

Link Route - Farway to Branscombe



Start location: Farway Petrol Pumps (SY182 955)

Difficulty: Moderate - hilly and wet in parts in winter

Walking time: 3 hours

Length: 11 km / 6.5 miles

Route Summary: Fields, woods and some very minor roads link route from Farway on the East Devon Way to Branscombe on the South West Coast Path via Blackbury Castle.

Directions

- 1 Start at Farway petrol pumps** - Take the waymarked route up the hill from Farway > Towards the top of the hill, take a left turn up a trackway > Then veer to the right, up a path to your right > Continue along this path until you reach a minor road (Maybe turn right and take a side trip to Farm about 800 mtrs - From the Farm you can take a short cut to the EDW at Mincombe Farm).
- 2 When you reach the minor road** - Cross the road and continue along the bridleway opposite > Cross a metaled trackway and continue along the bridleway opposite > At the junction, turn left and continue until you meet a minor road just by the Blackbury Honey Farm.
- 3 Blackbury Honey Farm** - Turn left onto road > Follow the road to Blackbury Castle.
- 4 Blackbury Camp (known locally as Blackbury Castle)** - Is an Iron Age hillfort and worth a quick detour > Afterward, continue along the road taking the right-hand fork at the Y-junction > Keep a look out for a footpath, crossing the road on a bend and take the waymarked footpath to your right down through the woods > When you meet a trackway turn right down the hill, past the pond and back up the other side of valley > Then turn left and follow the track to the farm > Turn right after the farmhouse up through the field > Turn right over the footbridge then left to the small gate > Up through this field to the top and turn left through the gate > Continue up to the A3052 main road.
- 5 When you reach the A3052** - Turn right and follow the gritted path alongside the road (take care crossing the A3052) > Follow the signs over the stile into the field > Cross this field and the next > Exit the farm gate onto a track > At the end of this short track take a sharp right to the wooden steps > Down the steps and turn right > Follow the path around a hairpin and continue along the path and down through the woods > When you re-emerge onto the minor road take the righthand fork > Walk down to the bottom and up the other side > Turn left at Hole House and follow the road > Take the next footpath on your right up through the woods > When you emerge at the top, onto the road, turn left and follow road down to the cattle grid > Over the cattle grid and continue down the hill > Take the path opposite the school to your left, down to the Forge and Village Hall.
- 6 Forge & Village Hall** - Walk through the car park and turn left onto road > After a short distance take a right-hand turn and follow road and then path to the coast.
- 7 Branscombe Beach on the South West Coast Path** - Turn left for Beer or right for Sidmouth along the Jurassic Coast.

Amenities at Branscombe: Pubs, toilets, café, National Trust (Forge, Tea rooms and Old Mill).

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