



# Edford Wood, Edford Meadows and Harridge Wood Nature Reserves

Explore Somerset Wildlife Trust's Edford Wood, Edford Meadows, Harridge Wood and the surrounding landscape.

**Start:** Car parking in the layby on Green Lane next to the entrance to Edford Wood, ST662483

**Terrain:** Public footpaths with stiles and gates. Be aware of grazing animals and keep dogs on leads around livestock.

**Distance:** Approx. 2 or 4 miles

**Approx time:** 1.5-3 hours

Go For a Wild Walk



## Kingfisher

Look out for a flash of blue as they fly by. But with patience they may be seen feeding from a post or stump.

Harridge Wood Nature Reserve

Harridge Wood Nature Reserve

Edford Wood Nature Reserve

Edford Meadow Nature Reserve

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## Common Pipistrelle Bat

Pipistrelles often roost in the roof spaces of houses and can often be seen in gardens or feeding on insects around street lights at dusk.



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Start: Blackmoor car park, ST505556

## Otter

*Look for dark smears of poo  
with fish bones in them on  
prominent stones or logs. This is  
how the Otter marks its territory.*



## 2 and 4 mile routes

- 1 Enter Edford Wood Nature Reserve over the stile (on the right hand side of the stream) and follow the path through the woods to the stile at the end.
- 2 Go over the stile and walk across the field to the kissing gate. Walk through the yard, past the green barn to the road.
- 3 Cross the road in Marsh Lane and walk down the lane. Take the first road on the left, signposted to Coleford. Walk along the road, up the hill and past the white house on the left.
- 4 Go through the kissing gate on the left and follow the path round to the left, go through the other kissing gates and enter Edford Meadows Nature Reserve.
- 5 Go through the gate on the right and walk through the fields, before coming back to the first field and carrying on along the footpath, through the kissing gates and into the wood.
- 6 Follow the path through the woods to the stile. Go over the stile into the field and follow the footpath straight ahead of you until you get to the road.
- 7 Cross the road, enter the field through the kissing gate and walk across the field to the stile. Go over the stile and turn right and follow the track.
- 8 Go through the kissing gate on the left, down the steps and follow the path across the field to the right.
- 9 Keep following the track through the gate and over the stream into the next field.

- 10 Climb through the metal bars on the left, across the field to the kissing gate. Keep following the line of trees until you follow the path down to the road. Go through the gate and return to the layby.

## To continue on the 4 mile walk...

- 11 Before you get to the road, go through the kissing gate on the right and enter Harridge Wood Nature Reserve.
- 12 Follow the path through the woods to the stile. Go over the stile, turn left and follow the path to the track leading to the house.
- 13 Go over the stile on the right and enter Harridge Wood. Follow the path through the wood to the gate at the end and turn left onto the road.
- 14 At the road junction go over the stile on the right and follow the path along the stream.
- 15 Go through the kissing gate into Harridge Wood. Follow the path through the wood, over the stone bridge and follow the path up the hill.
- 16 At the top of the hill where the path splits, turn left and follow the path into the woods. Follow the rough path above the river.
- 17 When you get to the steps, turn left and go over the foot bridge. Follow the path up, turn left past Keepers Cottage and go through the gate into the field.
- 18 Follow the path across the next two fields.
- 19 At the road turn left and walk down the road to the junction. Turn right here and keep walking along the road until you are back at the layby.