

# Dulverton Circular



## Fact File:

**Highlights:** Ancient woodlands, Marsh Bridge pack-horse bridge, ancient byways, Dulverton church

**Start Grid ref:** SS 913 278

**Distance:** 3.3 miles, circular

**Height gained/lost:** 238 metres. An easy to moderate walk with one long ascent.

**High Point:** 277 metres

**Low Point:** 136 metres

**Toilets:** at Dulverton only

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

**Time required:** excluding stops: 2 hours

**Public transport:** 198 and 398 bus services. Please check the current timetable on Traveline 0871 200 22 33 [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com) before travelling.

**Route description:** This walk shows off the superb This walk gives a taste of part of the River Barle valley upstream from Dulverton to cross over the old pack-horse bridge called Marsh Bridge. The walk then gains height along an ancient byway with moss-encrusted walls and banks either side. A seat awaits you at the top before an easy walk back to Dulverton along another old byway.

**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.

### 1, [SS 913 278](#)

From the bus stop in Dulverton High Street, with Castlemoor on your left and the pharmacy behind you, walk towards the river bridge. Cross the river bridge and turn immediately right along a small road. Soon ignore the road on the left and continue ahead uphill.

### 2, [SS 910 280](#), 0.3 miles

At the top of the climb continue ahead and level, ignoring the path off to the left. Shortly turn left up steps to avoid a landslip ahead and follow this path as it climbs through the woods. After a while it levels off, continue ahead until it reaches a T-junction with another path. Turn right downhill to reach the next T-junction with the next path.

### 3, [SS, 906 285](#), 1.2 miles

Turn left towards Marsh Bridge. Walk through the stream following the fairly level path along the edge of the woods to reach a farm. Pass through both kissing gates to the road, bearing right along it. Soon cross the road bridge over the river and bear right to cross the old pack-horse bridge, Marsh Bridge.

### 4, [SS 907 289](#), 1.6 miles

At the road, cross straight over to go up the steeper . Cross straight over this road to follow the wide path signed to Court Down, up through the woods.

### 5, [SS 908 290](#), 1.7 miles

Continue ahead when a track joins from back-right. Stay on this ancient track as it climbs.

### 6, [SS 912 295](#), 2.1 miles

At the top T-junction turn right. There is a welcome seat here! Follow along this track as it gently loses height, ignoring tracks off.

### 7, [SS 915 287](#), 2.6 miles

After a while ignore the path through a gate on the left, instead keeping on the main track signed Restricted Byway, Dulverton. Keep on it as it loses height and bears right and narrows.

### 8, [SS914 280](#), 3.1 miles

Follow it all the way down to reach the church boundary wall, bearing left by the old school 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.

### 9, [SS914 279](#), 3.2 miles

Turn left to reach Dulverton High Street.