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## Potters Hill and Woolacombe Down walk

A walk up Potters Hill and beyond will reward you with stunning views across the bay towards Baggy Point and Morte Point. It's just a stone's throw from the beach, but you'll feel like a million miles away from the crowds. For a short burst of activity you can take the shorter hike up to the mini-mountain of Potters Hill, or take a longer hike from Potters Hill across Woolacombe Down, returning through the dunes.



### Information

Address: Woolacombe, North Devon

OS map: Explorer 139; Landranger 180

Activity: Walking

Moderate: The walk is on unsurfaced tracks and can be very steep. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome under close control.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Short trail: Miles: 0.75 (km: 1.2)

Duration: 45 mins - 2 hours

### Terrain

Most of the walk is on unsurfaced footpaths or tracks and at times is very steep.

### Total steps: 6

Start point: Marine Drive car park hut, grid ref SS458433

1. From the beginning of Marine Drive car park, walk up the grassy bank and through a field gate and follow the footpath uphill, signed by a finger post saying Public Footpath.
2. Continue up the hill as the path winds its way around Potters Hill. Bear left at the first waymark you reach. When you reach the second waymark, either follow the route to the left onto Potters Hill or, if continuing on up to Woolacombe Down, head straight on.
3. At the top of Potters Hill retrace your steps back to Marine Drive for the shorter walk or, if continuing on to Woolacombe Down, go to step 4.
4. Go through the bridlegate and follow the track up and over Woolacombe Down, passing a bench with fantastic views over to Baggy Point and Hartland. Continue along this track until you reach another field gate. Go through the gate and head downhill.
5. Take the footpath to the right, waymarked to Marine Drive. When you reach Marine Drive go left for 20 metres then take the footpath down into the dunes on your right.
6. When you reach the dunes follow the South West Coast Path signs to the right. Where the path forks, take the right-hand fork, which will take you through the dunes and back to your starting point at the beginning of Marine Drive.

End point: Marine Drive car park hut, grid ref SS458433