



13 CHESHIRE BICKERTON HILL & RAW HEAD

► Distance: 6½ miles/10.5km ► Time: 4 hours ► Grade: Moderate

The magnificent view from Raw Head.



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West Cheshire's sandstone ridge rises

above the county's central plain offering great walking country with wooded heights and unexpected (and dramatic) viewpoints. The Sandstone Trail Footpath follows the ridgeline and a good path network make this a great place for a walk. Our route is an energetic circuit of Maiden Castle, Bickerton Hill and Raw Head – the highest point in West Cheshire at 745ft/227m.

1 Start

At the end of Coppermines Lane go L ('Sandstone Trail – Raw Head/Whitchurch')

at junction. Follow the track leaving it to go half L through kissing gate on the Sandstone Trail further on. Follow path through woods forking half R at marker dropping through woods and crossing stile to track. Go L following track through gate/opening/stile. Keep ahead to reach lane. Shortly go R at the path crossroads. Descend steps going R at track junction. Go Immediately L over stile. Descend steps curving R under house. Continue into woodland via kissing gate. Pass through woods exiting via gates to 'Harthill' entrance. Go L descending path curving L/R descending by fence. Pass through gate continuing ahead to road in Harthill.

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Roadside parking at the end of Coppermines Lane (Gallantry Bank), grid ref SJ520550

Is it for me?

Good tracks/paths/lane walking. Steep ups/downs with some rough going.

Dogs on leads

Stiles 11

PLANNING

Nearest town Beeston

Refreshments

The Bickerton Poacher (near start)/Beeston

Public toilets None

Public transport

Nothing to start

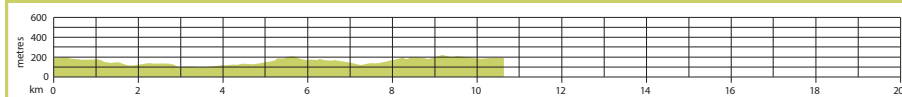
Maps OS Explorer 257; Landranger 117

2 1½ miles/2.2km

Cross over going R then L rising keeping L of Church. Pass through gate/stile taking track through buildings to pass through gate/stile. Follow track



GRADIENT PROFILE



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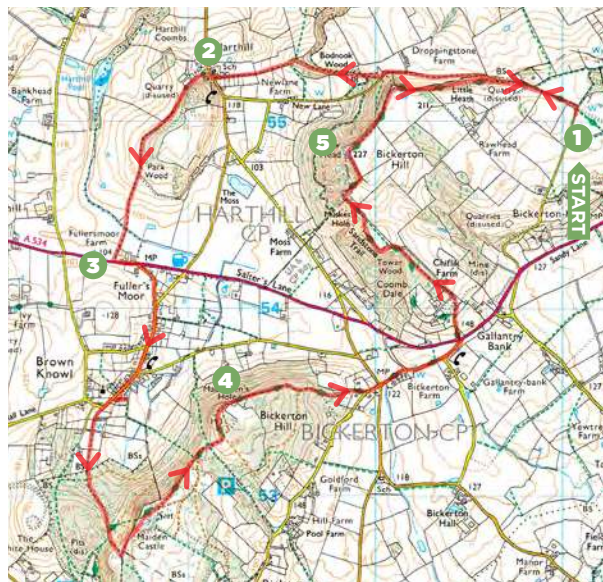
crossing stile/gate. Continue ahead by wood L curving L around hillside. Follow line of electric fence descending over stile. Descend L edge next field crossing stile L near bushes. Go half R crossing three stiles and a bridge to follow path up field through kissing gate to A534.

3 2¼ miles/3.6km

Cross road going L then R at next junction for 'Brown Knowl' taking Simthy Lane. Follow lane passing Church. When lane bends R take Lower Sandy Lane L going R at lane end. Rise going L by house. At next fork stay R (ahead) curving L at next fork (main track). Go ahead through gate when track bends R. Rise up track going L at junction (two posts). At next junction go ahead rising over heath. At next junction cut L descend to multi path junction/sign. Go half R (path R of Sandstone Trail) rising to junction on escarpment edge. Go L following path along hillside. Join Sandstone Trail going ahead up steps to go L at path crossroads. Follow Sandstone Trail over Maiden Castle to descend track/steps to junction of paths. Go ahead (Sandstone Trail) continuing ahead at next junction. At gully head go L for 'Raw Head/Beeston'. Continue to stone on summit.

4 4¼ miles/6.8km

Follow the Sandstone Trail ahead descending the hillside



passing through the kissing gate. Follow path through kissing gate. At lane go L going ahead at crossroads. Rise to A534. Cross half L (Sandstone Trail) taking the lane uphill. Stay ahead after Walnut Cottage following the track to curve L. Pass through kissing gate at end of surfaced track. Rise on the path following Sandstone Trail rising and dropping using steps where available. At the viewpoint L continue to drop again passing the viewpoint. Pass the fence L by a steep drop. Follow the path/Sandstone Trail rising up steep steps further up. Follow Sandstone Trail to summit Raw Head.

5 5½ miles/8.85km

Go R following the Sandstone Trail by the wall and later a fence to descend the hillside. After some rises/falls continue ahead ignoring any turnings off to pass outcrops. Descend to pick up the outbound route at the marker. Follow the Sandstone Trail through kissing gate going R on track to Coppermines Lane. **CW**

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