

# Goblin Combe *for shady valley and airy views*



OS grid ref: ST475 653

Walk details

duration: 2 hrs

grade: moderate

Key to map

 walk

 point of interest

 reserve boundary

 car park

scale

 100m

## Look out for...

From the car park walk back down to the road, bearing right and past the Goblin Combe Environment Centre, following the footpath signs that lead you through a gate and into the Combe bottom until you enter the reserve (1). Continue along the path where gnarled yews grow – it is here where the mysteriously named moonwort flower was first ever recorded. The uncommon white admiral may be seen in July.

As the path divides, stay in the valley bottom, keeping to the route turning off left after 40m (2). Winding your way up the footpath, follow the yellow markers on the trees to the grassland area through a kissing gate (3). Cross the grassland to the interpretation board (4), turning left just before this along the path at the top of the grassland. This leads to the top of the Combe (5) – take care – the cliff to the left is very steep. The views from here take in the western end of the Mendips to the coast of South Wales. From the viewpoint follow the path to the right going down across a stone wall. Follow the path to the bottom of the Combe, taking care when walking down the steep flight of steps (6), until you again reach the reserve entrance. Turn right and retrace your steps.

### How to get there

Park in quarry car park on the left near the Goblin Combe Environment Centre (signposted from the A370).

### Access

Footpaths along floor of Combe can be very muddy and slippery. Take care, and do not approach cliffs and scree slopes.



Moonwort



Green woodpecker



White admiral

Why don't you... count the butterflies – over 30 species to be found!