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Heddon's Mouth Circular Walk

Short walk to Heddon's Beach, and along the South West Coast Path from a remote country pub. Travel by car only.

Length	9.1km / 5.6 miles
OS Maps	Explorer 9 (Exmoor)
Toughness	4/10 - Easy going on good paths - long slow climb to the top, and a long slow descent
Walk Notes	This is a popular walk from the Hunter's Inn - a remote country pub - along a valley to Headon's Mouth beach. Then its along the South West Coast Path (SWCP) to Woody Bay. Then its back along a parallel but higher path at the top of the cliff. Optionally, you can walk down to Woody Bay, returning on the same path. This is a car-only walk - the local roads are narrow, and not served by buses, which have to detour inland at this point.
Travel	Park at The Hunter's Inn, EX31 4PY
Lunch and Tea	• The Hunter's Innn
Exmoor	Exmoor is a small National Park (NP) on the north coast of Somerset and Devon. It has a dramtic rocky coastline with the highest sea cliffs and largest coastal forest in England. Inland are steep sides valleys which lead up to bleak moorland plateau ("The Chains") and the NP's highest point - Dunkery Beacon at 519m / 1703 feet. The southern side of the plateau, bisected by steep valleys slopes much more gently, as is used for sheep farming. Formerley a royal forest, the NP has few towns, but 2 large seaside resorts outside it - Minehead and Barnstable. See Exmoor's wiki page
Travel	There are no train stations nearby. To get here, take 1) a National Express Coach to Minehead or 2) a train to Taunton, and then a bus to Minehead. Regular buses run along the coast on the SWCP day 1 route to Porlock, then a summer only services along the SWCP day 2 route to Lynton. The

coastal road heads inland, and doesn't rejoin the coast until the end of SWCP day 3 route - a summer weekend only bus service. NB the #300 bus along the coast runs in 2 sections: i) Minehead to Lynmouth, and ii) Lynmouth to Illfracombe

Bus Routes

- National Express : London to Minehead
- #28 Taunton (train station) to Minehead : year round
- #39 Minehead (day 1 start) to Porlock and Porlock Weir (day 1 end / day 2 start) : year round
- #300 Minehead (day 1 start) to Porlock (near day 1 end / day 2 start), County Gate (day 2), Lynmouth and Lynton (day 2 end) : April to October, reduced service on Sunday
- #300 Lynmouth (day 2 end / day 3 start) to Combe Martin (day 3 end / day 4 start) and Illfracombe (day 4) : April, October: weekends; May-September: daily

Help Us! After the walk, please leave a comment, it really helps. Thanks!

You can also upload photos to the SWC Group on Flickr (upload your photos) and videos to Youtube. This walk's tags are:

By Car **Start**

Map Walk This walk **requires** an OS map and a compass or GPS for navigation. You can print out OS maps using the link above.

Help National Rail: 03457 48 49 50 • Traveline (bus times): 0871 200 22 33 (12p/min) • TFL (London) : 0343 222 1234

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Walk Directions

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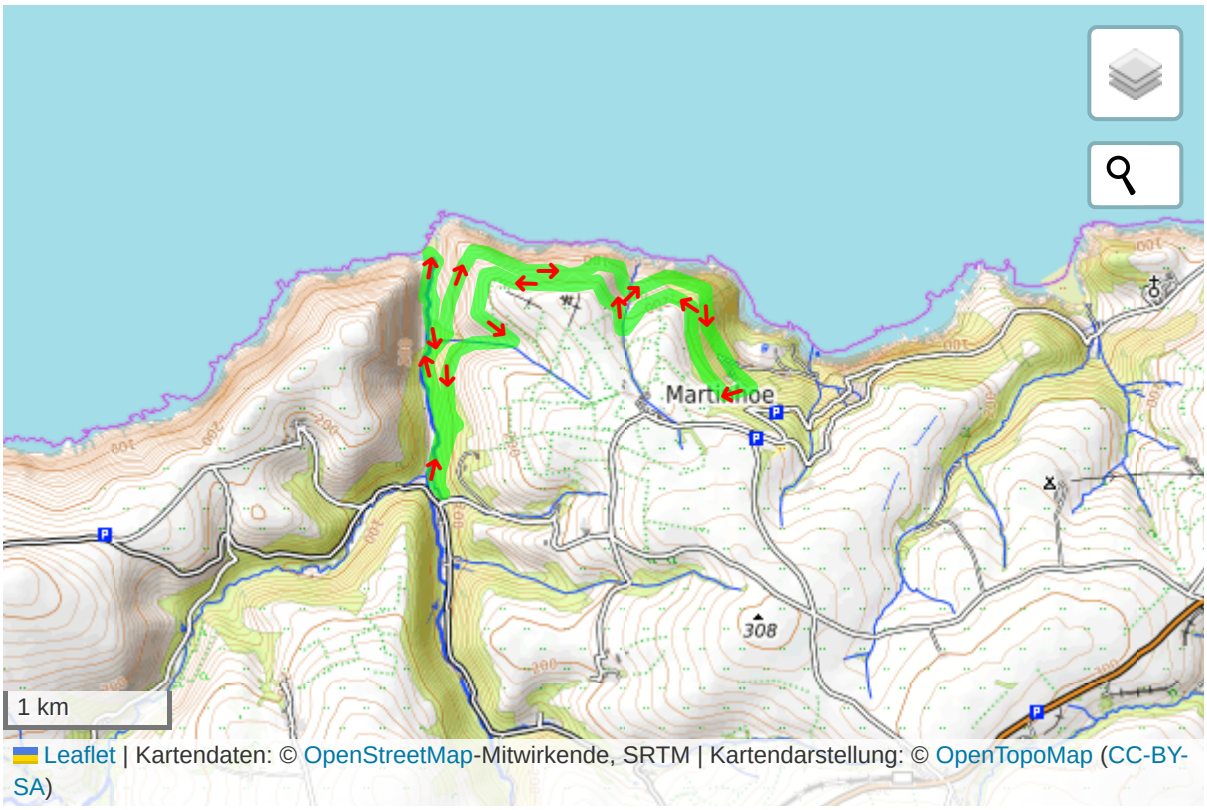
Map 1



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