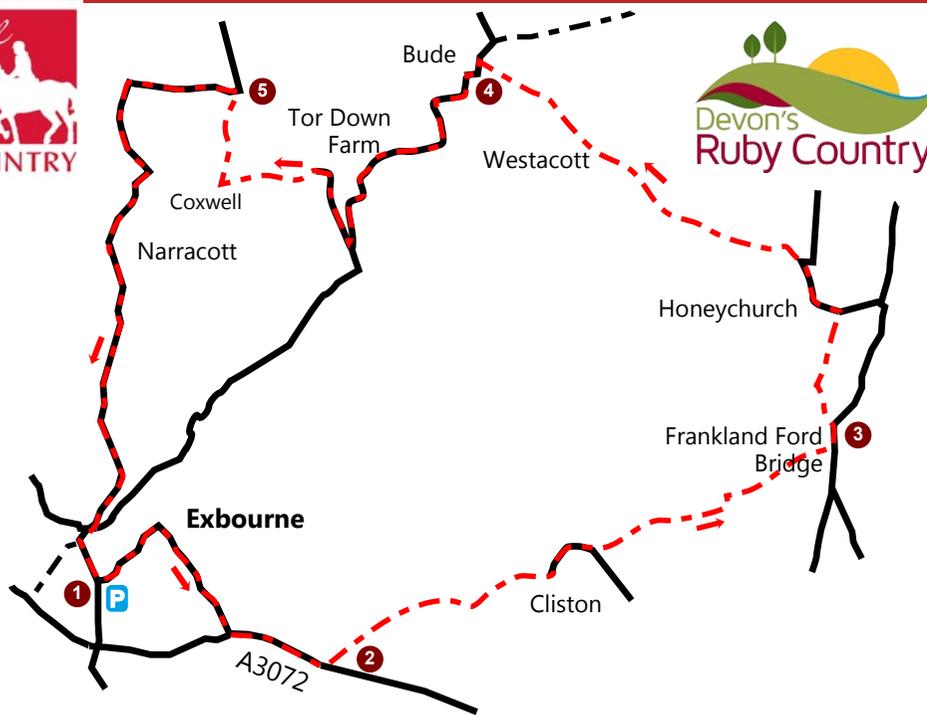


Exbourne and Honeychurch - East Ruby Country



Directions - Exbourne and Honeychurch

DISTANCE	6 miles	TIME	2 to 3 hours
PATHS	Village and farmland walk through fields and country lanes		
MAP	OS Explorer 113 or Landranger 191		
START/FINISH	Grid reference SS602019		
PARKING	In Exbourne opposite the church		
FACILITIES	Red Lion Inn and shop in Exbourne, all facilities in Hatherleigh (4miles) and Okehampton (7 miles)		

1. Walking on the pavement, leave the church on the left hand side. Just before the Red Lion Inn (well worth a visit) turn left down a lane. Keep on this lane until the junction with Holbrook Lane is reached. Turn right. When the main road is reached, turn left. This road is quite busy. Keep well in to the side and walk in single file. At the brow of the hill look for a stile over the fence on the left.

2. Cross this stile into a field. Turn right and cross the field to a gate, passing through this gate, across a field to a stile and another gate. At this point enter an orchard. Turn left and cross the orchard keeping the trees to the right. Pass through a gate, cross the track and enter another field. Cross the field keeping the hedge on the left. Part way along the field a gate will be reached in the hedge. Pass through the gate and cross the small field through a marshy area to a gate and stile into another field. Head up this field and turn left at the farm buildings ahead.

Follow the public footpath signs leading out opposite a thatched farm house. Go up the track to the left of the farm house, then passing several more properties, called Cliston. As the road bends sharply right continue straight ahead down a stony track. Keep on this track until a gate is reached, into a field. Cross this field to the left hand corner. The far end may be marshy and care is needed here. Pass through a gate and a road will be reached. Turn left and cross Frankland Ford Bridge.

3. Soon after the bridge cross the stile on the left into a field. Cross this field heading gradually uphill towards a large beech tree in the far hedge. Beside this tree is a stile into the next field. Head straight up this field with the hedge on the left. At the top of the field head to the left of the farm building and over a stile to a road. Turn left into the hamlet of Honeychurch. The church is worth visiting.

Pass Slade Farm on the left. A short while along take a track off to the left and enter a field through a gate on the right. Cross this field and the next 2 fields with the hedge on the right. In the fourth field the hedge bends to the right and the path continues straight across the field. After some large trees there is a gate leading onto a track. Cross the track, pass through a gate into a field. Head for the far left corner and go through a narrow path and a stile into another field. Climb this field with the hedge on the right. At the top, look for a gate leading on to a road. Turn left and continue on this road, past Bude Farm.

4. As the road winds downhill look for a public footpath sign leading from the road into a field on the right. Head across this field to the top left corner. Pass through a gate, turn left and cross the field and the next with the hedge on the left. This leads on to a grassy lane. Turn sharply right through a small gate onto a grassy path, then into another field keeping the hedge on the right. At the top of the field pass through a gate onto a road.

5. Turn left along this road. Keep on this road for about a mile as it winds its way to Exbourne and the start/finish point of the walk.