

28 Cheddar Gorge

Distance **8.5 miles/13.5km**

Ascent **347 metres**

Start/finish **Blackrock Gate layby, BA5 3BT**

Follow the track east towards Black Rock, turn L uphill after the gate and around to the L up a long flight of steps and south-west to a path junction. Turn R onto a footpath leading across fields, to the L of Piney Sleight Farm and past Charterhouse Farm to the road (2.6 miles/4.2km). Turn R and then L onto a footpath north-east across fields to the open moorland below Beacon Batch. Skirt the eastern edge of the moorland to a path junction, turn L then after 0.6 miles/1km bear R onto the straight path to the trig point (4.4 miles/7.1km). Run south-east back to the track junction, turn L east to the wireless station masts. Fork R on the road downhill, turn R onto the next road then L onto a footpath to Blackmoor. Turn R at the next junction, then R onto a byway to cross a road. Take the path down Velvet Bottom to the start.

Miles	Km	Directions
0.0	0.0	Follow the track east towards Black Rock, turn left uphill after the gate and around to the left up a long flight of steps and south-west to a path junction.
1.1	1.8	Turn right onto a footpath leading across fields, to the left of Piney Sleight Farm and past Charterhouse Farm to the road.
2.6	4.2	Turn right onto the road then left onto a footpath heading north-east across fields to the open moorland below Beacon Batch. Skirt the eastern edge of the moorland to a major path junction.
3.4	5.4	Turn left following the path uphill onto the open moorland. After about 1km turn sharp right onto a straight path that follows the ridge line, follow this to the summit of Beacon Batch.
4.4	7.1	Follow the path over the back of the hill and south-east back down to the same major path junction as earlier. This time continue straight on through a gate and along a straight path east to the mobile phone masts.
5.3	8.6	Follow the road to the right of the masts downhill and turn right on the lane at the bottom. Turn left onto the next footpath and then right at the path junction and right onto a larger byway. Follow this past the end of a road to a road crossing at ST502554.
6.5	10.5	Cross the road and follow the path down Velvet Bottom, turn left at the path junction following signs to Black Rock. Pass the rock and continue down the track to the start.