

# Alpine Club AGM & Dinner – 11 November 2107

## Suggestions for getting out and about

**Venue: Webbington Hotel, Loxton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2HU**

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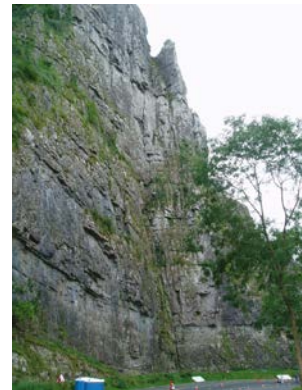
Location: 21 miles south of Bristol on A38 or 27 miles on M5

**Nearest motorway:** M5, J22, 7 miles (or J21 if coming from north)

**Nearest train station:** Weston-Super-Mare, 8 miles

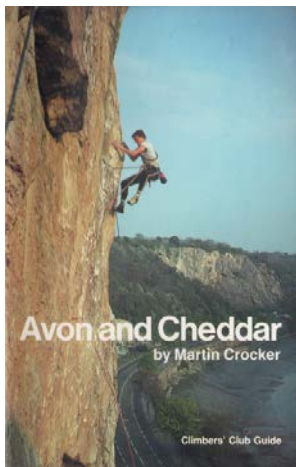
**Nearest airport:** Bristol, 11 miles

Free parking on site (350 spaces)

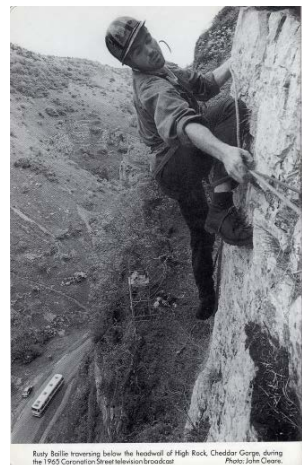


## Local Climbing:

**Cheddar Gorge:** 6.4 miles from Hotel: Trad & bolted sport routes from Mod to E6, up to 400ft in length, including the Crow (E3\*\*\*) and Coronation Street (E1\*\*\*) on High Rock



**Avon Gorge:** 20 miles from Hotel; 1½ miles of SW-facing limestone quarried cliffs, 2 miles west of Bristol city centre; 400+ routes mostly open, clean and sound rock, up 300ft in length, on all grades from Mod. To E6



Rusty Ballie traversing below the headwall of High Rock, Cheddar Gorge, during the 1965 Coronation St event television broadcast  
Photo: John Crane

**Brean Down** – sea cliff: 10 miles from Hotel. Grid ref: ST586297. 60+ routes, mostly E3-E6  
**Goblin Combe:** Grid ref: ST 470653. 70 routes from VD to E6

**Portishead Quarry:** Grid ref: ST 457747. 24 routes from Diff. to E5

**Fairy Cave Quarry** (off Limekiln Lane): 22 miles from Hotel. Grid ref: ST657478. 93 routes on limestone slabs in all grades. Restricted access – contact Ian Butterworth, BMC Access Rep. on [fcq@btinternet.com](mailto:fcq@btinternet.com), giving name, contact details and Club membership.

**Perch Quarry, Shipham Hill:** 6 miles from Hotel. Grid ref: ST555452. 9 sport climbs, max.25m from F5 to F7b

All crags are covered by the 2004 Climbers' Club guide to Avon and Cheddar by Martin Crocker; updated by the 2009 Cheddar Gorge Climbs by Martin Crocker and the 2012 Climbers' Club guide to Fairy Cave Quarry Rock Climbing by Brian Mullan.



Bouldering in Cyclops Cave, Brean Down. Climber: Martin Crocker  
Photo: Matt Wood

**Local climbing shop:** The Gorge Outdoors, Cheddar (tel: 01934 742688)

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#### **Walking:**

The Webbington Hotel is on the West Mendip Way, which traverses the Mendip Hills between Brean Down (Weston-super-Mare) and Wells. Immediately behind the Hotel to the East towards Cheddar is the National Trust Nature Reserve Crook Peak and Wavering Down. To the West, crossing the M5 on the A371 is Loxton Hill, leading to Bleadon Hill, Uphill and Brean Down.

**Crook Peak and Wavering Down:** 6mile circuit, 274m ascent of open, grassy hilltop and ridge

**Brean Down:** 10 miles from Hotel. Start/finish at grid ref: ST586297. 3mle circuit, 95m ascent of open grassy hilltop with c18th. fort, coastal views to Weston and Brean beaches, the Bristol Channel and South Wales.

#### **Walking (cont'd):**

**Doleberry Warren:** 5.25mile circuit, 229m ascent of grassy hilltop, with Iron Age fort, above mixed woodland; National Trust Nature Reserve. start/finish at grid ref: ST444575.

**Beacon Batch and Burrington Combe:** 9 mile circuit, 457m ascent of heather hilltop, above mixed woodland, with distant over the Bristol Channel to South Wales; start/finish at grid ref: ST444575

**Avon Gorge:** 4.25 mile circuit, 107m ascent through Leigh Woods, down to the River Avon, through the Avon Gorge to the Clifton Suspension Bridge, returning up Nightingale Valley; start/finish at grid ref: ST553740

#### **Historic Mendip:**

**Wells Cathedral & Bishop's Palace** – 14 miles

**Bath** – 30 miles - **The Crescent, The Circus, Queen Square, Roman Baths, Abbey**

**Glastonbury Tor and Abbey** – 20 miles via Cheddar and Wells on A371

#### **Nature / bird-watching**

**Westhay Levels, Shapwick Heath and Ham Wall** – nature reserve and visitor centre. Grid ref: ST415426

**Chew Valley Lake** – parking and viewpoints at Grid refs: ST615574 (nature reserve & trails), 594554 & 582571

#### **More information**

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