



Heddon's Mouth Circular walk

Short walk to Heddon's Beach, and along the South West Coast Path from a remote country pub. Travel by car only.

Length 9.1km / 5.6 miles

OS Maps Explorer 9 (Exmoor)

Toughness 4/10 - Easy going on good paths - long slow climb to the top, and a long slow descent

Walk Notes This is a popular walk from the Hunter's Inn - a remote country pub - along a valley to Heddon's Mouth beach. Then its along the South West Coast Path (SWCP) to Woody Bay. Then its back along a parallel but higher path at the top of the cliff.

Optionally, you can walk down to Woody Bay, returning on the same path.

This is a car-only walk - the local roads are narrow, and not served by buses, which have to detour inland at this point.

Travel Park at The Hunter's Inn, EX31 4PY

Lunch and Tea • [The Hunter's Inn](#)

Exmoor Exmoor is a small National Park (NP) on the north coast of Somerset and Devon. It has a dramatic rocky coastline with the highest sea cliffs and largest coastal forest in England. Inland are steep sided valleys which lead up to bleak moorland plateau ("The Chains") and the NP's highest point - Dunkery Beacon at 519m / 1703 feet. The southern side of the plateau, bisected by steep valleys slopes much more gently, as is used for sheep farming. Formerly a royal forest, the NP has few towns, but 2 large seaside resorts outside it - Minehead and Barnstable. See [Exmoor's wiki page](#)

Travel There are no train stations nearby. To get here, take 1) a National Express Coach to Minehead or 2) a train to Taunton, and then a bus to Minehead.

Regular buses run along the coast on the SWCP day 1 route to Porlock, then a summer only services along the SWCP day 2 route to Lynton. The

coastal road heads inland, and doesn't rejoin the coast until the end of SWCP day 3 route - a summer weekend only bus service. NB the #300 bus along the coast runs in 2 sections: i) Minehead to Lynmouth, and ii) Lynmouth to Ilfracombe

Bus Routes

- National Express : London to Minehead
- #28 Taunton (train station) to Minehead : year round
- #39 Minehead (day 1 start) to Porlock and Porlock Weir (day 1 end / day 2 start) : year round
- #300 Minehead (day 1 start) to Porlock (near day 1 end / day 2 start), County Gate (day 2), Lynmouth and Lynton (day 2 end) : April to October, reduced service on Sunday
- #300 Lynmouth (day 2 end / day 3 start) to Combe Martin (day 3 end / day 4 start) and Ilfracombe (day 4) : April, October: weekends; May-September: daily

Help Us!

After the walk, please leave a [comment](#), it really helps. Thanks!

You can also upload photos to the [SWC Group on Flickr](#) ([upload your photos](#)) and [videos to Youtube](#). This walk's tags are:

By Car

Start Heddon's Mouth, EX31 4PY

Map Walk

This walk **requires** an OS map and a compass or GPS for navigation. You can print out OS maps using the link above.

Help

National Rail: 03457 48 49 50 • TraveLine (bus times): 0871 200 22 33 (12p/min) • TFL (London) : 0343 222 1234

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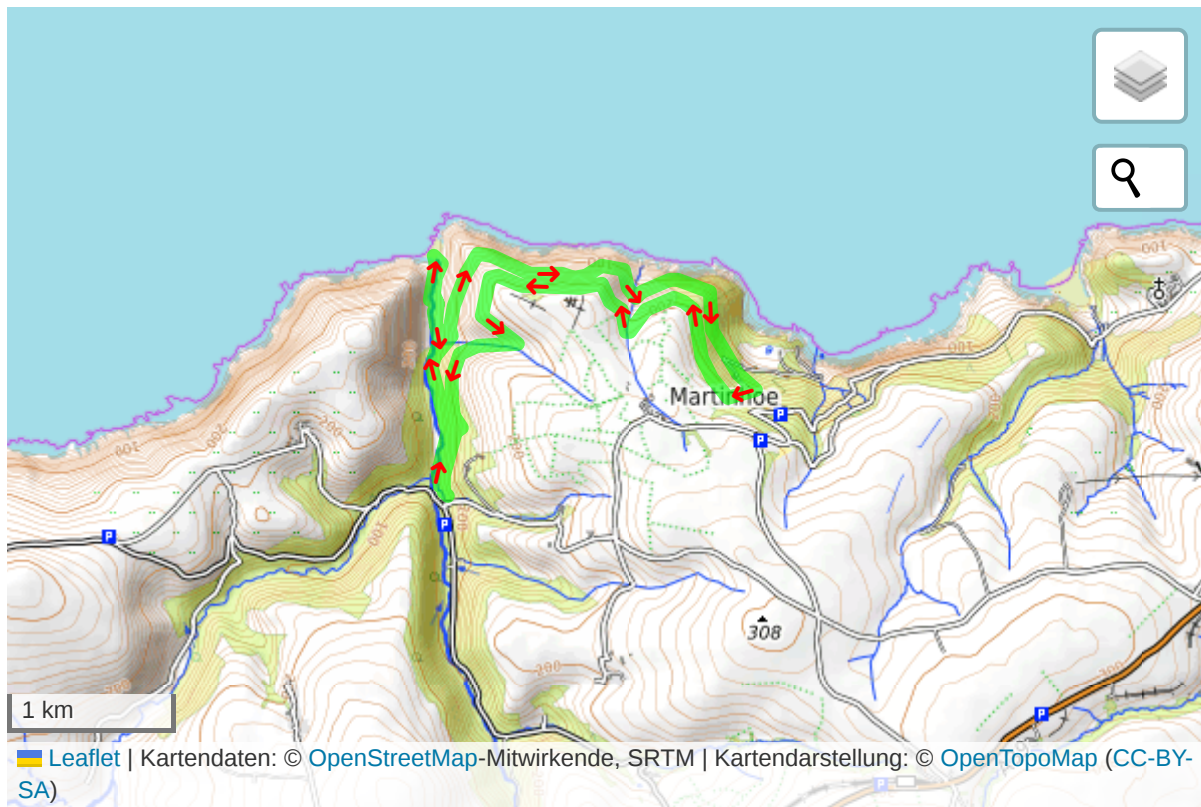
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Walk Directions

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Map 1



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