

# Stoke Camp

Postcode (nearby): BS27 3SG

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This reserve is owned by Butterfly Conservation and is principally managed for Small Blues.

## Overview

Rising to a height of 265 m on the Mendip ridge, the top of the hill is surrounded by the earthwork of the Iron Age enclosure and there are splendid views towards Glastonbury Tor in the east or westward down the Severn estuary towards Exmoor

## Key Species

Small Blue, Brown Argus, Grizzled Skipper, Dingy Skipper, Wall Brown, Small Heath.

## Directions & Parking

From the A371 at Draycott village, turn at the brown tourist sign to the Gliding Club onto New Road (which joins up with the B3135 near Priddy). Drive up the very steep hill for about half a mile and park at the pull in on the left side of the road beside the Somerset Wildlife Trust (SWT) Draycott Sleights reserve at ST486513.

## Walk

From the entrance opposite Draycott Sleights (SWT) turn left up the slope and cross the field ('House Ground') to a gate in the far wall which is the BC reserve entrance (information board). Sturdy walking shoes are recommended because the ground is uneven and rough in places.

After passing through the gate into the reserve, turn right downhill towards Rodney Stoke Wood. **Small Blue, Grizzled, Dingy, Large and Small Skippers, Small Heaths and Brown Argus** can all be found here during their flight period. Now walk up the slope to your left. (The precise route is not important). The likely location of **Wall Browns** is shown on the map. **Marbled Whites, Small Coppers, Ringlets, Meadow Browns, Painted Ladies** and many other common species can be found here during the season. Other species which may be seen occasionally include **Dark Green and Silver-washed Fritillaries**.

Plants of note include Green-winged Orchids, Autumn Lady's-tresses, Kidney and Horseshoe Vetch.

## Facilities

Community shop in Draycott (*The Street*)

Toilets: Cheddar (*Station Rd (by Tesco), Dags Hole (Gorge) and Cliff St carpark*) or Wedmore (*The Borough*)

## Website / Useful links:

<https://www.somersetbristolbutterflies.org.uk/stoke-camp>

This page has been extracted and updated from the Butterfly Walks in Somerset & Bristol (2015) booklet. Please let the branch know if you find any details need updating.