

<b>Walk Name</b>	<b>Dry Bridge to the Sea</b>		
<b>Brief Description</b>	An incredibly varied walk across moorland, through steep wooded valleys and out to the cliff top views across to Lynmouth.		
<b>Grade</b>		Medium A few steady ups and downs but only one steep downhill	
<b>Length</b>	17 km		11 Miles
<b>Ascent</b>	700m		
<b>Map</b>	OS Explorer OL9		
<b>Points of Interest</b>	Countisbury Church, Brendon old Bridge, Watersmeet House + Waterfalls GRSS744486		
<b>Local Facilities</b>	<p><b>Carparks:</b>  Dry Bridge, Middle Hill SS 759451 (Free)  Barna Barrow SS 752495 (Free – Not named on map)  Watersmeet SS 743487 (Pay)  Hillsford Bridge SS 740477 (NT member or donation) – Good alternative start point</p> <p><b>Pubs / Teashops:</b>  Pub at Brendon, 'Stag Hunters Inn' SS 767481  Pub at Rockford, 'Rockford Inn' SS 756476  Watersmeet Tea shop + Lunches SS 744486  Pub at Countisbury, 'Blue Ball' SS 746496</p>		
<b>Getting there / Using Public Transport</b>	On the A39 between Porlock and Lynmouth <b>Nearest Bus / train</b> See : <a href="http://www.whatsonexmoor.co.uk/exmoor_public_transport.htm">http://www.whatsonexmoor.co.uk/exmoor_public_transport.htm</a>		
<b>Route description</b>	<p><b>Start:</b> Dry Bridge / Middle Hill CP SS 759451 (Largest of several Car Parks at Middle Hill)</p> <p><b>Stage 1:</b> Strike out NE along moorland track, handrailing valley for 1.2km, until track turns North 1.4km downhill, to minor road (There is a grid post at SS 765455, but continue to signpost).  Cross over road into Crosslane, continuing more steeply downhill into the village of Leeford (you could divert to the tea shop or pub from here).</p> <p><b>Stage 2:</b> Cross the East Lyn river, taking the Samaritans way SW along north of river side for 1.3km. Here you can cross the footbridge to Rockford Pub, if desired. 150m past the footbridge, take the footpath NW, climbing out of the valley through woods and into the fields below Wilsham farm.  Cross the next small valley, returning into access land and walking up Holden Head Hill to meet the A39.</p> <p><b>Stage 3:</b> Cross the A39, walking East for 30m before turning up the track to the Car Park. Follow around the edge of the field boundary and then head NW to the trig point on Butter Hill to admire the views. Turn back south walking through the church yard and visiting the Blue Ball pub. Head south on the track and then on the footpath across the fields and into the woods.  Continue steeply downhill, following the zigzagging path through the woods to meet the River Lyn.</p> <p><b>Stage 4:</b> Here you can visit the tea rooms and waterfalls before heading south along the eastern side of Hoar Oak Water for 1km until you meet the road at Hillsford. Cross the road and river and join the Two Moors Way long distance footpath, handrailing the stream uphill through the woods to Smallcombe Bridge (the path is now diverted to go to the rear of Combe Park House, not as on map).  Take the track steeply uphill SE to Cheriton. At Cheriton, the Two Moors Way follows the 2<sup>nd</sup> track on the right (follow signposts). After 200m along the track you will enter the access land. Bear SE away from the Two Moors Way, following the field boundaries along the valley side. At the end of the fields, descend steeply to the stream, crossing at the fords. Continue East uphill on footpath back to the road (not the main path through the ford which leads north to Scobhill gate).</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> Dry Bridge / Middle Hill Car Park SS 759451.</p>		
<b>Disclaimer</b>	<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>		