

21 Woodbury Common

Distance **8.5 miles/13.5km**

Ascent **329 metres**

Start/finish **East Budleigh, EX9 7ED**

Set off on Hayes Lane north-west uphill to the path junction at SY 051850 near Hayes Barton. Turn R and take the path north to the road at Yettington, turn R then L on the road and then R onto a bridleway at the edge of the woods (1.7 miles/2.8km). Follow this north then L at the fork and across the common to Woodbury Castle. Continue north then L onto the East Devon Way to reach the B3180. Cross and continue on the East Devon Way along a lane then bear L onto a track leading south through some woodland and back to the B3180 at Four Firs car park (4.9 miles/7.9km). Continue on the East Devon Way south-east to the next road, turn R then L, leaving the East Devon Way and taking a footpath south-east across East Budleigh Common. Join Hayeswood Lane back into East Budleigh. Turn L on High Street to return to the start.

Miles	Km	Directions
0.0	0.0	Follow Hayes Lane north-west uphill to a path junction at SY051850 near Hayes Barton.
0.9	1.5	Turn right and follow the path north to a road at Yettington. Turn right onto the road then left, and then right onto a bridleway at the edge of the woods at SY048859.
1.7	2.8	Follow the bridleway north through Crook Plantation and then right along the top of Uphams Plantation then head west across the common to the woodland surrounding Woodbury Castle. Follow the path to the right or north of the castle earth works and north to a path junction, turn left to reach the B3180 at SY033879.
3.7	6	Cross the road and follow the East Devon Way along a lane and then left heading south along the edge of the common and parallel to the road. Continue south re-crossing the B3180 and reaching the Four Firs car park.
4.9	7.9	Stay on the East Devon Way heading generally south across Bicton Common, through some trees and past a couple of lakes created in the old sand and gravel quarries, continue to the road at Fryingpans.
5.9	9.5	Turn right onto the road and then left onto a path heading south-east along the edge of the Wheathill Plantation. Cross a minor road and continue in the same direction to join Hayswood Lane at a track junction. Bear left onto this and follow it east back to East Budleigh. Turn left in the village and follow the road back to the start.