

DEVON

Orcombe Point circular walk

The most westerly point of the Jurassic Coast, a Unesco World Heritage Site, Orcombe Point offers views over the Exe estuary and out to sea. Follow part of the South West Coast Path before passing through meadows rich with wild flowers in spring and summer. Keep an eye out for birds and butterflies, and pause at the Geoneedle, a landmark representing 180 million years of the Earth's history with Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous rock.



Information

Address: Foxholes Hill Road, Devon EX8 2DQ. Grid ref: SY016799.

OS map: Explorer 115, Landranger 192

Activity: Walking

Moderate: A mix of grass and tarmac footpaths. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Keep dogs on leads, as there may be cattle grazing and ground-nesting birds

Full trail: Miles: 1.5 (km: 2.4)

Access: Easy

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

A mix of grass and tarmac footpaths, with some areas of short, gentle ascents and descents, including steps.

Total steps: 5

Start point: Foxholes Hill Road, Devon EX8 2DQ. Grid ref: SY016799.

1. Facing the sea, walk across the grassy area towards the bottom left-hand corner. Follow the footpath through the wooded area and turn left onto the tarmacked footpath. Continue on this path until you come to the National Trust Omega sign.
2. Take the right-hand fork and follow the path towards the trees. Continue down towards the sea, following the path in an arc, back up towards the Geoneedle.
3. From the Geoneedle follow the South West Coast Path uphill, admiring views of the distinctive red Devon cliffs on your right. On the right you may spot the old lookout used by the Exmouth Home Guard during the Second World War to keep a watch for enemy invasion. As you reach the summit of the hill take the pathway on your left signposted 'permissive path'.
4. After walking into the field continue until you see a 'permissive footpath' signpost directing you to the left. Follow the permissive path heading downhill. Continue on this path until you reach the wooden gate and rejoin the path near the Geoneedle.
5. Turn right and walk along the path, passing the omega sign and retracing your steps to Foxholes Hill Road.

End point: Foxholes Hill Road, Exmouth, Devon EX8 2DQ. Grid ref: SY016799.