



# 02 DEVON HUNTER'S INN & TRENTISHOE



▶ Distance: 6 miles/9.7km ▶ Time: 3 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



The stunning view east from North Cleave.

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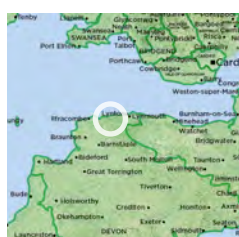
### CHOSEN BY...

#### ROBERT HESKETH

This stimulating walk combines valley, clifftop and woodland walking with some of Exmoor's finest scenery. Starting from Hunter's Inn, a handsome Arts and Craft building of 1906, we follow the footpath into Heddon's Mouth Cleave, which aptly derives its name from the Old English for a cliff or steep slope and is one of several cleaves in Devon; Lustleigh and Belstone Cleaves on Dartmoor being the best known. A stiff climb up the zigzag path is rewarded with spectacular aerial views of this deep rocky valley and the remote beach below. Conveniently situated on the

shipping lane to Bristol, it was one of several Exmoor beaches used by smugglers, as the Revenue found to their satisfaction when they discovered 20 barrels of contraband spirits and 13 bales of tobacco in 1786. Following the South West Coast Path west, there are more dramatic views of Exmoor's high cliffs, with Great Hangman (1043ft/318m), the highest point on the South West Coast Path, prominent. Across the Bristol Channel the South Wales coast is clearly outlined, with the Brecon Beacons beyond. After crossing Trentishoe Down, the return via deep, secluded woodland provides a remarkable contrast to the first part of the walk.

### PLAN YOUR WALK



### ROUTE

**Start/parking** National Trust car park near Hunter's Inn, grid ref SS655480, EX31 4PY

**Is it for me?** Coast path, footpaths and quiet lanes. One steep ascent, some loose footing

**Stiles** 2

### PLANNING

#### Nearest towns

Lynton & Combe Martin

**Refreshments** National Trust shop and Hunter's Inn (01598 763230) at start

**Public toilets** At start

**Public transport** None

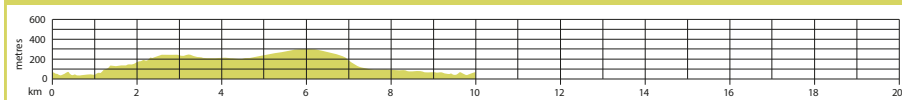
**Maps** OS Explorer OL9; Landranger 180

### 1 Start

Turn L out of car park. Walk down lane to inn. Turn L onto Combe Martin road. Turn R after 300m, signed Footpath Heddon's Mouth. After 450m, turn L signed Coast Path



### GRADIENT PROFILE



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## DON'T MISS...



**The Bronze Age hut circles that can be seen between points 2 and 3.**

Combe Martin. Steep ascent is relieved by zigzags. Beware loose stones. Path levels towards Peter Rock, which is a wonderful viewpoint.

## 2 mile/1.6km

Follow coast path west along high cliffs for the next 2½ miles/3.5km, ignoring several side turnings L. Follow path

through gap in stone wall. Immediately L, half hidden in heather, are Bronze Age hut circles. Continue on coast path for 200m. Turn sharp L at fingerpost 'Footpath County Road'. Continue to tarmac lane.

## 3 3½ miles/5.5km

Turn R and follow lane for 150m. Turn L onto broad track over Trentishoe Down. Continue for 700m. Leave track, which curves away R. Continue ahead, downhill on grassy path into wood. Descend quite steeply to meet broader path. Turn sharp R along it.

## 4 4½ miles/7.1km

Turn L at tarmac lane opposite Trentishoe Manor. Continue for 750m. Bear R Hunter's Inn. Continue ahead on broad woodland path, following series of Hunter's Inn signs. Ignore side turnings. Reaching tarred lane, turn R back to Hunter's Inn. **CW**

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