



A walk on a forest track through woodland alongside the picturesque River Barle.



Start point: Small car park beside Marsh Bridge

Postcode: TA22 9QG

Grid Reference: SS 907 290

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Distance: ¾ mile / 1.2km (there and back) with 85 feet / 25m of ascent to the cottage.



Toilets: None on site, nearest accessible toilets in Dulverton TA24 7TB



Refreshments: A range of pubs and tea rooms in Dulverton.

Grade: Access For Many: Suitable for sturdy pushchairs, assisted wheelchairs and more robust, all-terrain type equipment.

Directions: From the car park, walk over the bridge, and on the far side take the footpath heading upstream in front of the cottage. Signed to 'Hawkridge and Tarr Steps'. Turn around and retrace your steps when you reach New Invention Cottage, or for a longer and slightly more challenging walk continue along the track over a rise before descending back down to the river.

Surface and terrain: The walk from Marsh Bridge to New Invention Cottage runs close to the river along a relatively smooth stone track. There is one climb of around 120 metres of 1:10 slope, followed by a slightly steeper (max. 1:8) 100 metre descent. Beyond the cottage, the track continues, but is steep (max. 1:6) with another 75 feet / 20m of ascent and descent and some muddy and rougher sections.

- Marsh Bridge dates from the early 18th Century, and unusually has a decorative steel (originally these were cast iron) rather than stone parapets.
- Look out for dippers on the river. These beautiful little birds get their name from the way they bob up and down. Their plumage is amazingly waterproof and enables them to swim in fast flowing rivers and even walk on the river bed, in their search for caddis fly larvae and other invertebrates.

