

Link Route - Beer to East Devon Way near Colyton



Start location: Jubilee Gardens, above Beer Beach, Beer (SY231 892)

Difficulty: Moderate

Walking time: 3 hours

Length: 8.4 km / 5.3 miles

Map: OS Explorer 116 Lyme Regis and Bridport

Route Summary: Mainly off-road (fields and woods) link route Beer to the River Coly and the East Devon Way. Maybe return via the tram to Seaton and bus to Beer.

Directions

- 1 Start at the Self Shelter in Jubilee Gardens, over-looking Beer Beach** - Waymarked Link starts near shelter in Jubilee Gardens > Take selfie with the sign & cliffs > Read History of Beer Written in Stone in the Self Shelter > Follow the Magenta Dashed Link Waymarkers up the steps and take South West Coast Path over the cliff to Old Beer Hill > Turn right down Old Beer Hill to:
- 2 Triangle roundabout at the bottom** - Turn left inland and after 300 metres turn right into Clinton Way up through the pine forest > Take care crossing the road > Turn left along the pavement until the right-hand turn into Bunts Lane.
- 3 Around the bend at the junction with Couchill Lane you will see a kissing gate into Couchill Woods** - Climb the track in front of you to the top of the woods > At the top, veer left and continue to a kissing gate, leading into a fenced path alongside a field.
- 4 At the end of this path, take right-hand turn down the trackway** - (if gate is close take a convoluted right-hand turn using the field opposite) - Halfway down the lane to road take a left-hand turn up the wooden step, through the trees to a delightful picnic area where you may sit and absorb the amazing views of the Axe Valley > Continue northwards past the picnic car park to the main A3052 > You will pass a petrol station and glimpse the Old Water Tower opposite > Take care crossing the A3052 and enter field opposite > Walk down to Hollyford Woods > Follow the footpath down through the woods > Over the footbridge (or through ford) > Around the old reservoir to the kissing gate at the far end > Walk along the bottom of the field.
- 5 Just before you get to the next farm gate double back, sharp left, up the slope** - Follow the path up the track > Through gate > Across the field > Through the next gate, turn left > After three fields, exit field through a farm gate onto a dead straight minor road.
- 6 Turn right and follow road to the main Colyton Road** - Take care crossing the Colyton Road and continue along the straight track to the end.
- 7 Turn right into the woods between the big posts** - Follow the path through these woods to the end > Turn right through the metal gate and then immediately left and through another metal gate > Downhill following the hedge > Over the stile into more woods > Follow path through woods down to the junction of two minor roads (Heathayne Cross) > Cross both these roads and take the track down to Heathayne Farm > At the cottage turn right through the gate > Follow the path down and through the next gate to the River Coly > Turn left and follow the bank to the foot bridge > Cross the bridge and join the East Devon Way.
- 8 Turn left on the East Devon Way - (up-river) to Northleigh, Farway and Church Green** or Turn right, (down river) to Colyton c. 1km.

Amenities in Colyton: shops, pubs, accommodation, cafes, restaurants and bus service.

Beer To EDW (Colyton) Link

