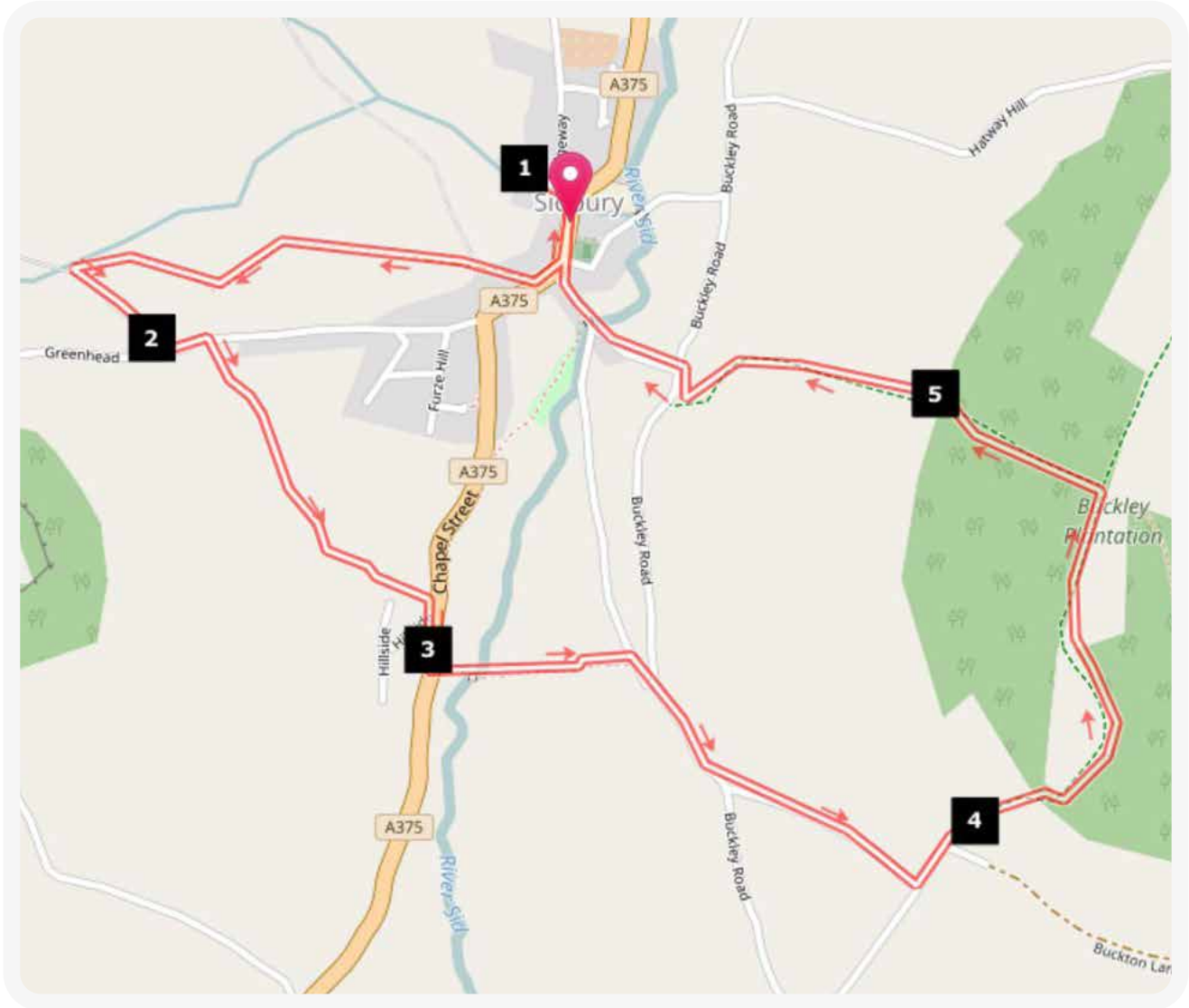


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Start location: Sidbury village car park. SY139919.

Route Summary: This walk has many fine views both of Sidbury and towards the sea at Sidmouth and beyond. There are two steep hills, one ascent and one descent, but the route should not be beyond the capabilities of the average walker.

Map: Explorer 115 Exmouth and Sidmouth

Description

[1] Start from the free public car park in Sidbury (grid ref. SY139919) and walk to the main road where turn right. Pass the Red Lion pub and the church and take a footpath on the right signed 'to White Cross'. Follow path along field edge and through a meadow to a gate at a lane. Turn left and reach a lane T junction where turn left.

St Giles Church is one of the most interesting in the County. There is a Saxon crypt, and a rare example of Norman diaper work can be seen on the outside of the east wall. Green Lane track follows the watershed between Sweetcombe, Roncombe and Sid Valleys.

[2] After 100 yards turn right on a lane and follow it until lane forks to the right where straight on along a path signed 'permissive path'. Go through a gate and turn left downhill to a main road where turn right.

[3] After 100 yards turn left onto a footpath and follow over a footbridge and cross a stile to a lane. Here turn right and at road junction turn right again. At next road junction (Buckley Cross) turn left on a no through road. Bear left at junction and as lane turns to the right, go straight ahead onto a bridleway.

[4] Follow path uphill through fields into a wood. Follow waymarks uphill through trees to emerge at a clearing and a farm on your right. Just past the farm at footpath cross tracks, turn left initially level and then descending steeply through a wood.

[5] Emerge from the wood and cross a field making for a hedge gap ahead. Cross stile and follow hedge for a few yards before going through a gate in the hedge on the right. Head to the left towards the left of farm buildings to a stile by a lane. Turn right and opposite the farm turn left downhill coming into Sidbury village. Retrace route back to the car park.

From the stile there are good views of Sidbury and the hills to the west. Bald Hill, Ball Hill, Evergreen Hill and Castle Hill which is surmounted by the large Iron Age hill fort from which Sidbury takes its name. Immediately west of the village you can see the red brick building of Sidbury Manor, nestling in a fold of the hill.

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