

East Devon Way Link Route - Exmouth to Woodbury Castle via Exton & Woodbury



Start: Exmouth Station (SY 999 812)	Time: 3 hours	Dist. 11km/ 7 miles
Start: Lympstone Village Station (SY 989 842)	Time: 2 1/4 hours	Dist. 9km/ 5.5 miles
Start: Exton Station (SY 982 864)	Time: 1 1/2 hours	Dist. 6km/ 3.7 miles

Route Summary: Mainly off-road (estuary views, cycleway, fields and woods) alternative link to East Devon Way at Woodbury Castle. **Difficulty:** Easy - (can be wet in winter) **Facilities on route:** Pubs, cafes, benches and toilets.

Directions

- 1 Starting opposite Exmouth Station car park entrance, head north keeping the estuary on your left**
> Follow East Devon Way past the boat yard then, taking extreme care, cross the railway track at designated crossing > Veer left to exit the park > Turn left along road > Over the bridge > Turn left > Enter cycleway >
- 2 Follow cycleway 600m then take left-hand footpath;** as it diverges from the cycleway (you could stay on the cycleway, they converge again at Lympstone) > Continue along path > Take extreme care once again to cross the track at the next designated railway crossing > Whichever route you choose (estuary path or cycleway) when you emerge back onto the road, turn left to Lympstone (if you turn right here you will join the classic East Devon Way route) >
- 3 Follow the cycle route though the centre of Lympstone to Lympstone station for the Exton Link route;** which avoids traffic on Higher Marley Road.

Exton link route

- 4 Lympstone Village station -** Just after Swan Inn pub on your left, turn left, past station > Up the ramp to brick railway bridge > Turn right over the bridge and then immediately left and follow cycleway > Continue along cycleway past the Royal Marine Commando Base to Exton.
- 5 Exton Station (Wooden Walkway) -** When you emerge from the wooden walkway turn right along the quiet road (Station Rd) > Follow the Link marker discs to the pelican crossing on the A376.
- 6 Cross main road at pelican crossing -** Continue along the quiet road (Mill Lane) opposite > At next junction take the lane to the right (Rydon Lane, signed as a dead end) > After 100m take footpath on your right (not trackway) into field > Follow footpath, cross first footbridge > Through the metal kissing gate > Pass by 2nd footbridge > Cross 3rd footbridge > Eventually exit fields on another footbridge > Cross quiet road (Rydon Lane) > Enter field opposite > Follow footpath > Then track alongside a stream, past car-breakers yard > Join road > Turn left (north east) into Woodbury. Take care on the narrow section without pavement.
- 7 Woodbury -** Follow road over the bridge > At main road (B3179) bear right to pedestrian crossing > Cross > Continue north-east > Pass the pub on your right > Continue through village and turn (7th) right onto Cottles Lane > Follow this quiet road to the end > Turn left into Castle Lane at the junction.
- 8 Continue for 100m along Castle Lane** > Turn right into field along a bridleway signed to Woodbury Castle > Follow grassy track > At the end turn left > Follow bridleway through fields to the woods > Follow track through the woods > Rising towards the end > Past the metal pole barrier > Zig-zag right, then left and follow track up to the car park > Maybe take a short detour to visit the view point - it has excellent views back across the Exe valley and a bench > Take care crossing the main road (B3180) to car park opposite at:
- 9 Woodbury Castle.**

Exmouth/Lympstone To EDW (Woodbury Castle) Link

