

Visit Somerset's 360°s

Crook Peak



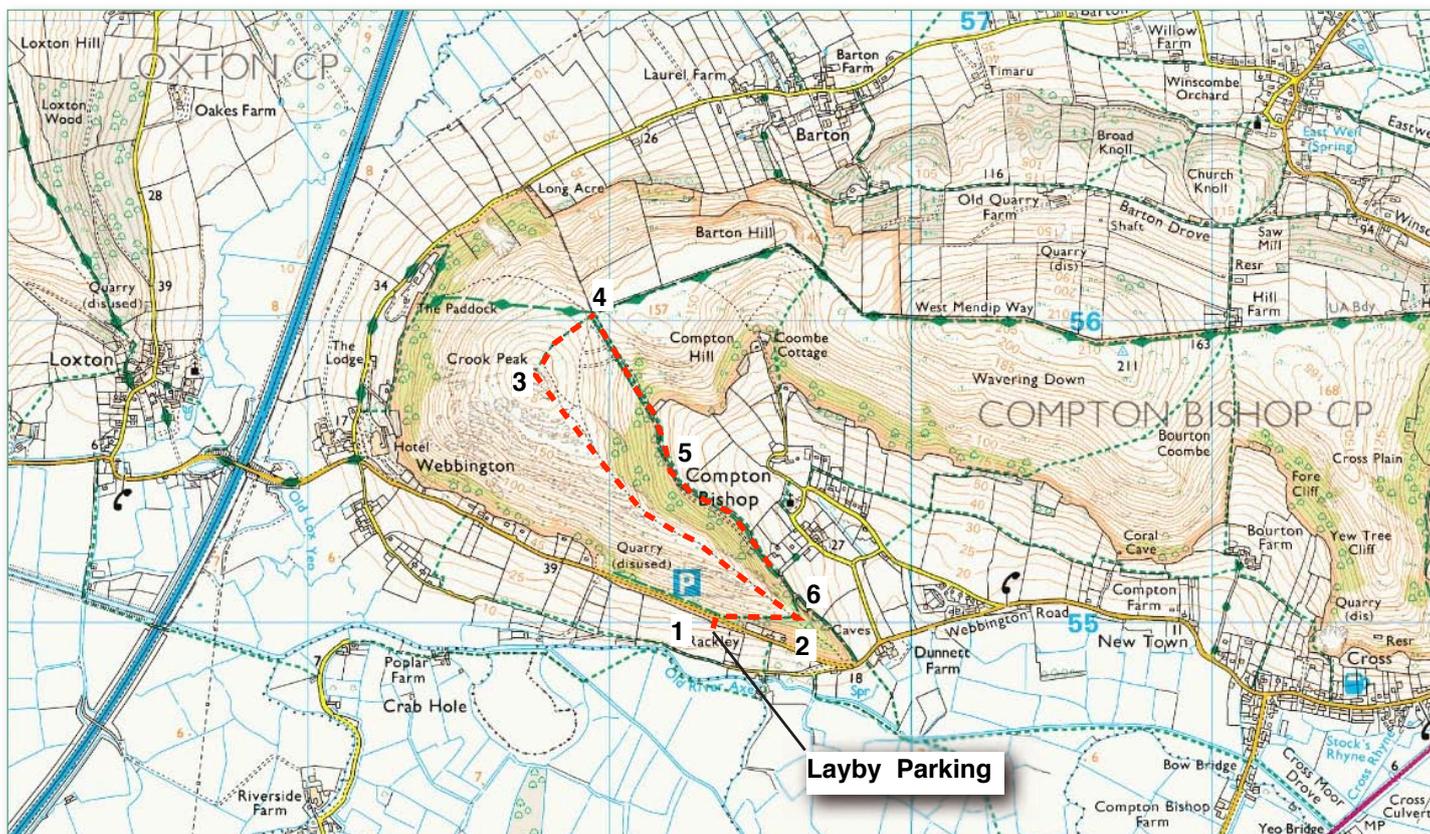
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The one with the distinctive conical peak!

This is the highest of the six hills and overlooks the M5 motorway. From here you can take in the fantastic 360° views along the length of the Mendip Hills, across the Somerset Levels and across the Bristol Channel towards Wales.

The only 'true' peak in the Mendips, the name 'Crook' derives from an old English word *cruc* which means peak.





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HOW TO GET THERE

By bus: Weston-super-Mare – Cross – Wells. (Cross is nearest bus route 2 miles from Compton Bishop)

http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/bristol_bath/journey_planning/

By car: 9 miles from Junction 22, M5

Walk route: 2½ miles – approx 1½-2 hours

This is a steep walk following paths through scrubby woodland into open limestone grassland up to the peak.

Start/end: Lay by/car park on the Webbington Road. **Grid ref:** ST392550

Note: there are no toilet facilities.

Directions: Cross the road (take great care as cars travel quickly along this road) to an information lectern (1). Turn right through a gate and follow the path/bridleway gently uphill through scrubby woodland until it emerges on open grassland.

(2) At the crossroads of paths turn left, pass through a horse barrier and climb up the 'Razor' with views of Compton Bishop and across the Somerset Levels.

(3) Climb up on to the rocky summit for stunning views before heading down towards the magnificently restored dry stone wall at the foot of the North Eastern slope.

(4) At the corner of the wall turn right taking the footpath down hill through gorse and heather.

(5) As you get lower the scrub turns to ash woodland. (6) Pass by the Old Vicarage down on your left and arrive at a fork in the path. Take the right hand branch back up the hill. You quickly arrive back at the foot of the Razor. Continue back down the way you came up, to the road and car park.

Finding out more: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mendip-hills/things-to-see-and-do/>