Walk 1—Herne Hill. 1 1/2 miles about 1 hr

Herne Hill is the most accessible hill and has far-reaching views to the south and west. It has a delightful Nature Trail and there is an informative leaflet describing the fascinating flora and fauna you are likely to see.

Walk 2—Pretwood Hill.

2 1/2 miles about 1 hr 30 minutes

The Pretwood Hill walk is perhaps the most strenuous and is almost certainly the least well-travelled. There are fine views of the town from the top and a pleasant walk down the Shudrick Stream.

Walk 3—Beacon Hill.

2 1/2 miles about 1 hr 30 minutes

This walk is the longest but is very easy. It has lots of interest and passes through Dillington Estate. There is an excellent Walking Guide. From the beacon, last lit as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, you can see for many miles to the west and north.

ADVICE

Although these are relatively easy walks, you are responsible for your own safety so take care, especially on the road sections, and please keep to the footpaths.

Please also keep dogs on a lead when walking through fields with cattle in them. Wear sensible shoes.

Make sure you have plenty of water, and take some food for your picnic.

Take time to enjoy the views.

If you find yourself out-of-breath—you're walking too fast, so slow down as this is not a race!



The walks start in the town centre in the Market House* The walks will appeal not only to walkers keen to see some of the hidden parts of Ilminster but also the whole family—even the dog!

There are three separate walks which can be done individually, or all three can be linked together to produce a walk around Ilminster on public and permissive footpaths over the three high points of Herne Hill, Pretwood Hill and Beacon Hill (via Dillington House) - hence the "Three Peaks".

The only prize for completing a walk is the satisfaction of having done so.

Have fun and good walking!

* During Ilminster Midsummer Experience they start on the Recreation Ground.

