

Bannerdown

Postcode (nearby): BA1 8EG

UK Grid Ref: ST 794 689

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Overview

An area of unimproved grassland owned by The Batheaston Freeholders Association that is a Nature Conservation area managed under a Natural England Countryside Stewardship Agreement. Path is largely flat and in good condition, but sturdy walking shoes recommended.

Key Species

Dingy Skipper, Large Skipper, Small Skipper, Marbled White, Purple Hairstreak.

Directions & Parking

Head north-east out of Batheaston on the Bannerdown (Roman) Road for approx. 1km.

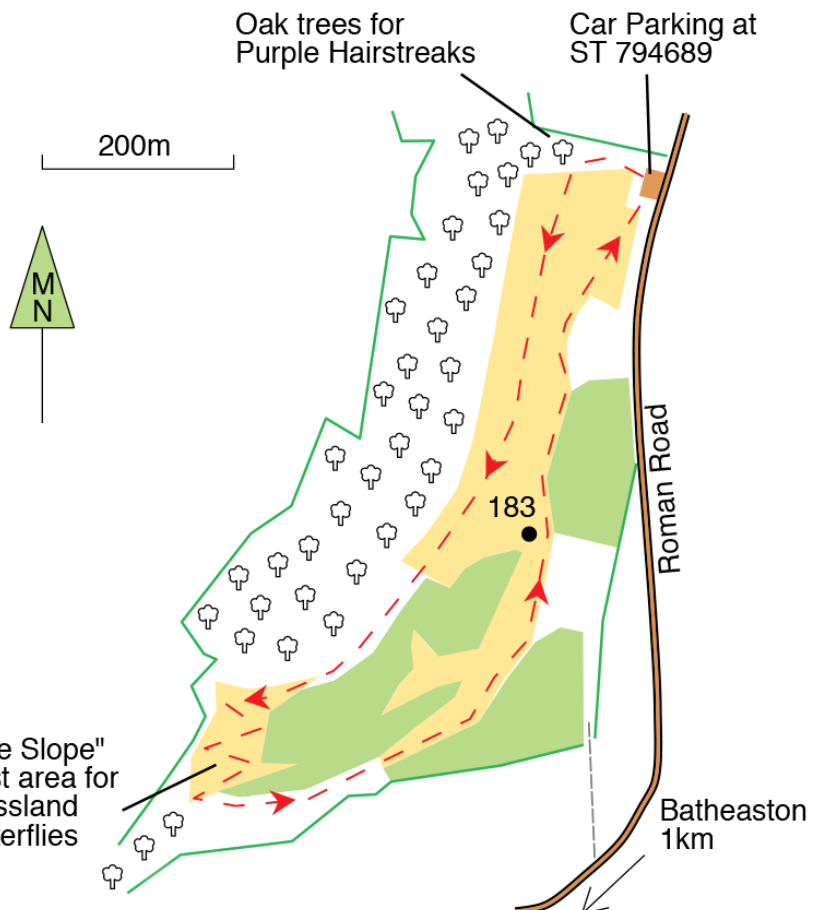
There is a small parking area on Bannerdown (Roman) Road.

Walk

This is a circular walk of around 2.5km and mostly easy walking except for the slope which is rougher and can be muddy. There are steps to the side of the slope which take the path up to the bench and from there the path carries on up to the plateau and eventually the trig point (now almost hidden within the trees). However, the slope has the best variety of species. The path is well used by dog walkers. The area is used to graze cattle at certain times during the season, but they will be fenced in.

Dingy Skipper, Brown Argus, Common Blue, Small Copper and occasionally **Essex Skipper** can all be seen on this site. **Silver Y** are among the moth species to be found here. Look out for **Purple Hairstreak** in oaks near the start of the walk. At the right times of year, Cowslips, Common spotted and Pyramidal Orchids are plentiful on the Common, along with Roesel's Bush-cricket .

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Facilities:

Public Toilets: Batheaston carpark, London Road.

Website / Useful links:

<https://www.batheaston-pc.gov.uk/bannerdown-common>

<http://www.batheastoncommons.co.uk/>

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