

# Bridgetown to Dulverton

## Ride & Walk



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### Fact File:

**Highlights:** Ancient woodlands and hedged boundary banks, Exmoor farmsteads, pheasants, old byways, Dulverton church

**Start Point:** Dulverton High Street

**Start Grid ref:** SS923 332

**Distance:** 4.5 miles, linear

**Height gained/lost:** 292 metres ascent, 337 metres descent. A moderate to strenuous walk.

**High Point:** 312 metres

**Low Point:** 140 metres

**Toilets:** At Dulverton only

**Eating places:** Pubs and tearooms at Dulverton. Shops also offers various snacks.

**Time required, excluding stops:** 3 hours

**Public transport:** 198 bus service. Please check the current timetable on Traveline 0871 200 22 33 [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com) before travelling.

**Route description:** This walk takes in the higher ground of the Exe River valley, passing through ancient woodland, gaining height quickly at the start of the walk. The walk passes through fields and farms with some wide views along the way. Depending on the time of year, you will see plenty of pheasants breaking the silence as you walk along. The walk finishes along an old byway to Dulverton, passing by the church at the end.

**Route directions:** The grid references are given should you like to follow the route on an Ordnance Survey map. They are not needed to follow the route which is described very accurately in the text.

### Catch the 399 bus opposite Castlemoor in Dulverton High Street. Ask to get off at Bridgetown.

#### 1, [SS923 332](#), 0 miles

At Bridgetown, from the bus stop walk down Week Lane to pass the entrance to Exe Valley Camping Site. Cross the river bridge and turn left after the first house on the left along a level lane signed to Hollam Farm.

#### 2, [SS922.331](#), 0.1 miles

Go along this lane to pass through a gate. Now bear round to the right up the field to shortly reach a gate on your right. Pass through and now follow the hedged bank on your left in a gully up this field. Soon ignore the gate on the left continuing up the field, probably not in the gully now as it is overgrown.

#### 3, [SS920 329](#), 0.4 miles

In front of the woods at the top turn left to pass through a gate along a track and shortly bear right up a footpath, climbing quite steeply through the woods to another track. Turn right up hill and almost immediately turn left to now pass through the left of the two gates ahead.

#### 4, [SS920 327](#), 0.5 miles

Now go ahead fairly level with the fenced hedged bank on your right to the far corner of this field. Pass through, ignoring gates on either side and go down to turn left on to the next track signed to Miltons Bridge, going downhill.

#### 5, [SS919 324](#), 0.7 miles

At the farm buildings turn left by the first one to pass by the farmhouse to then follow the tarmac farm road to a cattle grid, continuing down this road through mainly conifer trees. Go round the steep hairpin bend and at the bottom by the silos and sheds cross the footbridge over the stream by a ford, signed to Broford.

#### 6, [SS919 321](#), 1.0 mile

Follow this track ahead ignoring the one immediately on the right, now climbing steadily.

#### 7, [SS920 318](#), 1.2 miles

At the fork bear right, still uphill. On the way up ignore the tracks off to the left, continuing ahead, slightly right. A little further on you reach a gate near the top.

#### 8, [SS923 316](#), 1.6 miles

Pass through and now follow the grass track ahead bearing round to the right near the top boundary of this field. Go to the far corner gate, ignoring gates on the right. In the next field go ahead level by the hedged bank on your right to the far corner.

#### 9, [SS919 314](#), 1.9 miles

Now ignore the gate ahead to a hedged path, instead taking the gate on the left through a field to reach the top right corner by an old shed. Go to the road and turn left downhill along it.

**10, SS918 311, 2.2 miles**

On reaching the farm turn right signed to Dulverton with the main buildings on your left. Pass through the yard to a gate ahead into a field. Now bear slightly left downhill to a gate on the edge of a wood.

**11, SS917 310, 2.3 miles**

Pass through and follow the track to the left rounding the zigzags over a stream to a gate ahead, ignoring the one further down in the valley.

**12, SS917 309, 2.4 miles**

Go through this gate into a field to follow its boundary by the woods on your left, then keeping in this field up to the top following by an old hedged bank to a gate ahead. Pass through into the next field and go ahead fairly level to the far left corner to an old hedged bank and a bridle gate through to the next field.

**13, SS916 306, 2.6 miles**

Follow its left boundary to the far corner to pass through two bridle gates into the next field. Now go to the far left corner to pass through a gate.

**14, SS914 303, 2.8 miles**

From here go to the left side of the cottage ahead, to a gate. Pass through on to a track, ignoring it coming up from the left, instead go ahead and as it bears right, go straight ahead through a gate signed to Dulverton. Follow the hedged bank on your left. Soon ignore the gate on the left and continue through the gap ahead, still keeping beside the hedged bank. Go to the top left corner with two bridle gates.

**15, SS915 298, 3.2 miles**

Pass through these and then turn immediately left through a bridle gate by a gate. Now go 45° to your right to pass well to the right of the trig point. Ignore the bridle gate and signpost over to your right, instead go to the two gates further along the same hedged bank on the right.

**16, SS915 296, 3.3 miles**

Pass through the left of the two gates to follow alongside the hedged bank on your right, to the bottom right corner. Ignore the gate on the right and go through the one ahead, going ahead by a stand of trees to a gate in the far right corner.

**17, SS915 290, 3.6 miles**

Now ignore the track on the left and gate on the right, instead go to the bridle gate ahead and follow the sunken lane to reach a track. Ignore the gate ahead and

bear right into a field keeping almost level by a wire fence on your left to pass under a beautiful old squat beech tree.

**18, SS916 287, 3.8 miles**

Just after this tree go over to the right to find a gate hidden around the corner which brings you to a track. Turn left along it signed Restricted Byway, Dulverton. Keep on it as it loses height and bears right and narrows.

**19, SS914 280, 4.3 miles**

Follow it all the way down to reach the church boundary wall, bearing left by the house to then turn right down steps and path by the church wall. Pass the end of the church and continue ahead to its lych-gate.



**Dulverton Church**

**20, SS914 279, 4.4 miles**

Turn left to reach Dulverton High Street.