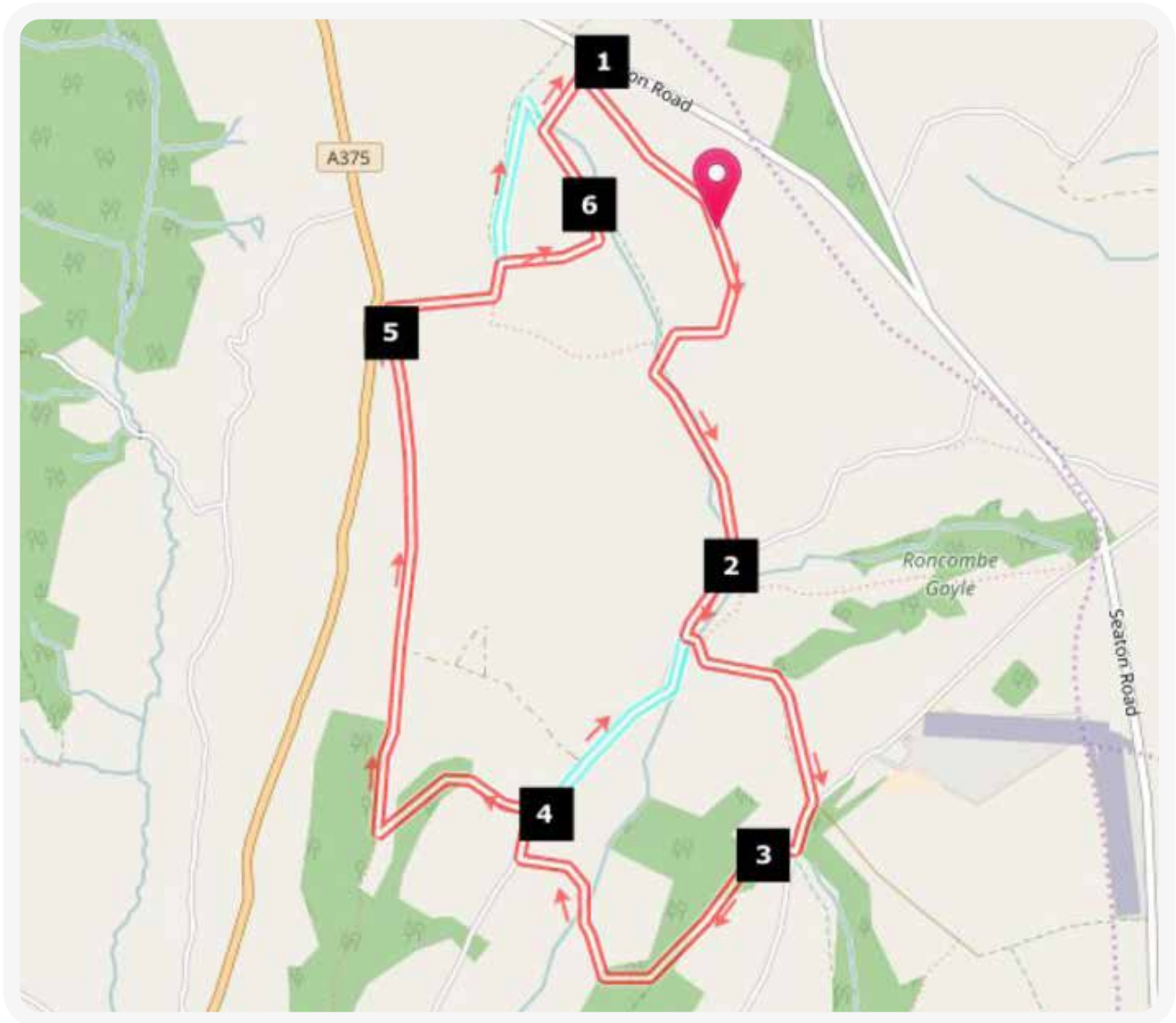
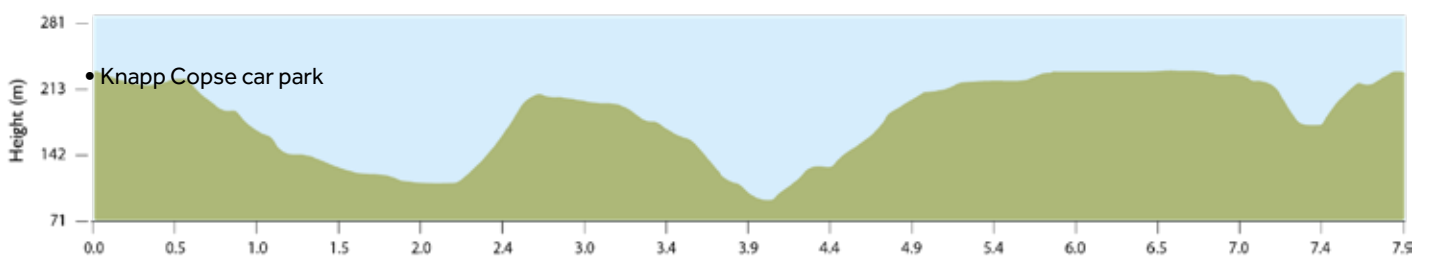


Circular 8

Knapp Copse Circular



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Walking time: 3 hours
Length: 7.9km / 4.9mi



Distance 7.90 km Ascent 310m Descent 311m

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Start location: Knapp Copse car park SY155957.

Route Summary: This is a hilly 5 mile walk from Knapp Copse Nature Reserve car park. The undulating route will reward the walker with fine views of the surrounding countryside and longer views to the sea at Sidmouth.

Getting there: Knapp Copse car park is approximately half a mile east, on the Seaton road from the Hare and Hounds pub at Putts Corner. Putts Corner is at the junction of the A375 between Sidmouth and Honiton and the road from Ottery St. Mary to Seaton.

The closest public transport is to Putts Corner from Honiton or Sidford. Putts Corner is half a mile away

Map: Explorer 115 Exmouth and Sidmouth

Description

- [1] Go through the gate at the end of the car park and after 100 yards,** turn left onto a 'permissive path' (signed). Follow the waymarked route which ultimately swings right across a field to a metal gate. Turn left and follow the East Devon Way into Lower Knapp Farm holiday complex and out onto the concrete farm road to a road T junction, turn right.
- [2] After 250 yards turn left through Lower Minicombe Farm onto a bridleway.** After crossing a stream at a bridge, turn right uphill through a gate. Follow obvious route uphill through trees and across a field. At road turn right and by the house turn right over a stile onto a path signposted Sidbury.
The path is the East Devon Way. Good views to Sidbury and beyond.
- [3] Path turns to the left and gently descends.** Cross a field and go into the woods. Pass through a pedestrian gate and shortly after turn right at the footpath sign. You are now leaving the East Devon Way. Follow path downhill through trees following waymarks to a stile, turn right onto a track.
The track veers left steeply descending through a metal gate to a footbridge over the Roncombe Stream. Cross and follow an ascending path to a road where you turn right.
- [4] After 250 yards, turn left up steps to a stile.** Follow the ascending path keeping close to the right hand hedge. Follow waymarks and at a wood go through the gate and on up a track. At the top of the hill, cross a field to a stile and turn right. Follow path past trees and keep to the left. Go through the farm yard and follow the farm track in the same direction. The farm yard can be muddy and sometimes has cattle.

You may shorten the route by continuing along the road and joining up with the road to Lower Knapp Farm holiday complex and retracing your steps to the car park.

- [5] Just before reaching a main road, turn right onto a bridleway by houses (tarmac drive).** As drive swings to the right, go straight to metal gate. Go through gate (ignore footpath on the left) and cross a field. At gate turn left along a track and after 300 yards, turn right onto a marked permissive path signed Knapps Copse. Follow waymarked route and at steep open hillside, turn half right downhill to a gate. Go half left through the next field to a hedge gap and onto wooden walkways over a boggy area. Though a gate and follow the track down to a T junction.

At the right turn, signed to Knapp Copse permissive path, carry straight on along the farm track to the buildings. Take the track off to the right and look for the wooden gate and broad track to the car park on the left.

- [6] Turn left onto the East Devon Way.** Go up the track and near the top of the hill turn right through a wooden gate and follow the broad track back to the car park.

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