# Almost The West Mendip Way

## Date: 13th July 1985

## Distance/Ascent: 33.2 miles, 5592 feet

## Leader: Marcus Harling

## Route Description:

* Start at Weston-Super-Mare sea front (ST 317 606).
* South along sea front and beach to Uphill beach, road round south side of Uphill.
* Up to church and windmill returning to road at (ST 321 584).
* Eastwards along minor roads, crossing A370 at (ST 325 582) and along Bleadon Hill.
* Path to west edge of Christon Plantation, track south-south-east down Loxton Hill to Loxton Village. Road across M5 to Webbington.
* Path on north side of Crook Peak passing over Compton Hill and Wavering Down and through King’s Wood to cross A38 at (ST 423 561 )
* Path across north side of Fry’s Hill to (ST 435 561), north to track junction at (ST 436 566)
* East along track to road. Road north through Shipham to crossroads at (ST 444 578)
* Path north-west to A38 at (ST 439 584) and ahead north-east on track to (ST 445 594)
* Path through wood to A38 crossing at (ST 446 594) and on over Dolebury Warren to cross-tracks at (ST 466 586). South up track through forestry to exit from forestry at (ST 469 574). Path across Beacon Batch to (ST 492 568).
* South on path over minor road and past east side of Long Wood to descend Black Rock Valley to B3135 at head of Cheddar Gorge.
* Across B3135 to ascend then descend along the south rim of Cheddar Gorge to reach minor road at (ST 463 536)
* Road south-east to Bradley Cross then path south-east uphill passing to west of Carscliff Farm. Path south past Batcombe Farm to join minor road and then A371 at (ST 476 512)
* A371 into Draycott, north-east on lane from (ST 477 509) uphill then path eastwards to road junction at (ST 512 513). Road eastwards into Priddy turning south at (ST 528 508)
* Along road to (ST 526 502). Path south-east then south to track at (ST 530 494)
* Track east then path south and then again west (round east side of Higher Pitts Farm) to head of Ebbor Gorge. Path down gorge to Wookey Hole then south-east into Wells to bus station at (ST 546 454). Return on bus to Weston-Super-Mare.

## Weather: Hot and sunny for most of walk. Mainly hazy views, light warm breeze. Becoming overcast then steady rain from Draycott to Wells.

## Participants: Marcus Harling, Nick & Julia Kaye, Andrew Clabon, Mike Evans, Keith Bennet, Roger Blake, Peter Lewis, Chris Coy, Frank Wood, Richard Brooke, Chris & Shirley Hume.