



SOMERSET

Webber's Post walk

Situated in the heart of the Holnicote Estate, this easy circular trail has panoramic views across the countryside and takes you through the temperate rainforest of Horner Wood. Along the way you'll discover wooden sculptures, a wealth of wildlife (including one of Britain's rarest butterflies) and some of the most beautiful landscapes within Exmoor National Park.



Information

Address: Webber's Post, Holnicote Estate, west of

Minehead, West Somerset

OS map: Landranger 181; Explorer OL9

Activity: Walking

Easy: Rugged terrain, ranging from level paths to steep slopes and hills. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but keep them on a lead, as you will be walking near livestock.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Easy
Duration: 30 mins

Terrain

Rugged terrain, ranging from level paths to steep slopes and hills. The ground can be a little muddy in places, especially after wet weather.

Total steps: 8

Start point: Main Webber's Post car park, grid ref: SS903438

- Leave the main Webber's Post car park by the wooden panel, which marks the start of the Webber's Post Easy Access Trail.
- 2. After a short distance the Easy Access Trail forks. Take the left hand fork.
- 3. As you emerge from the woods you'll see the first of several wooden sculptures dotted along the trail. The sculptures were created during Wood 2004, the international wood carving festival hosted on the Holnicote estate. Shortly after the first sculpture, you'll see the stone 'Acland' seat, which commemorates the gift of the Holnicote Estate to the National Trust by Sir Richard Acland in 1944.
- 4. Continue along the Easy Access Trail. Ignoring the signpost for the Priestway bridleway, follow the trail until you reach the next wooden signpost marked Permitted Bridleway to Horner. The Easy Access Trail begins to turn abruptly to the right at this point.
- 5. Leave the Easy Access Trail and follow the permitted bridleway to Horner. This is a great spot for finding wood ant nests, which are extremely active on warm, sunny days.
- 6. As you emerge from the woods you'll see the wooden Jubilee Hut in front of you. It was originally constructed in 1897 to mark the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria. This is a beautiful spot to stop for a while and take in the extensive panoramic views over the ancient Horner Woods, part of the Dunkery and Horner Wood National Nature Reserve.
- 7. Retrace your route back to the Easy Access Trail.
- 8. Once you have rejoined the Easy Access Trail, turn left. Continue along the trail through the conifer plantation and past several more wooden sculptures back to the car park.

End point: Main Webber's Post car park, grid ref: SS903438