

# "THE WALK!"

## 12 Mile - BLUE Route

**Starting from BICTON COLLEGE**  
EAST BUDLEIGH [ OS Grid Ref: SY07186 ]



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*Includes The Bicton Arboretum, the East Devon Way, the Woodbury Commons, Colaton Raleigh, the River Otter, the World Heritage 'Jurassic' Coast, Ladram Bay & Otterton. There will be clear signing throughout with arrows printed on A4 laminated sheets sited on trees, posts, etc., when you are required to make a turn.*

### **Refer to OS Explorer Sheet 115**

1. After registration, follow the signs through the College arboretum and leave Bicton College via the rear drive, turning LEFT towards Yettington.
2. Take **the first turn** on the RIGHT [Stowford Cross] and, keeping left at the junction, continue for ¼ mile leaving the paved road where it curves right by two thatched cottages.
3. Continue straight ahead along the "Public Bridleway" and through the ford (there is a bridge!) onto Colaton Raleigh Common.
4. Continue ahead over the steel barrier (disregarding the similar track and barrier to your left) climbing steadily into open heath land.
5. Shortly after passing the Marines grenade practise area, take the LEFT fork by a flagpole and, staying with the main track, keep RIGHT at the second fork 50 yards later.
6. Continue to the end of the track and, crossing a similar wide lateral track, proceed straight ahead along a narrow path through the copse opposite and into The Warren car park for registration at the **Warren CHECK POINT**,  
**[9.3 miles to go!]**.
7. Head North out of The Warren car park, keeping the copse on your left.
8. After about ½ mile a similar track merges from your right, but keep ahead for a further ¼ mile when, after a short rise through another small copse, take to track to the RIGHT by a timber way-marker post [entrants in "The Ride!" will continue on the main path].
9. After a while the path narrows and drops down a slope towards a farm gate - turn RIGHT [just before reaching the gate] and continue along the narrow path [there are two forks along this path, take either - they rejoin later].
10. When reaching the public bridle path, turn LEFT - this path soon widens as a farm access track.
11. On reaching the paved road, cross straight over the cross road [keeping the farmhouse on your right].
12. After a few hundred yards [where the road bends to the left] turn RIGHT along an unmade track and cross a ford
13. In 50 yards turn LEFT onto the unmade road, known as 'Back Lane', and after ¼ mile cross over the paved road keeping straight ahead until reaching the B3178 at Colaton Raleigh.
14. Cross the main road and pass through kissing gate directly opposite onto the public footpath alongside The Otter Inn and the **Otter Inn CHECK POINT**  
**[6.4 miles to go!]**.
15. After registering at this Check Point, continue along the path turning RIGHT onto the road at the end.
16. Walk through Colaton Raleigh village to the cattle grid at Otter Farm and pass through the kissing gate alongside, following the path to the River Otter. Turn RIGHT along the riverside path towards Otterton.
17. In about 1-mile, cross the river bridge and turn LEFT over the stile and RIGHT into Rydon Lane. [The **YELLOW** route walkers keep straight ahead at this point].
18. At the end of Rydon Lane, turn RIGHT onto the paved road then immediately LEFT along an unmade track which after ¼ mile bends to the right. After a further ¼ mile, the track "T's" onto a paved road.
19. Turn LEFT for 50 yards before leaving the road by taking the unpaved track [Bars Lane] to the left of Sea View Farm.
20. Follows Bars Lane for ¾ mile where a finger post sign to the RIGHT will direct you through a kissing gate towards the coast path and "Ladram Bay".
21. Follow the coast path to Ladram Bay and pass through a further kissing gate into the holiday complex.
22. Keep the cliff edge fence on your left and cross the beach access road by a thatched cottage and continue on the cliff path towards Budleigh Salterton, turning RIGHT on the path for Otterton **just before the second kissing gate**.
23. Keep to the left of the field, passing over the stile, and follow the footpath and paved lane to the road junction.
24. Turn RIGHT down the hill into Otterton village and the **Otterton Mill CHECK POINT**

**[Less than a mile to go!]**

25. After registering, turn LEFT out of the Mill car park and take the narrow path on the RIGHT beyond the SECOND bridge span (not the first path onto the river bank).
26. In about ¼ mile cross the farm track [stiles on either side] and continue on the path, turning RIGHT over the wooden pedestrian bridge [about 20 yards before the main road] to the entrance to Bicton Home Farm.
27. Cross the main B3180 road and re-enter Bicton College grounds returning along the main drive to the registration point.

**Congratulations. Please now announce your return at registration RETURN THESE INSTRUCTIONS and enjoy some well earned refreshment.**

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