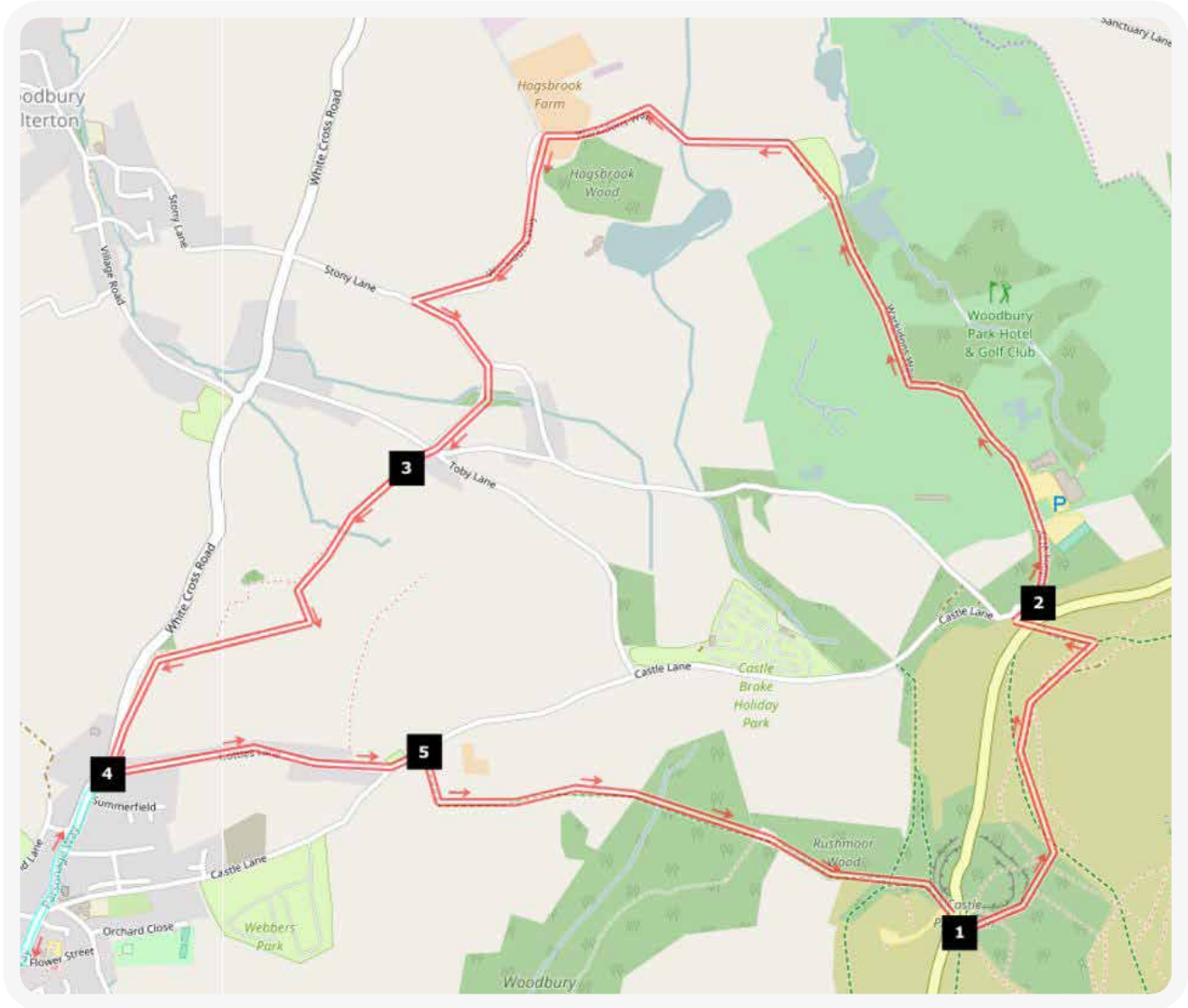
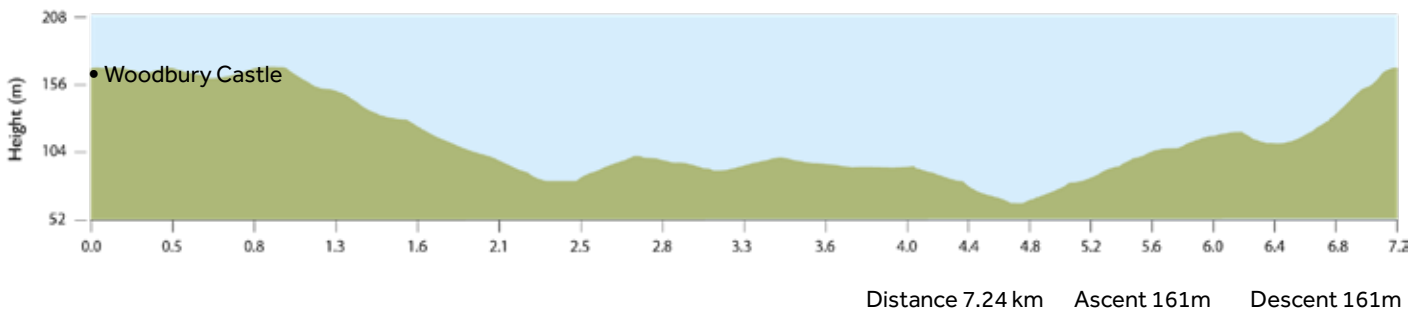


Circular 1

Woodbury Common Circular



Difficulty: Leisurely
Walking time: 2 hours 30 minutes
Length: 7.24km / 4.5mi



Circular Route 1

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Difficulty: Leisurely

Walking time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Length: 7.3km / 4.5mi

Start location: Woodbury Castle, east car park.

Route Summary: This 4.5 mile walk commences at Woodbury Castle car park and follows tracks and footpaths to Woodbury village with good views of the Exe Estuary.

Description

- 1. From the car park turn right on a track by the signs waymarked East Devon Way and proceed downhill.** As track turns sharply right, turn left on path through trees following the EDW waymarks. The route keeps to the right of the castle earthworks and emerges from the trees turn left on a track (EDW sign). After 200 yards fork right and keep on that main track until forking sharp left by some trees and a wooden walkway. Leave the East Devon Way and follow the track to the main road.
- 2. Cross the main road onto a lane and immediately turn right along the golf club road.** As the road turns right into the car park, go straight ahead onto a stony track. At large gates on the right (Lyndhayne), the track becomes surfaced. Carry on through Hogsbrook Farm to lane junction where turn left. After 200 yards turn left at next lane junction and follow to T junction where go straight across onto a footpath.
- 3. Go through gates over footbridge and follow waymarks across two fields.** At wooden gate into third field, turn left keeping hedge on your left. The path swings to the right with hedge on the left. Partway down go left through the hedge by a gate and follow down with hedge on your right. The path bears left, at the bottom corner of the field go through gate to a road by Woodbury sign. Turn left for 80 yards to Cottles Lane on your left.
- 4. Turn left into Cottles Lane.** Keep straight on the road for about half a mile into Woodbury village.
- 5. Ascend the lane to road junction where turn left.** Turn right onto a bridleway opposite a cottage. At next gate turn sharp left and follow path keeping hedge on your left and enter a wood. Follow broad path through trees and continue uphill to cross tracks (East Devon Way) where straight over onto common. After a few yards, bear right uphill to a track. Good views here across the Exe estuary. Turn left to the road and the car park at Woodbury Castle.

Woodbury is a pleasant village with a mix of modern and more traditional buildings. There are two pubs, shops and a restaurant.

William Keble Martin, who wrote the Concise British Flora, was resident in the village until his death in 1969. The book was the result of a life time's work of painting and describing hundreds of botanical plant species and was an immediate bestseller.

The church of St Swithun, built in the 13th century, is well worth a visit.

Map: OS Explorer 115 Exmouth and Sidmouth

Refreshments: There are two pubs, a shop and restaurant in Woodbury village.

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