

British Walking Federation Langport and Huish Walk organised by Yeovil Yompers Permanent Trail 227



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DISTANCE: 11Km

GRADE: 2 (due to short steep section in woods and railway crossing) **ENTRY FEE**: By cheque £1.50 per walker, cash £1. **AWARD**: None

STAMP: By post to contact, cheques made payable to Anna Stares or cash in person in Yeovil by prior arrangement or any walk that the organiser attends.

START VENUE: Whatley Long Term Car Park, Langport. Map: OS Exp129 ST419266 SAT NAV CODE: TA10 9PD

CAR PARKING: At start, free.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: At start & finish.

REFRESHMENTS: In Langport: Takeaways, supermarket, shops, public houses and tea rooms.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Bus services from Yeovil/Taunton. Nearest railway Taunton/Yeovil. **NEAREST TOWN**: Langport, start & finish. It is central to the Somerset Levels, the Parrett river runs adjacent to it..

ROUTE DESCRIPTION Updated 29th July 2022

Exit car park on right of the Library, cross lane and straight on short steep uphill path to top. Veer right at lane to road, turn right. Cross road, turn right passing church to reach the *"Hanging Chapel"*, a grade 1 listed building from the 13th century, originally a defensive gateway of the town, has had numerous uses since, pass on left and ahead on road round bends to reach St Mary's Church, cross road to entrance of car park and information board on left.

Q1 Who was the General who led the Parliamentarians in the Battle of Langport?

Back to road at entrance and turn right to pass the War Memorial on right. Ahead to cross road near The Rose and Crown (Eli's) and turn left into Pounsell Lane. Ahead on track to kissing gate, cross small section of field on left to Bristol gate. Ahead on enclosed path through kissing gates to cross the main line railway (Extra Care!). Ahead on tree lined path to reach Kelways Garden Centre, keep to right through gate to road. Cross, turn left to end of low wall and turn right down steps to track. Stay on track, fence on right, through gate to driveway and follow to reach road at green triangle.

Q2 On green triangle, commemorative stone, what jubilee?

Turn left on road and turn right uphill on lane to Y junction and green triangle, go left. Stay on main lane ignoring any lanes left or right to quarry entrance on left.

Q3 On telegraph pole on left of gate, what is the black number on white disc?

Ahead to reach a small "layby" just before the mobile phone mast, turn left onto enclosed footpath. Keep on path as it goes downhill in copse taking great care after rain, can be

very slippery to narrow steps at bottom. Cross road, beware blind bend on right, ahead downhill, go left at junction and ahead through Coombe.

Q3 Name of second house on right (after Little Ham Farm).

20m after stone wall on right opposite gravel driveway, turn right through gate into field. Keep to right hedge to gate into next field, straight on cattle track between small trees with the rhyne on the right. Through gates and over bridges maintaining the rhyne on right ro reach steps on right by sluice gate up and through gate to reach the river and go right under the railway bridge. Keep to river bank reaching Private sign turn left on gravel path to turn right into Town Gardens and information boards.

Q4 Name of Family Bank.

Through gardens under archway, *this is the Town Hall building with a Flea Market on right,* at pavement turn right. Stay on pavement to reach pedestrian crossing, passing *a nice lunch stop*, cross to left and turn right. A few metres turn left on rough track and follow round to right to cross pedestrian river bridge on right, *another cafe/bakery on right!* On reaching road turn left through mini industrial area to reach "squeeze stile" on left, ahead on path to next "squeeze stile" to turn left on The Drove, a wide track that takes you to Huish river bridge (known locally as Black Bridge!).

Q5 Grid reference of the bridge, 42--- 26---

Over bridge and turn left through car park and picnic area along path, river on left, rhyne on right, straight on to eventually cross small footbridge and turn right into the car park. Well Done - you have finished!.

Yeovil Yompers hope you have enjoyed your walk, please come again!

When you have completed this trail please use the Permanent Trail Entry Form.

The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

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