

Horner to Dunkery and Back

Ancient oak woodland and classic Exmoor heather moorland viewed from the highest point on Exmoor.

Grade	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #fff9c4;">Medium</div>	
Length	14 km	8.6 Miles
Ascent	580 metres	
Map	OS Explorer OL9	
Points of Interest	Packhorse Bridge Webbers post memorial Hut Stoke Pero Church	Tumuli at Rowbarrow Dunkery Beacon
Local Facilities	<p>Car Parks Horner SS 898454 / Webbers Post SS 902439</p> <p>Pubs / Teashops Horner Tea rooms SS 898454</p> <p>Public Toilets Horner SS 898454</p>	
Getting there / Using Public Transport	<p>East of Porlock, turn left off the A39 to West Luccombe and Horner.</p> <p>Nearest Bus / train See : http://www.whatsonexmoor.co.uk/exmoor_public_transport.htm</p>	
Route description	<p>Start: Horner SS 898454.</p> <p>Stage 1: Take the little path by the toilets out the back of the car park and past the tea rooms onto the road. Walk east along the road until a path on your right takes you uphill through the trees and eventually joins a track – if in doubt keep going up! The slope gets gentler up to the memorial hut with great views over Horner’s ancient oak woodland. A little further along the same track will find you at Webbers Post car park.</p> <p>Stage 2: Walk right along the minor road for 200 metres, then take the track uphill, immediately finding a small path on your right; this is Dickys Path. Follow the path to the second combe (Aller Combe) after 2.5km. Shortly after coming out of the trees, turn left uphill for 1km to reach the summit of Dunkery Beacon.</p> <p>Stage 3: Walk directly west along the ridge to Rowbarrow Tumuli, and then turn North West past the weather station, 500 metres to the minor road. Turn right (NE), walking along the road for about 500 metres. Bare off left (the path is not on the map but is on the ground), across access land to the corner of Stoke Ridge plantation. Continue North for 400 metres, down to the minor road. Turn left downhill to the pretty church of Stoke Pero.</p>	

	<p>Stage 4: Take the Bridleway through the farm gate (east), entering the woods and descending steeply downhill to the footbridge at Prickslade Combe. Take the footpath by the side of Horner Water all the way back to Horner village.</p> <p>Finish: Horner SS 898454.</p>
Disclaimer	<p><i>Please note: this route has not necessarily been walked recently, and is only to be used as a guide. Always take the correct map and equipment with you.</i></p>