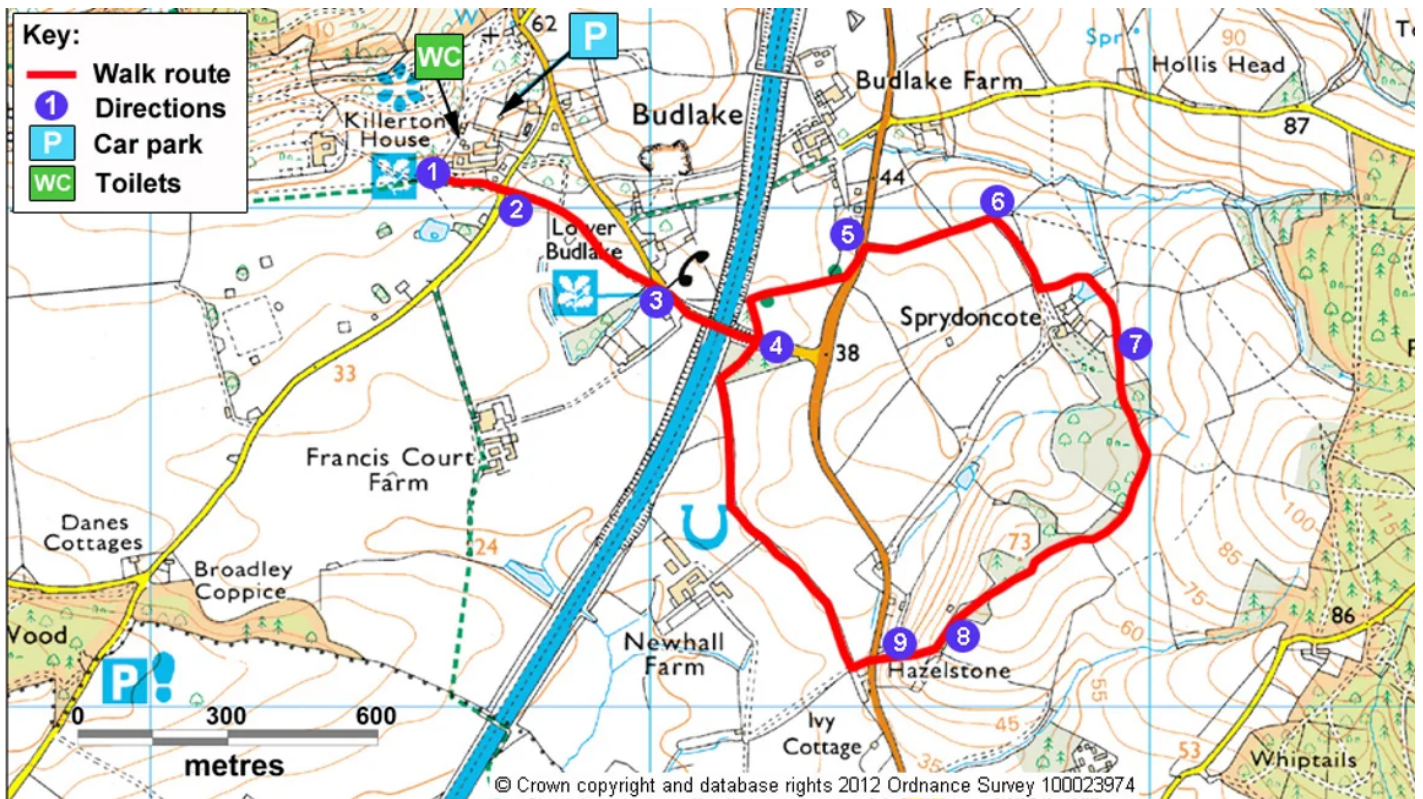


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Killerton to Sprydon walk

A delightful walk through orchards and woodland, passing Holly Lodge and other picturesque thatched cottages at Sprydon.



Information

Address: Killerton, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon, EX5 3LW

OS map: Landranger 192

Activity: Walking

Easy: Circular walk following footpaths, tracks and quiet roads, with one main road crossing. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome, but please keep on a lead near livestock.

Full trail: Miles: 2.5 (km: 4)

Duration: 1 hour 15 mins

Terrain

Circular walk following footpaths, tracks and quiet roads in the area around Killerton. Easy terrain, if sometimes a little muddy, with only a gentle ascent and just one stretch of slightly steeper descent. There is one very busy main road to cross.

Total steps: 9

Start point: Killerton stable block, grid ref: SS977001

1. From the front of the stable block, walk a few yards to your left along the tarmac drive and go through the wooden farm gate into Front Park. Turn left and make your way along the fence to the metal gate in the corner that meets the main road.
2. Going through the gate, cross the road with care and go through the wooden gate opposite. Continue along the old drive ahead, following it down to go through the gate at the end. Please keep dogs on a lead around livestock. As you pass through the field, you can see some of Killerton's historic orchards on your left.
3. Once through the gate, at the cottage with the phone box, turn right onto the road and follow it over the M5, ignoring the road leading to your right just before the motorway.
4. Almost immediately, on the left-hand side, a set of steps leads down through trees on your left to a path through fields. Go through the gate at the bottom of the steps and follow the path as it heads left, back towards the motorway, and then turns abruptly right towards Holly Lodge. Go straight across the track that crosses your path in the field, and past the lodge to the road beyond.
5. Cross the road to the lane immediately opposite, and follow this to the brow of the hill, where the right-hand fork will take you to a gate into woodland.
6. Go through this gate and into the wood. Before reaching Sprydon Cottages, you come to a gate, with footpaths to left and right. Take the left-hand path through the kissing gate, following it as it curves to your right to a kissing gate into an orchard. Go through the kissing gate beyond that, and through the gate in the far boundary of the next orchard. The gate beyond is in the right-hand corner of the far boundary, and then your path travels over a boardwalk and some steps to an open enclosure bounded on each of its four sides by a gate.
7. Go through the gate straight ahead and follow the path through the wood until it curves around to a gate on your right into a field.

8. Go through the gate and follow the path steeply downhill, through the field to the gate in the boundary by the road, some distance to the right.
9. Going through the gate and crossing the road, turn left onto the road and take the footpath on your right a moment later, turning right onto the next road a few yards further on. Ignoring the left-hand lane leading to Newhall, carry on along the road and follow the track at the end, back onto the original road over the motorway. Turn left onto this and retrace your footsteps through Sparrow Park and into Front Park, and back to the stable block at the start of the walk.

End point: Killerton stable block, grid ref: SS977001
