

Across The Quantocks

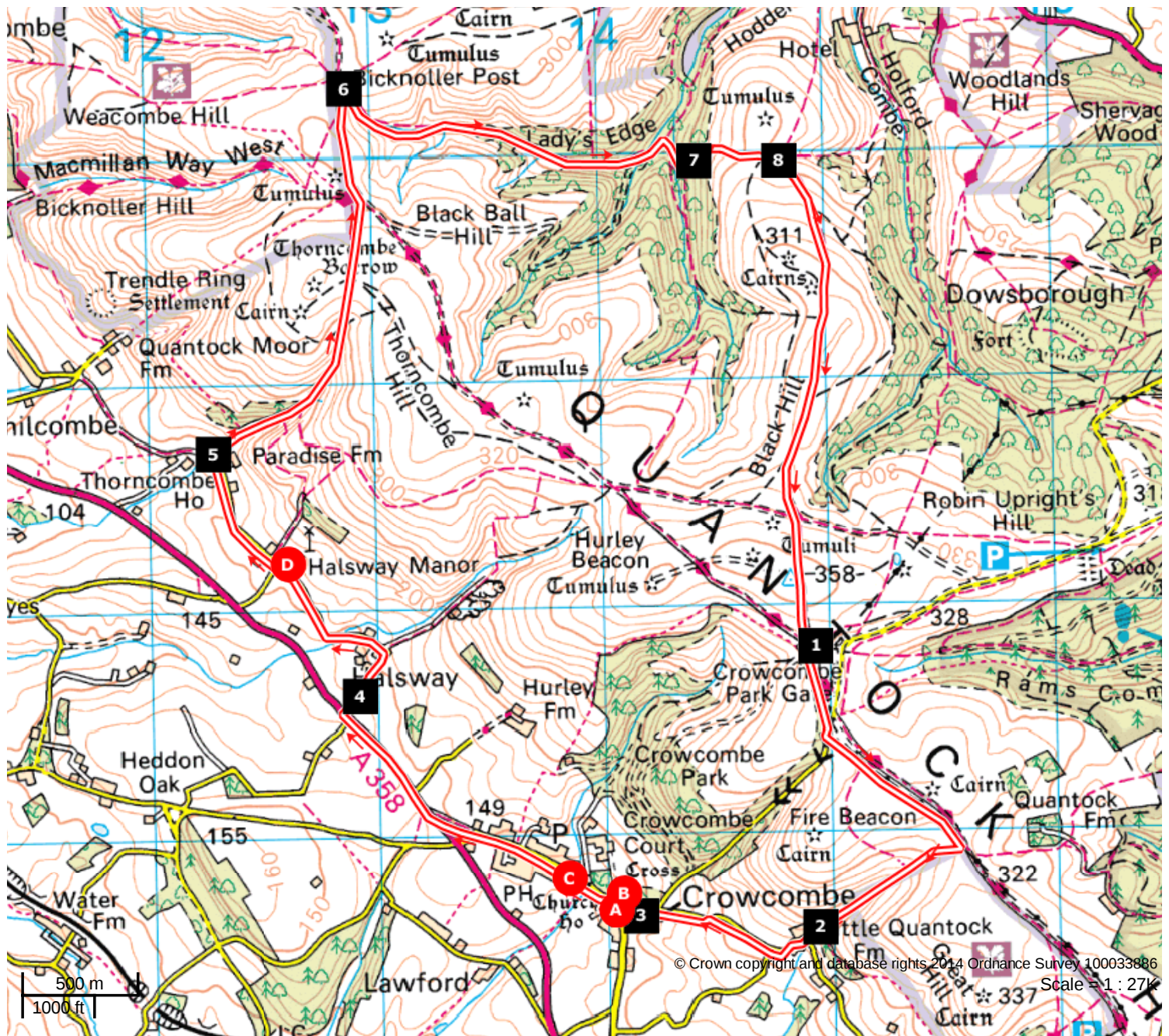
Starts at Crowcombe Park Gate

4 hours 0 minutes | 7.9miles 12.7km | Moderate



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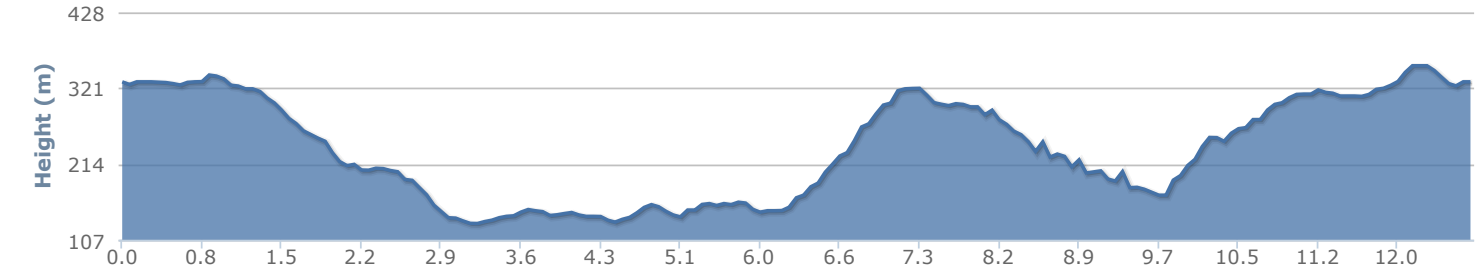
A route taking in some of the best of the Quantocks. Going through Crowcombe and passing Halsway Manor before heading up Paradise Combe to Bicknoller Post and then down through Hodders Combe before climbing back to the start.



— Main Route — Alternative Route (H) Point of Interest [4] Waypoint

Distance: 12.62km Ascent: 527m Descent: 527m

Route Profile



*move mouse over graph to see points on route

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Starts at

Crowcombe Park Gate Car Park

Getting there

A minor road runs across the top of the Quantocks. From the north turn off the A39 at Keenethorne (opposite The Cottage Inn). Follow the road straight ahead through Over Stowey and up onto the top of the Quantocks. Crowcombe Park Gate is on the right hand side on the top of the hills. From the south turn right for Crowcombe off the A358 between Taunton and Minehead. Then on entering Crowcombe village turn right (signed Nether Stowey) and ascend Crowcombe Hill. Crowcombe Park Gate is on the left at the top.

Buses run regularly at frequent intervals between Taunton and Minehead. If using the bus alight at the Crowcombe village turning and walk (approximately 1/2 mile) to reach waypoint 3 and start and finish the walk there.

Bus timetables <http://www.travelinesw.com>

Route instructions

[1] Turn right out of car park and walk along road and cross cattle grid at the top of Crowcombe Hill, immediately turn left and pass through a gate into a field. Walk through field with boundary hedge on your left. Pass through a gate in the corner of the field and then through a small stretch of woodland passing a pond on the right. Immediately after passing pond turn right to follow a well-defined track downhill.

[2] At bottom of hill pass through a gate into a farmyard. Head straight across the farmyard and pass through a gate out onto a road. Bear right onto road and follow it through the small community of Little Quantock. On leaving Little Quantock the road turns sharp right and then reaches a junction. Keep straight ahead rather than bearing left downhill. Follow this lane, which soon descends quite steeply to reach a "T" junction. Turn left and continue downhill to reach another "T" junction. The road is narrow here so take great care.

[3] Turn right and follow road through the village of Crowcombe.

At end of village opposite village hall the road turns left to join the main A358. Here continue straight ahead through a gate and then alongside a children's playground on the left. Pass through another gate followed shortly by another. Turn right onto waymarked path. Follow this path, which runs parallel with the main Taunton - Minehead road on the left. Cross a lane and then on reaching a further lane turn right,

[4] Now follow lane, which initially goes up hill and then bears left to continue along the foot of the Quantocks. The lane passes Halsway Manor on the right.

After passing the manor continue on to Paradise Farm where the surfaced road finishes and becomes a bridleway.

[5] Approximately 50 meters after the start of the bridleway turn right onto the waymarked path ascending Paradise Combe. Follow the path up through the combe and out onto the open hillside at the top. On approaching a lone tree the footpath divides where take the left fork, which shortly joins a path at a "T" junction. Bear left at the junction and continue across the top of the hill. As the path begins to descend a major track can be seen ahead slightly to the right. Head towards it and join it and continue along it until reaching Bicknoller Post, which is situated just off the track on the right.

[6] Turn right and pass Bicknoller Post on your left. Go straight ahead on path heading down into Hodders Combe. Follow this well-defined path downhill and then alongside stream running down through the combe.

The stream eventually turns and the path crosses it by way of a ford. A short distance after crossing ford bear left where the path joins another path coming down the combe. Follow the path for a short distance to reach a fork. Take the right fork, which initially goes uphill, and then down to join another path coming in from the left.

[7] Bear right onto the path, which in a short distance fords a stream and then heads uphill to reach a “T” junction. Turn left and follow path uphill through woods and then out onto the open hillside. At point where path reaches a fork bear left and follow path, which now runs fairly level before descending to reach a “T” junction.

[8] Turn right and follow the well-defined path uphill. Ignore the path turning left and continue onwards straight ahead across the top of the hill. On reaching the foot of the main ridge bear right and follow the stony track up hill. At cross paths go straight ahead following path upward and then down into the Crowcombe Park Gate car park.

Additional 'Point of Interest' information

Refreshments: Refreshments are available at the Carew Arms in Crowcombe. On warm days in the summer an ice cream van can often be found at Crowcombe Park Gate.

(A) The Church House: Close to the church is the Church House, one of only two in the country still in use as first intended. Originally used for parish functions, it was later used to house the poor of the village on the lower floor, a school on the upper.

(B) The Church of the Holy Ghost: The earliest record of 'The Church of The Holy Ghost' dates from 1226, although there was probably an earlier church dating from Saxon times. It is believed to be the only church in the country to have this unusual dedication.

(C) The Carew Arms: Originally known as The Three Lions, the pub owes its name and signboard to the Carew family who became lords of the manor in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

(D) Halsway Manor (also known as Halsway Court) is a manor house in Halsway Somerset. It is owned by the Halsway Manor Society who operate the manor as a national centre for the folk arts. It is the only residential folk centre in the UK.

Notes

Grid Ref: ST 149 377

Postcode: TA4 4AB

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer 140

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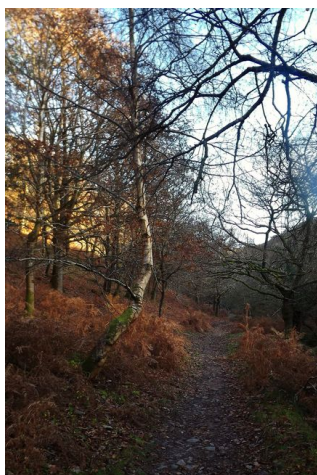
The Church House Crowcombe
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Church of the Holy Ghost Crowcombe
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Paradise Combe
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Hodders Combe
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Sheep on the Quantocks
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