

East Devon Way Link Route - Colyton to Kilmington



Start location: Chantry Bridge, Colyton (SY244 942)

Difficulty: Easy - (can be wet in winter)

Walking time: 1 3/4 hours

Length: Approx. 6.5km/ 4 miles

Route Summary: Moderately hilly, mainly off-road route through fields and wooded areas. Amenities in Colyton: shops, pubs, cafes, accommodation and bus route & tramway.

Directions

- 1 Start at Chantry Bridge on the East Devon Way at Colyton** - Head north along the minor road, bear right at the Y junction > Continue up the minor road and take the first public footpath on the right > Proceed diagonally across the field through the two metal footpath gates > Head downhill, pass to the left of the telegraph pole, to the bottom left-hand corner to:
- 2 Umbourne Brook** - Go over the stile with a sleeper bridge > Continue upstream to the next gate, also with a sleeper bridge either side > Halfway along this field turn right into the trees and follow the path right alongside the river > Then turn right over the footbridge > Then left diagonally, across the field to the stile > Then to the next footbridge > Follow river upstream and cross next stile > Continue to the big footbridge > Cross the bridge (this field can be wet for 20 to 50 metres at times of heavy rainfall) > As you come out of the marshy bit you will see the next footbridge > Cross it > You will then make out a seat in the distance > Head towards and slightly to the left of it.
- 3 Seat in a field** - When level with the seat turn left through a gap in the hedge > You emerge onto a paved trackway > You will see a stile straight ahead (N.B. the official public footpath continues left down the concrete path and proceeds between the house and the barn) > Pass through the farm gate behind the barn; which takes you back into the field you would have entered over the stile, had you gone that way > Head up to the stile to your left by the wood > Through the wood > Over the stile > And come to:
- 4 Footbridge over the railway line** - Cross the bridge and turn right > At the Y junction grass triangle, take the footpath uphill to your left > Follow waymarkers and footpath signs up the field alongside hedge > Over a stile > Up the track > Over the stile, through a fence on your right and cross field diagonally > Through two metal kissing gates > Over a plank bridge to your right and take the path uphill, alongside the wood > Follow footpath signs to:
- 5 Shute House** - Pass in front of the house (north side) > Take the left-hand track > Follow to the end at Haddon Corner > It emerges at a grassed triangle with a public seat > Take the minor road leading north and soon turn onto a footpath waymarked on your right > Proceed down through the wood until you reach the stream on your left > Pass the stream and follow the waymarks along the minor road Springhead Lane and then The Street > Head past the old telephone box and two public seats in a grassy area to:
- 6 Kilmington Church & Village Hall** - From Kilmington you can take the Stopline Way (Sustrans off-road cycleway No.2) to Axminster, where there are shops, pubs, cafes, bus and rail > Or, follow the Yarty Valley up to Stockland, where there is a pub.



Amenities at Kilmington: Farm shop with café (take care crossing the main A35 road), two pubs, bus route, café, accommodation and filling station with shop.

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