go right, but continue straight on, onto another fairway at the top. You're making for woods over the brow straight in front of you, where you'll find a distinct path leading downhill.

16. Follow this down through the woods, until you emerge onto a tarmac road with houses off. Continue downhill until a lane to the left, signposted Coach House, Fernhill House & Hill House guides you left.
17. You'll reach a right-hand spur, take it. It passes Fernhill House, a lovely position overlooking Bristol. And then another right-hand spur before the entrance to Hill House. It's easy from here!
18. Continue until the path emerges through a gate, downhill to cross a field with fine views of Bristol ahead.
19. The path soon emerges back onto Weston Road, close to the Angel Inn where we started.

NOTES

As this project has taken shape, I've realised that the pubs that truly earn their place on the site aren't the ones with immaculate refurbishments or Instagram-ready menus. They're the ones where you step through the door and feel the past breathe out. The ones where the walls feel like they've absorbed a century of voices. The ones where the photos on the wall are fading not because someone curated them to look vintage (Lounges-style), but because they've simply *been there* since the men in them were alive.

The Miners Rest is one of those places.

It could almost exist in black and white.

This isn't just a pub; this is a fragment of social history.

It's a pub that still feels like the cottage it once was — a front room, a fire, a handful of locals who know each other's stories, and a sense that nothing here has changed because nothing here needs to. The mining photographs on the walls are yellowed now, the edges curling slightly, as though time itself has been leaning on them. They're not decoration; they're memory.

And that's why this entry matters.

Because pubs like this don't have websites.

They don't advertise.

They don't shout.

They simply carry on — until one day they don't.

So, if a few paragraphs on a website can shine a light on a place like this — can say, "Look, here is something real, something that once sustained the working men of a vanished industry" — then that feels like a worthwhile thing to do.