

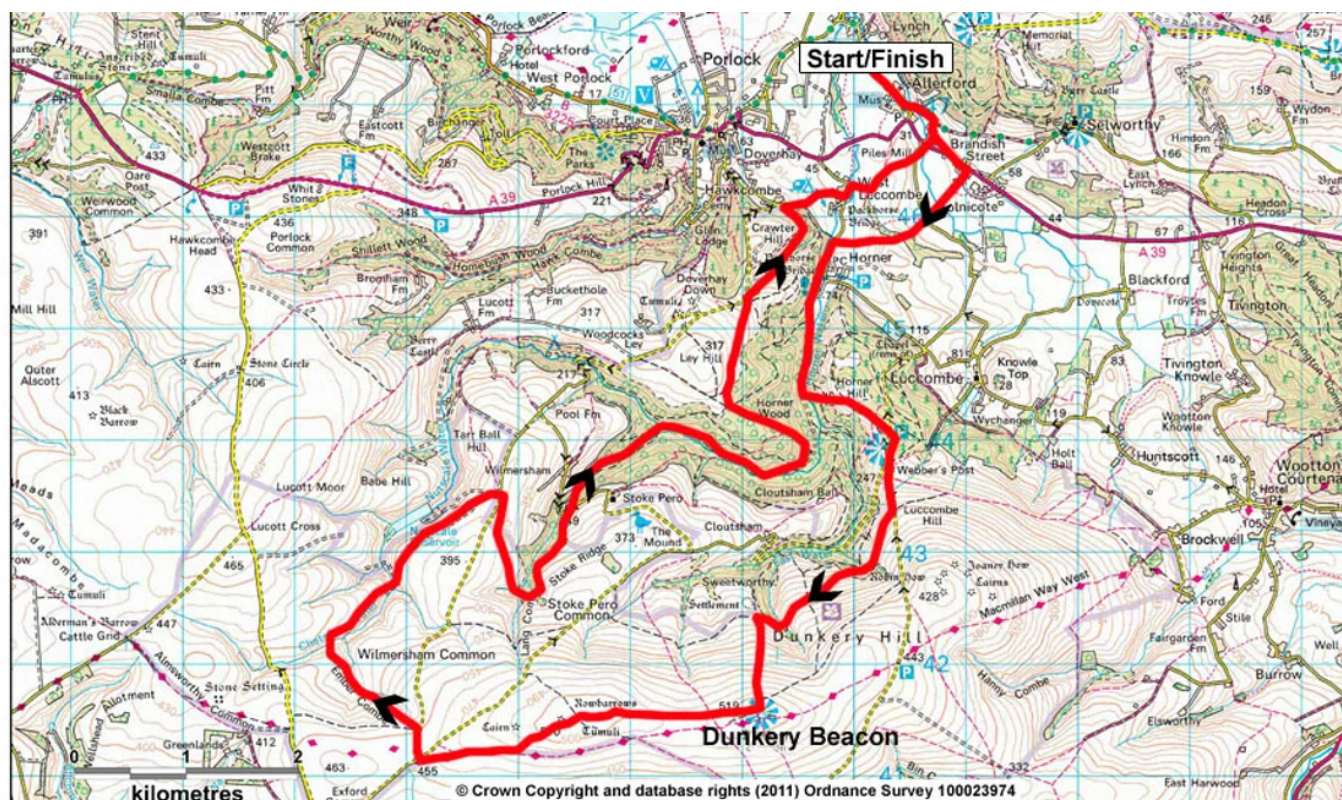
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Walking in Exmoor: Day two

Part two of a two-day walk on the Holnicote Estate, tried and tested by environment and travel journalist, Mark Rowe. Starting in Allerford, you'll head south through Horner Wood and onto Dunkery Beacon. It's a more challenging stretch than day one but it's well worth the effort for panoramic views from Dunkery Beacon and a chance to spot heath fritillary butterflies on your route.

Be prepared

This challenging walk requires the user to bring an appropriate map, navigational compass and walking footwear.



Information

Address: Holnicote Estate, Somerset

OS map: Exmoor Outdoor Leisure 9

Activity: Walking

Challenging: Several steep climbs and steep descents across moorland in exposed areas in places. For further information please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome on leads and under close control due to grazing livestock.

Full trail: Miles: 16 (km: 25.6)

Duration: 6 hours

Terrain

Several steep climbs and steep descents. Some stiles and gates. High moorland walking on exposed ground, some paths indistinct, though most are clear and well used.

Total steps: 6

Start point: Allerford, grid ref: SS905468

1. From Allerford, head for Holnicote House, HF Holidays and the National Trust Estate Yard. Follow field paths and the lane to Horner. Then follow Horner Water into Horner Wood.
2. Take the first footbridge on the left and follow Tuckers Path which zig-zags out of the wood to Webbers Post, Jubilee Hut and the viewpoint.
3. Follow the contours round to Dunkery Beacon and then head south-west across moorland to Porlock Post (SS861411).
4. Follow the road north across Wilmersham Common and take the track on the left (SS861413). Go past the quarry along Embercome Water and follow Nutscale Water down to the ford. Follow the wide track out of the combe.
5. Turn right onto the main track and take the left path into Dady Combe, dropping down Lang Combe into Horner Wood.
6. Later, follow Granny's Ride and Flora's Ride onto Ley Hill. Drop down Halse Combe to West Luccombe and return to Allerford via Piles Mill.

End point: Allerford, grid ref: SS905468