

Exmouth Circular Walk

This route uses an old railway line and the coast path. Generally quiet roads and footpaths with one steep climb.

From the main station exit, turn right and follow the walkway through the bus station, cross the station car park to reach the river estuary and turn right to follow this to the far end of the car park. Pass through a kissing gate and follow the estuary-side path. At a way mark, turn right over a small mound to reach a foot crossing of the railway line – stop, look and listen and cross with care.

Walk ahead through the recreation ground and exit through a gate on the left onto Carter Avenue. At Highland Cars showroom, turn left for a few yards then follow cycle path signs for Phear Park, crossing the main road at a light controlled crossing. Turn left then right into Lyndhurst Road. At the far end of Lyndhurst Road, take another light controlled crossing and turn right. Ignore entrances to Phear Park, skirting a roundabout and following busy Marpool Hill for some 200 yards until reaching a cycle track sign indicating Littleham 1½ miles.

Turn left and follow this leafy route, first alongside Phear Park and then through a long cutting until it emerges onto a road.

Follow the cycle path, which is now signposted to Budleigh Salterton, through Littleham Village. It first crosses Salterton Road on a light-controlled crossing, then after crossing another road at Littleham shop head down Jarvis Close, then through Bidmead Close to John Hudson Way.

The main walk follows the old railway trackbed through open countryside, then woods until reaching a signpost to Castle Lane shortly before a tall overbridge.

Go up the slope and right onto Castle Lane. When the lane turns right, go up a short incline to the left then right onto a footpath marked West Down Beacon. The footpath crosses the East Devon Golf Club course. Keep ahead in a straight line; continue until reaching the South West Coast Path high above the Holiday Park.



Turn right onto the coast path, following it to the Devon Cliffs Holiday Park. Keep seaward of the caravans until reaching the third hedge just short of Straight Point Firing Range. Turn right along the hedge and beyond the firing range, keep as close to the sea as is possible to reach the South Beach Café and Stores.



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Crossing the café terrace, the coast path continues uphill, following the cliff top over the High Land of Orcombe (where it may be muddy) until reaching Exmouth's geoneedle. From here the path is made up and soon reaches a zigzag slope down to the start of Exmouth's long esplanade and beach. Follow the Esplanade past Exmouth's Lifeboat station and a line of sand dunes.

Just beyond the Bath House pub, turn right onto a walkway and follow to the end. Where it re-joins the road, veer right and walk up to the roundabout at the top of Chapel Hill. Turn left, going down past Exmouth Town Council Offices and almost immediately fork right into the Strand. Follow the paved pedestrian path across the centre of the area to the mini-roundabout at the bottom of Rolle Street, where the station is prominently signed.

