

Branscombe

Distance

2 - 3

Miles

Accessibility at heart - by providing you with the appropriate information on barriers or other route characteristics, this leaflet allows you to decide on a walk that best meets your needs.

‘As beautiful a village as you can hope to find out of Paradise’ (Francis Bickley, 1911). The level path from the village hall to Branscombe Mouth winds a delightful path through this series of interconnected combs.



Branscombe Mouth – ‘Branoc’s Combe’ denotes a break in the high cliff wall (Steve Bond)

Left: South West Coast Path (watercolour Peter Lightfoot)



Branscombe Village scene (EDDC Economic Development)

How to get there



For public transport information use **Traveline**.



Try out the Sidmouth to Seaton CoastHopper 899 bus. The narrow lanes can become quite congested in summer months, please drive with care. Parking at the Village Hall, donations welcomed, and the private car park at Branscombe Mouth.

Take your first steps to a healthier way of life...

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Route characteristics

- █ Level flat surface, gradients less than 1 in 12, with resting places, any gates wheelchair accessible
- █ Natural surface, minimum width 1 metre, varying gradients, gates on route
- █ More difficult terrain in none of the above categories

Talking points

1 Old bakery, forge and Manor Mill

National Trust actively promote the heritage of Branscombe and today the 'Branoc' micro-brewery provides ale to the local hostellers.

2 Crops in the cliffs

Years ago the landslides along the cliffline meant that small, extra areas of land were created. In the 19th century these were used as small plots for growing crops such as potatoes or daffodils as the soil was fertile and they were sheltered from the elements.

3 Branscombe Mouth

Now a popular seaside destination. This was once a coal yard, receiving coal from South Wales, to fire the kilns for burning the cliff-top chalk in numerous limekilns. The stream also powered a gypsum mill too.



Key to symbols

- Slope
- Parking
- Toilets
- Viewpoint
- Take care traffic
- Livestock

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Visitor information

- The nearby Donkey Sanctuary offers free parking and walks
- The National Trust Old bakery building contains a small village visitor centre
- Branscombe is well served with pubs, tearooms and village shop
- 'Ordnance Survey Explorer 115' map details access information



'Cliffy Gosling', the last of the Branscombe cliff farmers circa 1960 (S Sweetland collection)

Countryside Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



For further details visit:
www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Walk this way...

This leaflet is one of a series of promoted walks in the East Devon AONB designed with accessibility in mind. More information on this and other walks is available from www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk

Contact **(01395) 224749** or visit the Walking for Health Initiative walk finder at www.whi.org.uk

See www.devon.gov.uk/transport/public_rights_of_way for gradient information on all Rights of Way.



MSC Napoli, 2007. At over 60,000 tonnes it was the largest vessel to be stranded on this coastline (EDDC/Paul Duriez)



All ability footpaths down to Branscombe Mouth (Ian Dalgleish/Natural England)

