

YHA Circular route from Minehead to Wootton Courteney

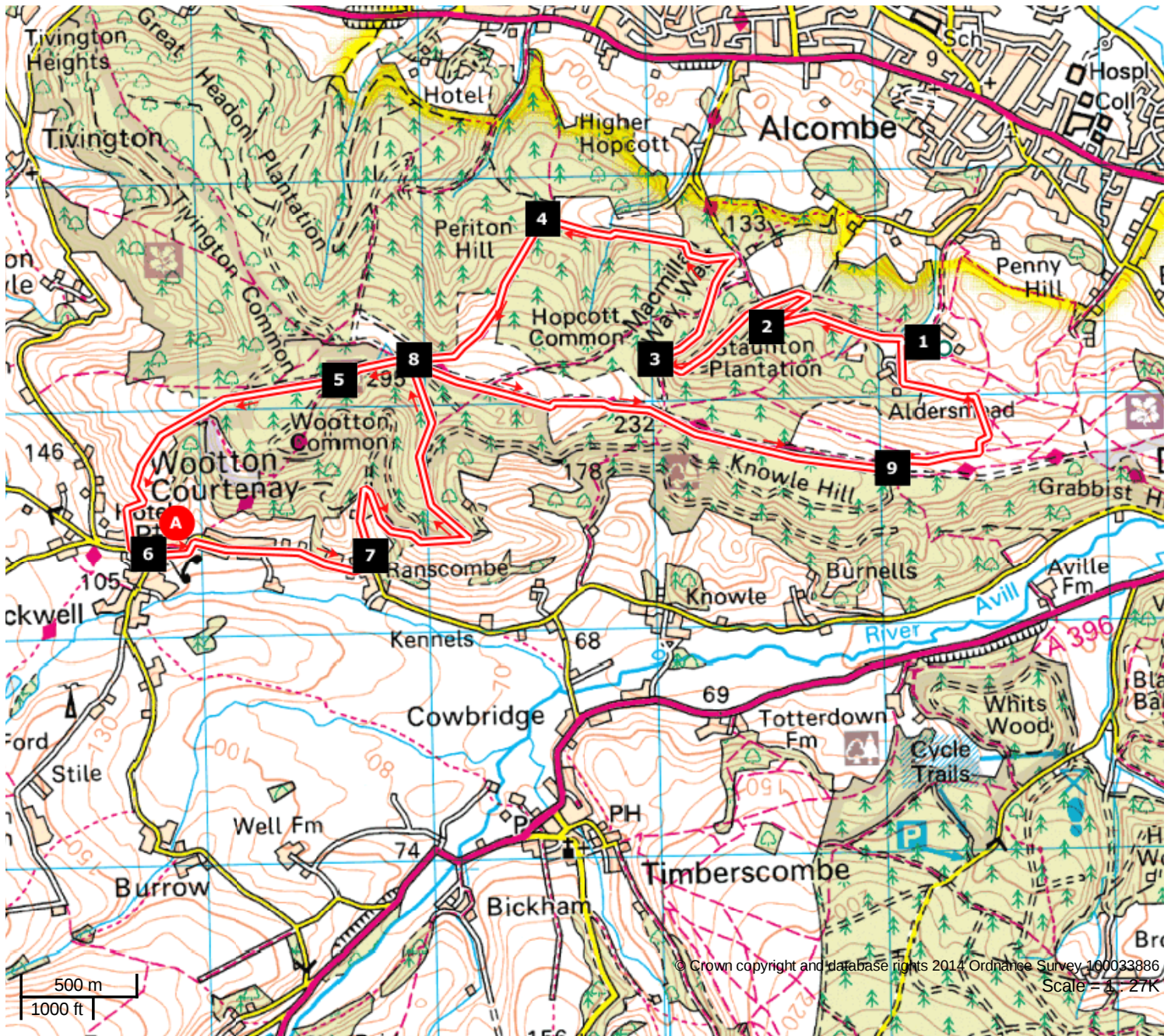


Starts at Minehead YHA, Somerset, TA24 6EW.

4 hours 0 minutes | 7.9miles 12.6km | Moderate

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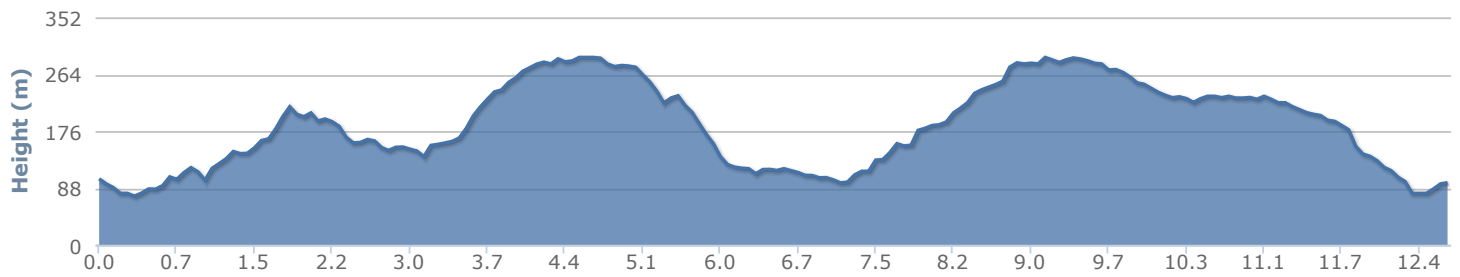
A circular walk that takes you through woods, along a plateau and through the village of Wootton Courteney



— Main Route — Alternative Route Point of Interest Waypoint

Distance: 12.60km Ascent: 611m Descent: 617m

Route Profile



*move mouse over graph to see points on route

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Starts at

The car park of the YHA Hostel. Manor Road, Alcombe, Somerset, TA24 6EW. Grid ref: SS 973 413

Ends at

As start

Getting there

By car: Manor Road is a left turn just after passing West Somerset College going towards Porlock.

By bus: Buses pass this junction on the routes between Minehead and Taunton. Timetables

<http://www.travelinesw.com>. If using public transport the walk to and from the start adds approximately one mile each way.

Route instructions

[1] Leave the YHA car park and walk down to a crossroad. Go straight across, signpost Timberscombe, and then bear left through a barrier into Dunster Forrest. Follow this path as it wanders up hill, ignoring a path to the right and further on a path to the left.

[2] Take the well-defined path as it goes sharp right, almost back on yourself. At "T" junction turn left going up hill. Towards the top of the hill the path bears right and then almost immediately turns left to follow this 'main' path through the forest until reaching a 'T' junction. Turn right, this is now the Minehead spur of the Macmillan Way West.

[3] Walking in the general direction of the coast, stay on this path. Shortly after passing a seat on the right the path steepens and a track bears off to the left.. Take this track as it meanders through the wood until reaching a 'T' junction.

[4] At the 'T' junction turn left, walk uphill keeping Periton Forest on your right.

[5] You will come out onto the Macmillan Way West path. Turn right and almost immediately turn left following the sign towards Wootton Courteney. The wide and good surface is the Macmillan Way West. The path climbs slightly and then bears left. Shortly it reaches a fork where you take the right hand turn. The path then follows a steady walk down the track known as Roadway Lane, until coming out alongside Wootton Courteney Village Hall.

[6] Keeping the Village Hall on your left walk on to the 'T' junction and turn left.

(A) The Church of All Saints in Wootton Courtenay dates from the 13th century and has been designated by English Heritage as a grade I listed building.

Follow the generally quiet road through the village until reaching a right turn in the road alongside a house with an old stone barn.

[7] Our path goes left, almost back on yourself, onto a bridleway signed Wootton Hill. Follow the reddish brown track as it goes uphill and sweeps right, then left through a barrier and then left again. Ahead you will see a gap in the trees on the left and will recognize it as the place where you joined the Macmillan Way path.

[8] Go through the gap, turn right and follow the Macmillan Way, signposted Dunster and MAC Way. Follow this path for just over one and a half miles to reach a four way junction.

[9] Take the path to the left sign posted Bridleway, Ellicombe. Follow this path as it bears right and then runs parallel to the path you have just come off until reaching a well trodden path on the left which you take.

Take the next left signed Aldersmead and join a tarmac road which bears right and continues to the entrance to the Youth Hostel.

Notes

Map: *Explorer OL9. This route uses well defined permissible paths as well as paths recorded on OS Maps. This means that the drawn map will deviate from recognisable paths in showing the walk.*

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Roadway Lane
Photo taken by: Edward Levy



Looking Towards Timberscombe
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Towards Dunster on Macmillan
Way West
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Minehead From Path To Ellicombe
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Views Across To Exmoor
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