



A walk along a stony track gently climbing to the summit of Dunkery Beacon - at 1705 feet (519 metres) the highest point on Exmoor.



Start points:

Small car park beside road. Heading north along the minor road, as the road descends it is the third car park on the right

Postcode: TA24 7AT

Grid Reference: SS 904 420

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Distance: 1½ miles / 2.4 km there and back, with 235 feet / 70m of ascent.



Toilets: None on site. Nearest accessible public toilets are 15 minutes drive away at the National Trust car park at Horner (TA24 8HY) or Wheddon Cross

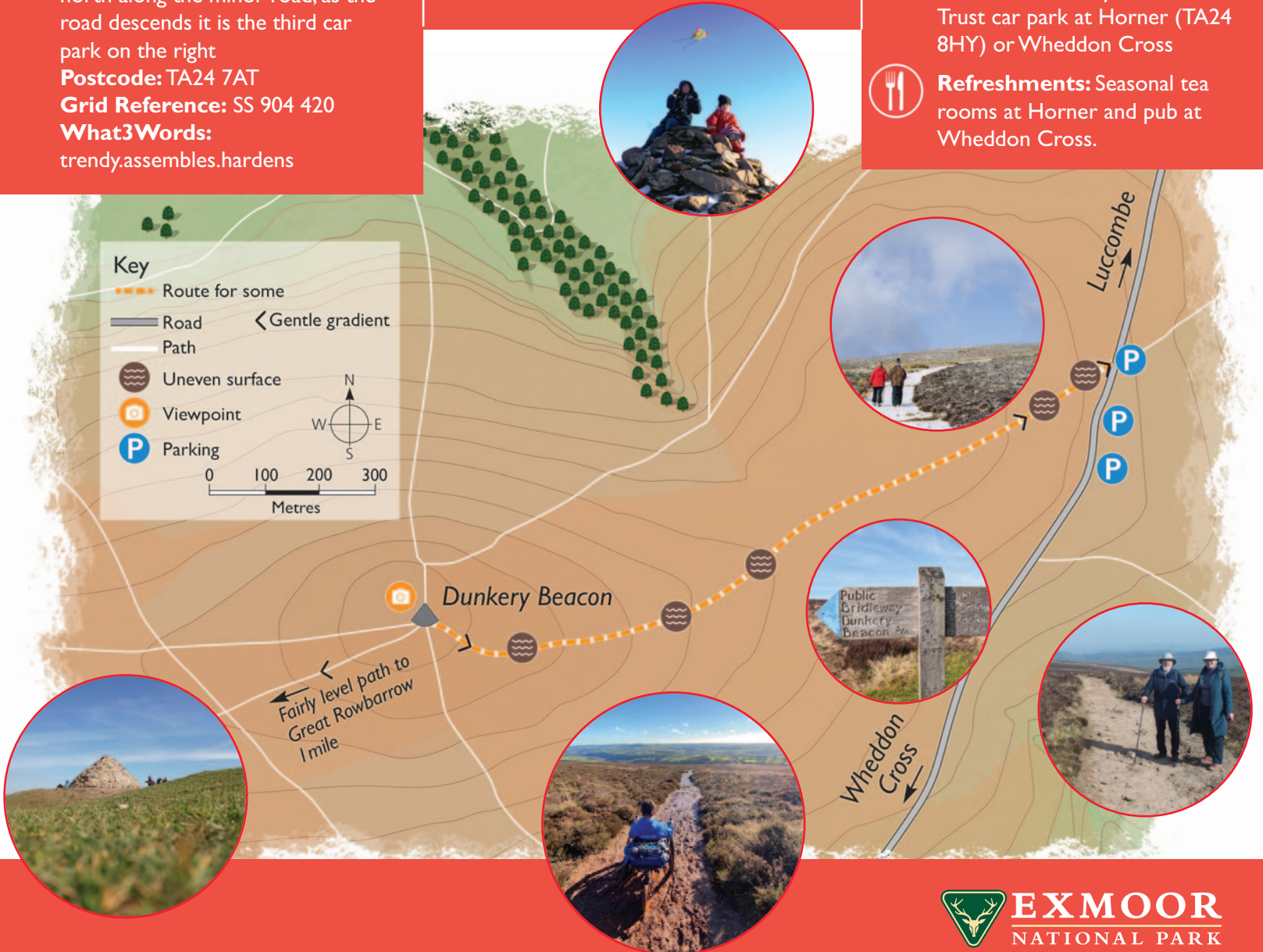


Refreshments: Seasonal tea rooms at Horner and pub at Wheddon Cross.

Grade: Access For Some: Suitable for sturdy pushchairs, assisted wheelchairs and more robust, all-terrain type equipment.

Directions: The track starts immediately opposite the car park, and runs fairly straight directly to the summit. If you want to extend the walk, a fairly level track continues for about another mile from the summit along the ridge to Great Rowbarrow.

Surface and terrain: The route follows a wide stony moorland track with a gradient generally between 1:20 and 1:10 as it steadily climbs from the road up to the summit of Dunkery Beacon. Note: The first few metres follows a narrower and rougher path (90cm wide) before joining the main track (which is gated). The most challenging sections are five stone drainage channels across the path, which are uneven and have short sections of 1:6 gradient.



- Dunkery Hill is owned by the National Trust and managed for wildlife, and is home to rare birds such as Dartford warbler and merlin, the heath fritillary butterfly and reptiles including adders.
- If you are lucky, you may spot red deer - Britain's largest wild land mammal. Autumn mornings are a particularly good time to see them.
- Along the ridge are cairns and Bronze Age burial mounds, signs of the people who lived here around 4000 years ago.