

EXMOOR RANGERS' FAVOURITE WALKS

8th edition – revised and updated

This ever popular walking guide now appears in a new and fully revised edition, updated by staff and volunteers of Exmoor National Park Authority. The fact that this is the 8th edition shows how popular this book has become.

Exmoor is the “friendly” moor, and although there are spectacular views to be obtained from the beaten track, the moor’s most attractive moods are saved for those who venture a little way from the roads.

The aim of this guidebook is to tempt you to sample the tranquillity and natural beauty which are special qualities of the National Park. Visitors often wonder what is behind the beech hedgebanks that line the roads. Here is your chance to find out and to enjoy the wildlife and peace that can only be found by leaving the car behind.

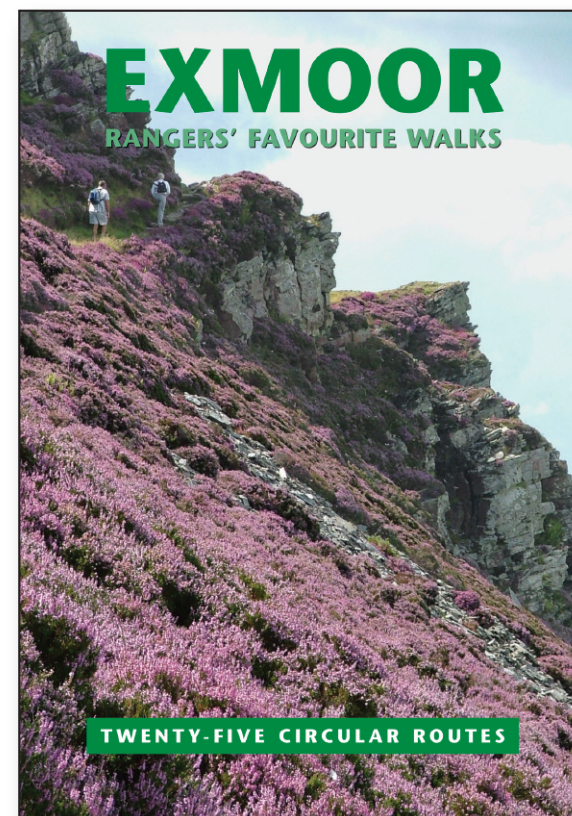
The twenty-five walks are all circular, vary from 2 to 8 miles in length and cover most parts of the National Park. Colour sketch maps enable users to get the most out of the fantastic walking experience that the National Park has to offer.

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EXMOOR RANGERS' FAVOURITE WALKS

Walk 1	Kennisham, Colly and Lype Hills	10	Cow Castle	19	Oare Church via Badgworthy Water
2	Dunster Park	11	Pinkery Pond and Chains Barrow	20	The Foreland
3	Dunster around Grabbist Hill	12	Bossington Hill and Hurlstone	21	Doone Country
4	Barle Valley and Court Down	13	To Dunkery Beacon from the East	22	Hoar Oak Valley and Exe Head
5	Dane's Brook to Castle Bridge	14	Horner Hill	23	Hoar Oak Water and the East Lyn
6	Tarr Steps to Anstey Gate and Hawkridge	15	Horner Wood	24	The Valley of Rocks and Lee Valley
7	Winsford Hill	16	East Water and Stoke Wood	25	Heddon's Mouth
8	The Exe Valley	17	To Dunkery Beacon from the West		
9	Withypool Common and Barle Valley	18	Hawkcombe		

WALK 1

Kennisham, Colly and Lype Hills

4 miles (6.5 kms)

Start: Entrance to Kennisham Hill Wood at Goosemoor on the Wheddon Cross road, OS map ref: SS964358

This walk in the Brendon Hills takes you through forestry plantations and across fields. In the latter part of the walk on Colly and Lype Hills, please take care to follow the route and walk around and not across fields. Lype Hill, at the western extremity of this walk, is the highest point in the Brendon Hills at nearly 1400 feet.

There are no very steep gradients on this walk but there might be a damp stretch in the lower part of the woodland. It is most important to keep dogs under control because in addition to sheep, large numbers of pheasants are bred in this area.

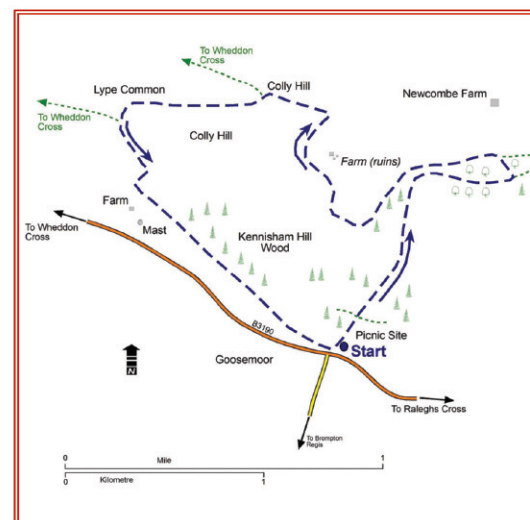
The starting point is 3 miles from Wheddon Cross at a junction with a road from Brompton Regis. Wheddon Cross is reached on the A396 from Dunster or Tiverton, or on the B3224 from Exford. Cars can be parked in the picnic site inside the woods on the right.

Start off along the forestry track, running directly away from the road. In front will be seen Croydon Hill with the largest Forestry Commission woods in the area. Keep straight on at the crossroads following the bridleway sign towards Luxborough. Halfway down the track looking left, there is a glimpse of the Bristol Channel with the mountains of Wales beyond. Carry on downhill to the edge of the wood and go through the gate immediately in front. Walk by the side of the hedge on the right until the hedge turns right.

As the hedge turns right, turn left to a gate with a signpost. Go

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WALK 1



through this gate following the bridleway sign for Colly Hill. After a short stretch the track joins a forestry road. Turn right along the road following the signs for the Bridleway. As the road meanders on through woodland used for rearing pheasants, listen out for the shrieking cries of the buzzards as they float over the landscape. After a short while the track opens up to a meeting of roads. Turn left following the bridleway signs for Colly Hill.

Opposite Newcombe Farm this runs into another wide forestry road. Turn left onto this road again following the bridleways signs

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