

Wheddon Cross, River Exe, Porlock Post & Dunkery Gate

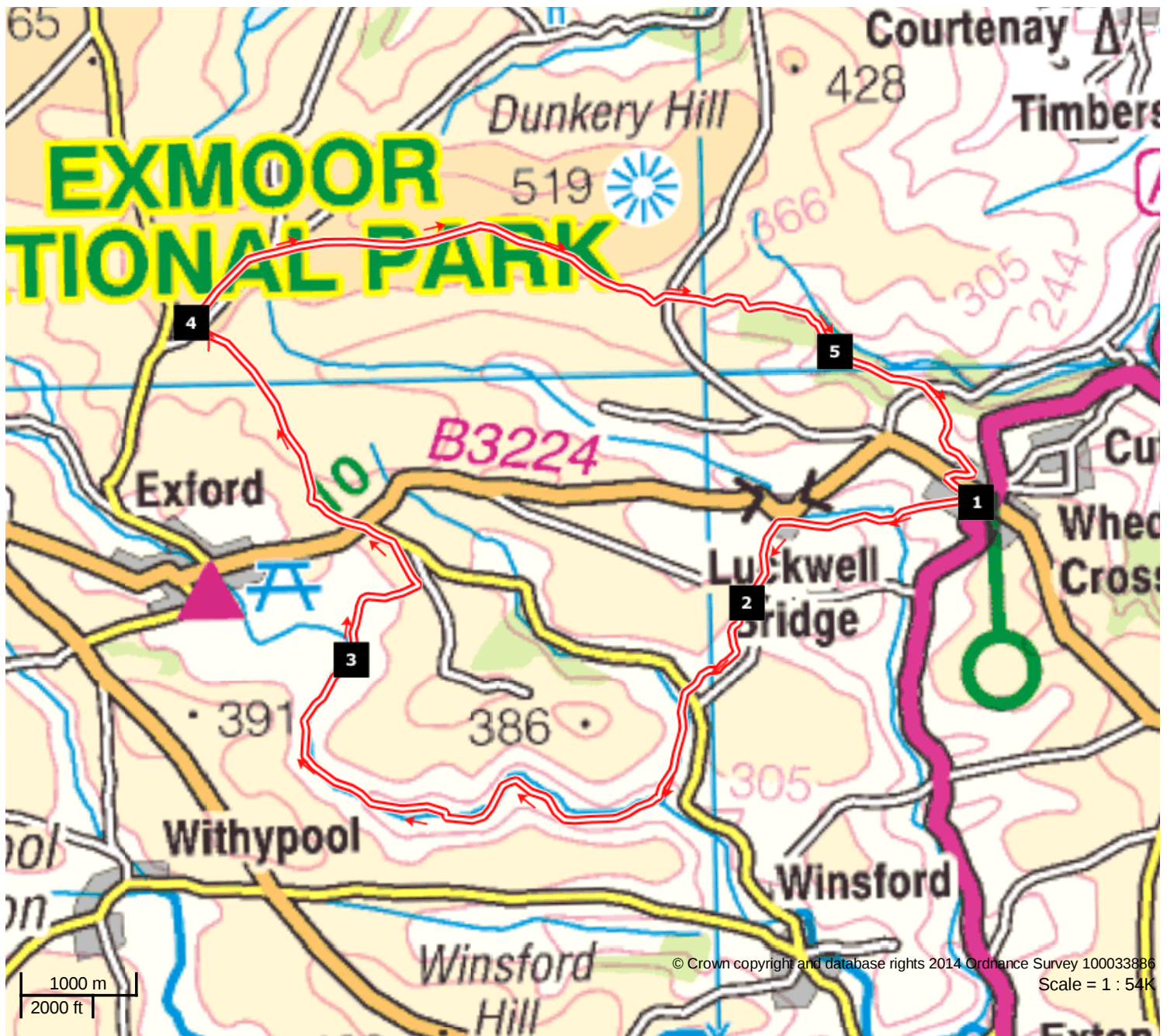


Starts at Wheddon Cross

7 hours 0 minutes | 14.1miles 22.7km | Moderate

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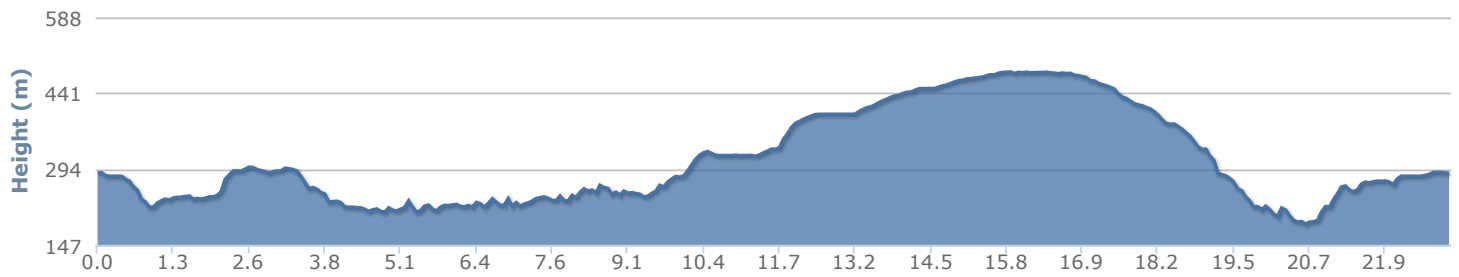
A circular walk from Wheddon Cross. This walk contrasts between the beautiful Exe Valley and the heights of Exmoor just below Dunkery Beacon. There are fine views on the Exmoor section.



— Main Route — Alternative Route Point of Interest Waypoint

Distance: 22.68km Ascent: 705m Descent: 705m

Route Profile



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Starts at

Wheddon Cross Car Park

Ends at

Wheddon Cross Car Park

Getting there

Wheddon Cross is on the A396 road 5 miles south of Dunster. The car park is on the right just after crossing the cross roads.

There is a pub at the crossroads by the car park where refreshments can be obtained.

There is a public toilet block in the car park.

Route instructions

[1] At the south side of the car park pass through a gate into a sports field. Turn right and cross field heading for a point just right of the pavilion on the opposite side. Locate a gate in the hedge and pass through to join a track. Turn left and follow track round to the right where it quickly becomes a path. Follow this path which is clearly defined down the hill to eventually join a track running into Luckwell Green. At junction with road turn left and pass cottages. In a short distance turn left onto a path. Follow the path diagonally to the right to reach hedgeline and then veer left to follow edge of field. On reaching a gate entering another field pass through it and then walk diagonally to the right to exit through a gate into a road.

[2] Go straight across road into lane opposite and follow it past Oldrey Farm and downhill to reach a "T" junction. Turn left and follow road. At point where road turns sharp left go ahead over a bridge crossing the River Exe. Now follow the wide track alongside the Exe turning to the right to pass East and West Nethercote. After passing West Nethercote follow the path across the field to rejoin the bank of the Exe just before a footbridge. From the footbridge follow the path alongside the river to reach Lyncombe Farm.

[3] From Lyncombe Farm follow the exit road which climbs away from the river and passes Higher Combe before reaching a road. On reaching road turn left and walk onwards to a "T" junction. Turn left and follow road to junction with B3224 road between Wheddon Cross and Exford. Cross over the B3224 to an entrance gates to a property. If the gates are closed press the access button located at the side of the gate and the gate will then slowly open. Follow the track through the grounds of the property and then uphill and out onto the open moor. Continue across the moor on the track until reaching the junction with a road.

[4] Turn right onto road and walk on to Porlock Post. Just after passing the post turn right onto a wide path running along the edge of the moor. Where path divides turn onto the right hand path and continue following it along the edge of the moor to reach the road at Dunkery Gate. Cross the road and pass through a small car park to follow a track leading to a gate ahead. Pass through the gate and continue to follow the track. The track heads across the hillside and then down steeply to reach a river.

[5] Ford the river and turn left to follow a path running alongside the river and then uphill to reach a road. Cross over the road and follow the path uphill through woods passing the back of a hotel before joining its driveway. Follow the driveway across 2 fields to reach a junction. Turn right onto a track and follow it to junction with a road. Turn left and follow road into Wheddon Cross to find car park on the right.

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