

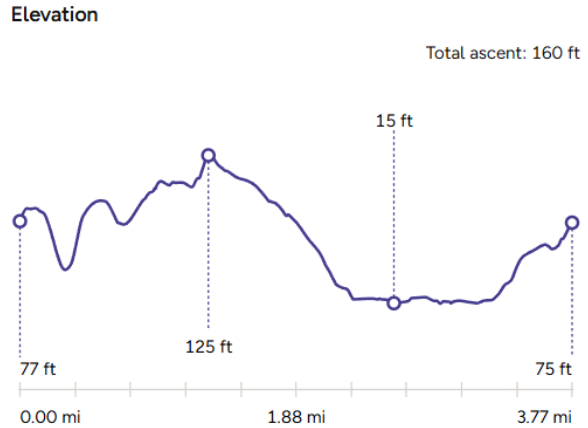
# The Blue Flame Inn Walk

*An easy, enlightening circuit of Nailsea & West End, 3.5 miles.*

## OVERVIEW

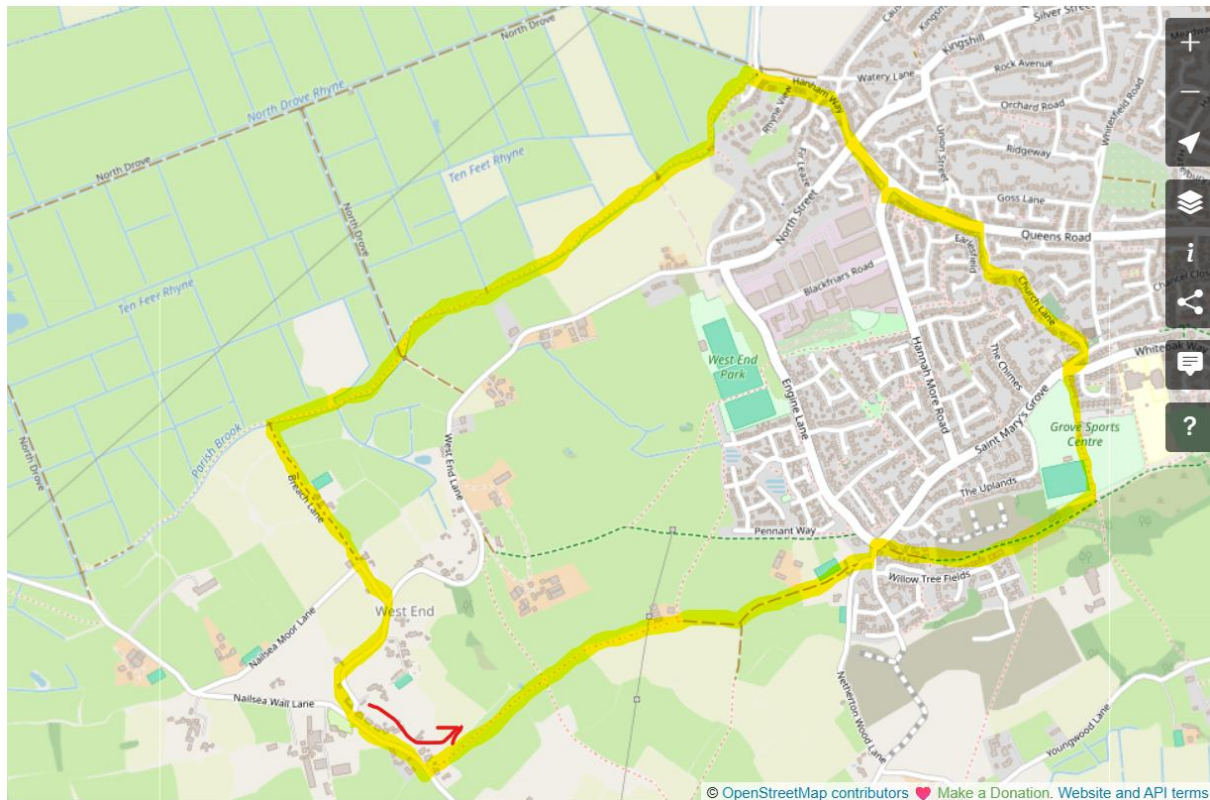
West End is a quiet hamlet outside Nailsea, easily accessed from Clevedon and Backwell too. This walk crosses fields of crops and cows, sports fields, and provides insight into the expansion of the village of Nailsea on its march towards 'towndom'. But this is a wonderful community with an active Anglican church, Holy Trinity, its driving force visited on the way.

There's a short section through the newer residential areas before returning to open fields, with views over towards the iron age hill fort of Cadbury Camp, beyond the new 'ski lift' infrastructure pylons of the Hinkley Point C Nuclear development. An easy, level walk of contrasts.



<b>Start/Finish</b>	<b>The Blue Flame Inn, Netherton Wood Lane, West End, Nailsea, BS48 4DE</b>
<b>Parking</b>	At the pub
<b>Grid Reference</b>	ST 448 690
<b>What3Words</b>	///inflation.regress.globe
<b>Distance</b>	3.8 miles / 6 km <b>Time</b> 1.5 hours <b>Ascent</b> 160 ft / 50 m
<b>Paths/Terrain</b>	Country lanes, fields, woodland paths. Stiles and gates. Cattle in a few of the fields, but they were mostly disinterested.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy
<b>Public Transport</b>	Nailsea is served by bus from Bristol & Clevedon.
<b>Toilets</b>	The Blue Flame; Grove Sports Centre; Ring O' Bells.
<b>Other Pubs Nearby</b>	The walk passes the Ring O'Bells in Nailsea, where beer was once served through a window. Other options in Nailsea include the Moorend Spout; and the Nailsea Micropub off the High Street.

## DIRECTIONS



1. With your back to the Blue Flame, turn left through the small hamlet of West End. You're looking for a narrow footpath on the left by a telegraph pole, approx 200 metres from the pub, that runs between a fence and a wall. It looked like the nettles were looking forward to a bumper summer.
2. This route is part of The Nailsea Round and we'll follow it for much of the way. It's well signposted. Enter the field over a stile, and follow the left hand hedge boundary to the far end hedge. A now defunct bridge in the corner should be ignored. Instead, follow the hedge round to the right and you'll find a gate and footbridge into the next field.
3. Follow the field uphill, one of the only slopes on this walk. There's an ancient stone stile over a wall ahead of you. There are likely to be cows in this field, or the next few fields. They showed no interest when I passed.
4. Continue straight ahead through the next field, past barns on your left. You'll see the signposted path that takes you onto a farm track. Follow this, straight ahead initially, then arcing a little to the right to a gate, leaving the farmland.
5. The new housing development of Nailsea is ahead of you, just beyond some stables. Bear left at the road. The housing development is on the other side. Cross to that side of the road and continue left. There's a track running to the right just beyond the housing development.

6. This is a wooded track that separates some of the older housing of Nailsea from the new development. Follow this until there are no houses on either side, the path opens out and a high green sports fence appears on the left. Continue until a path head left towards the sports fields of Grove Sports Centre. Follow this past the football pitch on your left, towards the clubhouse, and cricket pitches either side.
7. Exit the Sports Club onto the road, with The Ring O'Bells in front of you. Cross here, towards Holy Trinity Church.
8. Follow Church Lane to the left in front of the church, continuing as it winds around, eventually past the Church Hall, then narrowing down a lane showing a 'no through road' sign. Some of the cottages here are 18th century.
9. As Church Lane meets the main road - Queens Road - turn left. Stick to the pavement, continuing over Hannah More Road (past the Coop on your left). Cross straight over at the next junction, and continue onto Hanham Way, with Bakers the Butchers on your left.
10. At the end of the housing development, cross a brick bridge and take the left hand footpath that follows the stream (rhyne). Please Keep To The Footpath in capitals is a sign on the gate, amongst many others.
11. The path is clear from here. It follows the stream through a number of fields, again likely with cattle in some of them. Cross a farm track, continue into the next field. Eventually you'll pass through a gate across a short wooden beam bridge at a sluice gate.
12. In the next field look for a concrete bridge over the stream on your left. There's a 3 bar wooden rail fence along side it, and a metal gate ahead of you onto a farm track.
13. Take this track to start the return towards the pub. It passes some stables, and eventually meets the road - Nailsea Moor Lane. Continue straight ahead onto the lane, watching out for traffic coming from the right. At the next junction, turn right onto West End Lane and continue as the lane winds around past some lovely old cottages, eventually reaching the Blue Flame.