

Porlock Hill to Porlock

Ride & Walk



Fact File:

Highlights: Views from Porlock Hill, chance of seeing red deer and Exmoor ponies, classic sessile oak woods, impressive hunting lodge, Porlock village and church.

Start Point: Porlock High Street, bus stop for 300 service.

Start Grid ref: SS 855 462, Whitstone Post

Distance: 2.7 miles

Height gained/lost: 351 metres. The walk is easy, going gently downhill almost the whole way.

High Point: 366 metres

Low Point: 38 metres

Toilets: Porlock High Street car park

Eating places: Porlock

Time required, including stops: 1.5 hours

Public transport: Bus 300 towards Lynmouth

Route description: This walk makes an enjoyable morning or afternoon stroll. It is a downhill walk with excellent views and wooded valleys, eventually following a pretty stream to the village.

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 300 bus from Porlock going in the Lynmouth direction. Ask to get off at Whitstone Post which is the junction at the top of Porlock Hill, on the left to Exford and Cloutsham, opposite the large car park.

1, [SS855 462](#)

Having alighted the bus, standing at the junction with the main road on your left facing the way the bus came, follow the footpath signed to Porlock on grass through stunted trees downhill towards a valley. Shortly this path is running along the top edge of the valley on your right. The main road is above on your left. Ignore paths off to right and left.

2, [SS862 459](#), 0.5 miles

Soon you start to lose height into gorse to reach a bridle gate. Continue ahead slightly downhill to walk above stunted and twisted oak trees.

3, [SS864 456](#), 0.7 miles

On reaching a track go left and immediately right before a cattle grid, signed to Porlock. The path keeps just above the trees in the valley with fields up to your left. Soon, on reaching deer fencing and a path coming up from behind-right, continue ahead to a bridle gate. Continue ahead as the path loses height.

4, [SS872 458](#), 1.3 miles

When the path divides, with the blue-waymarked bridleway going slightly left and up, you bear right and down into the woods (by a holly tree).

5, [SS876 458](#), 1.5 miles

At the bottom you reach a most impressive hunting lodge. Go right from the footpath and immediately left along the track to soon be walking alongside the stream.

6, [SS879 457](#), 1.8 miles

Shortly ignore the bridleway to the right over a

footbridge to Ley Hill. Continue along the track now passing houses. Soon ignore the bridleway bearing off to the right, staying on the road by cottages.

7, [SS884 459](#), 2.2 miles

Continue ahead when a road comes in from the right, to cross a stream and soon ignore the Public Bridleway on the left by the mill, continuing along the road with the stream on your left.

8, [SS885 467](#), 2.7 miles

On reaching Porlock village and church, the High Street is either way with a bus stop here.



The open-top 300 bus in Porlock