

CIRCULAR WALK: MANATON VIA LUSTLEIGH

Approx distance: 7.5 miles (12km) Duration: 3.5 hours walking (2 hours to Lustleigh; 1.5 hours back) Difficulty: involves some long, steep climbs

1. Starting from the bus stop near Manaton Church, walk up lane past the village green and church on your left; continue past Manaton Gate, the village hall, and pass the bridleway on your right. After about 100m, take the right turn immediately before Heath Cottage and follow this lane until you reach the cattle grid.

2. Turn left through the gate onto the footpath for Foxworthy Bridge; cross the field and go through two large gates before turning right through a small gate into woodland. Follow the path to the left for Foxworthy. When you reach the lane, turn right and follow the footpath signs to Foxworthy.

3. After crossing the small bridge, bear left onto the bridleway for Peck Farm; when you reach the lane turn right and follow the bridleway past Peck Farm towards Hammerslake. The bridle path takes you uphill and over Hunter's Tor, then past the iron-age hill fort.

4. Follow the path along the top of the valley and then descend to the left away from the cleave. Go through the small gate by the fingerpost to get to Hammerslake.

5. Turn left at the road and take the footpath on the right after about 10m, marked Church Steps for Lustleigh.

6. At Lower Coombe take the footpath to the right for Lustleigh. Follow the path then lanes until you arrive at the village.



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Now refresh yourself with a glass of something cold at The Cleave or a cup of something hot at The Primrose Tea Rooms. Allow 90 minutes for the walk back to Manaton.

7. From Lustleigh church, take the road past the post office, go over the small bridge, then take the first right past the Baptist chapel; continue up the lane for about 120m then turn sharp left into an uphill winding lane

8. Follow this lane until you reach a T-junction; turn left, then at the next T-junction turn right.

9. Take the next left onto the bridleway for Lustleigh Cleave. Go through Heaven's Gate and descend into the valley following signs for Manaton via Water.

10. After crossing the footbridge, bear right to follow the path uphill to Water. When you arrive at the 4-way fingerpost at the top of the climb, turn right for Horsham.

11. Continue along the track until a left turn into the bridleway for Manaton. On reaching the road, turn left to arrive at Manaton village green and the bus stop beyond.

Call in at the Kestor Inn for another refreshing drink, or a bite to eat, before boarding the Haytor Hoppa for your return trip.



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