

# Link Route - East Devon Way near Colyton to Beer



**Start location:** East Devon Way, near Colyton (SY235 944)

**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 link route from the River Coly, near Colyton and the East Devon Way through fields and woods to Beer on the Jurassic Coast.

## Directions

- 1 From Colyton follow the East Devon Way to Chantry Bridge** - Turn left on the East Devon Way to follow the River Coly upstream.
- 2 At the junction of East Devon Way and the Link to Beer, cross footbridge and turn left** - Follow the river bank, then through farm gate > Up the track > Through the kissing gate > Turn left > Follow the track up the hill > Cross both the minor roads at Heathayne Cross and enter the kissing gate opposite into woods > Follow path up through the woods to the end > Over the stile and follow the hedge uphill > Through the metal gate and then immediately right and through another metal gate into more woods > Turn left and follow the path through the woods.
- 3 At the end of the woods walk through the big wooden posts and turn left along the track** - Eventually this track will lead you to the Colyton road > Cross road and continue along this dead straight minor road.
- 4 Eventually turn left onto a bridleway** - Follow the path through this field and the next, past an apple tree > Take the right-hand gate in the corner and turn left downhill through field > Through the farm gate at the bottom of the field > Down a sloping track to the right.
- 5 At the bottom turn sharp right back towards Hollyford Woods** - Follow path through woods > Cross the footbridge and turn left around the old reservoir > Continue uphill to the edge of the woods and through metal kissing gate > Up through the field to the A3052 > Cross A3052 with care > Continue to picnic area > Walk the length of the picnic area and through the small clump of trees.
- 6 Turn right up the track, then take a left through kiss gate if possible** - otherwise a convoluted right, left, left again, then straight, (through 3 kiss gates) - Follow fenced off path alongside the field > At the end of this path enter Couchill Woods > Follow path and take the second right-hand path down to the bottom far corner of the woods.
- 7 Exit through kiss gate and follow road around the big bend to the Beer road** - Turn left and follow pavement for 200 metres to the main crossing for the South West Coast Footpath > Cross road with care and take track through the pine forest > At the bottom of the pine forest exit the gate and turn left to Seaton Hole.
- 8 At the triangle in the road turn right and walk up Old Beer Hill** - Halfway up take the coast path to the left and follow all the way to Beer Beach..
- 8 Finish at the Self Shelter, Jubilee Gardens, Beer Beach**

**Amenities in Beer:** shops, pubs, accommodation, camping, cafes, restaurants and bus service.

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