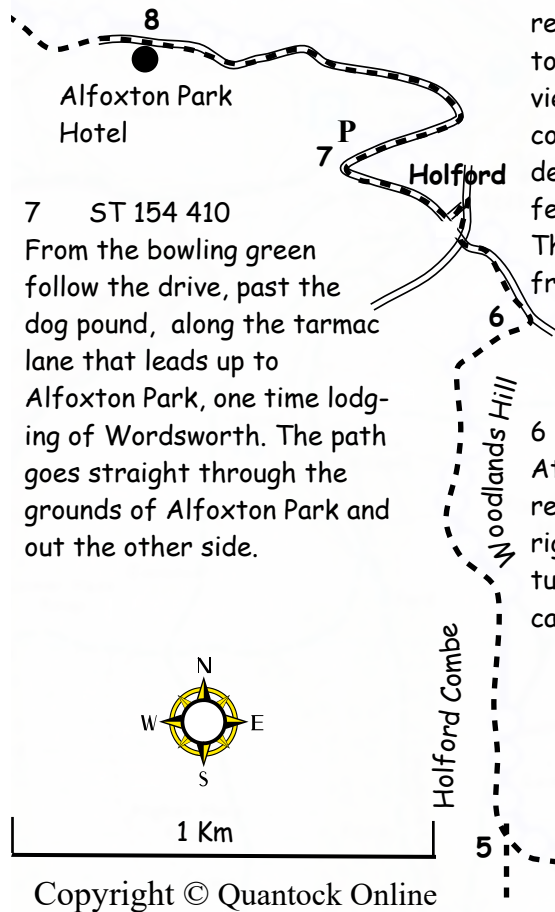


# The Coleridge Way

- *Nether Stowey to Bicknoller* -

9.6 miles (15.5 Km), total ascent 1 748' (533m)



7 ST 154 410

From the bowling green follow the drive, past the dog pound, along the tarmac lane that leads up to Alfoxton Park, one time lodging of Wordsworth. The path goes straight through the grounds of Alfoxton Park and out the other side.

5 ST 156 395

Turn right (north) and across Woodlands Hill. You are walking above Holford Combe with views of the more remote moorland tops of the Quantocks to the west. To the east are good views towards the Mendip hills and the coastline of the Bristol channel. As you descend Woodlands hill keep the fenced woodland to your left (west). The footpath emerges at a lane leading from a lay-by on the A39.

6 ST 156 407

At the lane turn left (north-west). On reaching the end of the road turn right, and very shortly take the first turning on the left. This leads to the car park and bowling green.

3 ST 176 395

Go through the gate head uphill, following the left hand field boundary towards a group of trees. Continue up & across the field, passing a small, disused quarry on the right, to a gate.

Near here is the site of Walford's gibbet. Walford was hung there in 1789 for the murder of his wife. His body hung in a cage for a year and a day.

Follow the lane uphill for just under  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Look out for the signpost on the right, signed 'Greenway'.

4 ST 168 393

Follow the Greenway, which passes both sides of an old beech hedge, the right hand side can be quite muddy - so stick to the left! Go westward through the woods, following the 250m contour line, until you emerge into the open. Follow the path until meeting the path which descends from the iron age Dowsbrough Hill fort.

1 ST 190 396

The best place to park in Nether Stowey is the car park in Castle Street. If you want to start from Coleridge Cottage walk down Castle Street (NE), turn left into Lime Street. Coleridge cottage is opposite the Ancient Mariner pub. Now retrace your steps.

From the car park follow the road SW, up & over the hill. At the end of the road turn left. Follow the road for about 100m, then turn right onto the obvious wide bridleway, with blue signpost.

2 ST 183 392.

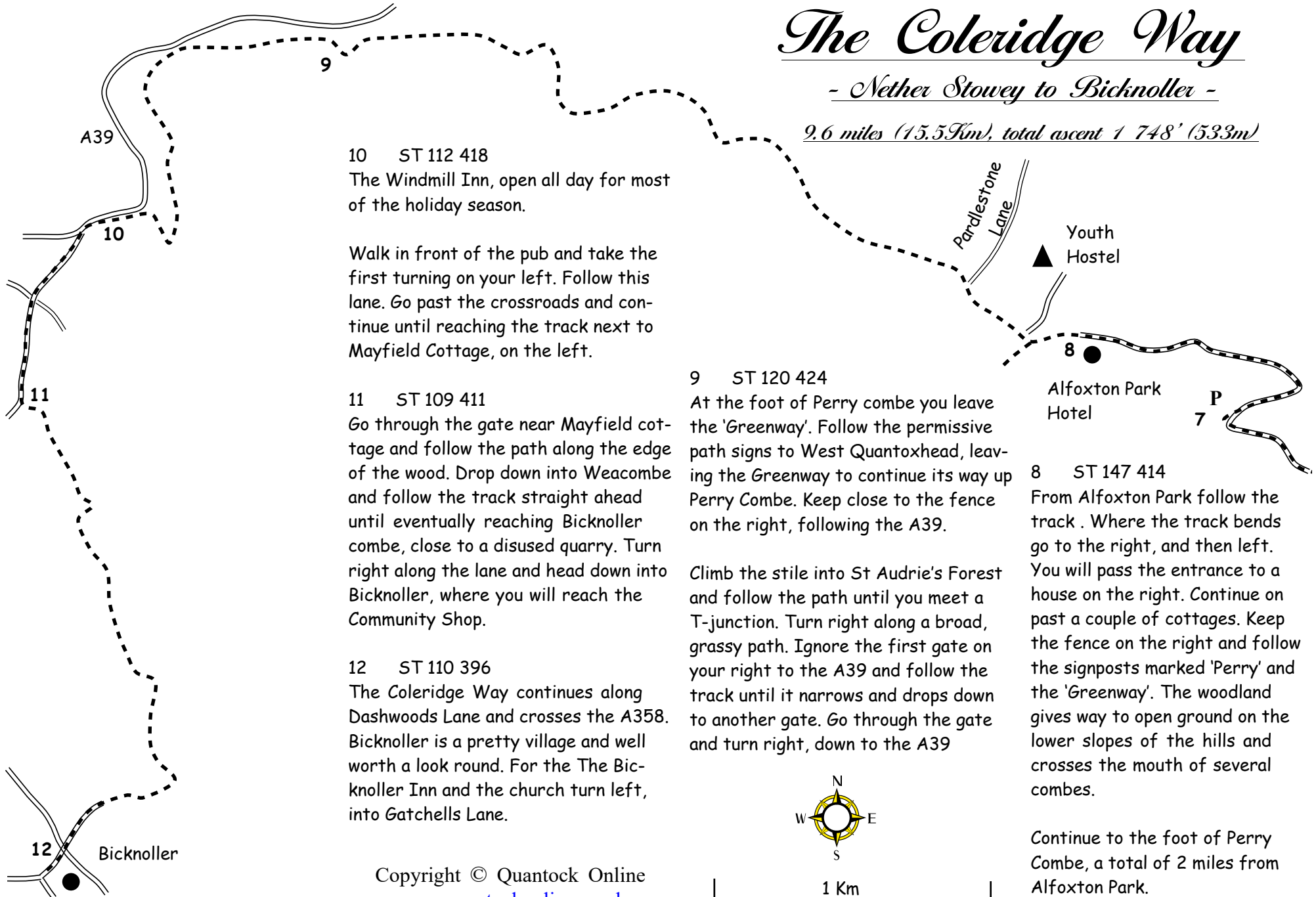
Continue along the footpath, which follows a stream in parts, for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile until reaching a crossroads next to a cottage. Turn right and follow the green lane. At the top is a gate on the left, signposted 'Greenway'.

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10 ST 112 418  
The Windmill Inn, open all day for most of the holiday season.

Walk in front of the pub and take the first turning on your left. Follow this lane. Go past the crossroads and continue until reaching the track next to Mayfield Cottage, on the left.

11 ST 109 411  
Go through the gate near Mayfield cottage and follow the path along the edge of the wood. Drop down into Weacombe and follow the track straight ahead until eventually reaching Bicknoller combe, close to a disused quarry. Turn right along the lane and head down into Bicknoller, where you will reach the Community Shop.

12 ST 110 396  
The Coleridge Way continues along Dashwoods Lane and crosses the A358. Bicknoller is a pretty village and well worth a look round. For the The Bicknoller Inn and the church turn left, into Gatchells Lane.

9 ST 120 424  
At the foot of Perry combe you leave the 'Greenway'. Follow the permissive path signs to West Quantoxhead, leaving the Greenway to continue its way up Perry Combe. Keep close to the fence on the right, following the A39.

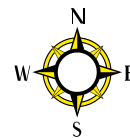
Climb the stile into St Audrie's Forest and follow the path until you meet a T-junction. Turn right along a broad, grassy path. Ignore the first gate on your right to the A39 and follow the track until it narrows and drops down to another gate. Go through the gate and turn right, down to the A39

Youth Hostel  
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Alfoxton Park Hotel  
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8 ST 147 414  
From Alfoxton Park follow the track. Where the track bends go to the right, and then left. You will pass the entrance to a house on the right. Continue on past a couple of cottages. Keep the fence on the right and follow the signposts marked 'Perry' and the 'Greenway'. The woodland gives way to open ground on the lower slopes of the hills and crosses the mouth of several combes.

Continue to the foot of Perry Combe, a total of 2 miles from Alfoxton Park.

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1 Km

# The Coleridge Way

- Bicknoller to Luxborough -

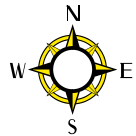
13.6 miles (21.9Km), total ascent 2 175' (663m)

17 ...cont

On leaving churchyard turn right onto road. Almost immediately take footpath on left, next to The Old Rectory. Go uphill and, on meeting bridleyway in woods on Birds Hill, turn right (SW). After nearly 1 mile you reach a T junction. Take road *slightly* to the right. After about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile turn right at bridleyway signed to 'Chidgley'.

18 ST 053 361

Follow bridleyway directly across field, into woods. In woods go left, take right hand fork, following marked bridleyway downhill. Near bottom bridleyway forks. Take right hand fork marked 'Roadwater' down to road (B3190).



1 Km

16 ST 074 385

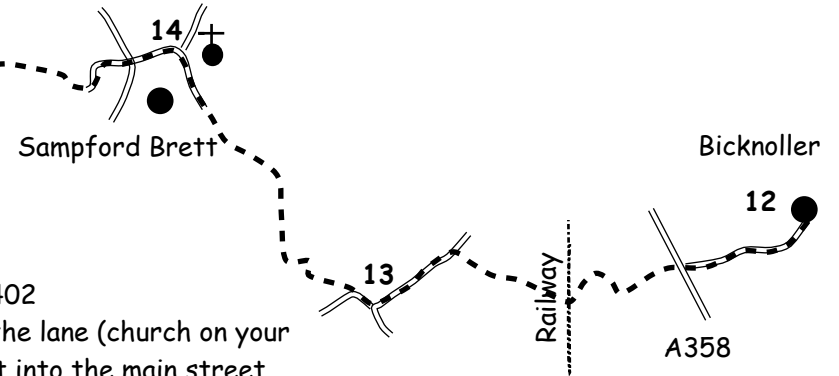
Go straight ahead, along the bridleyway that heads SW (ignore one to the right). On reaching road go straight ahead, signed 'Stogumber'. Follow road for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, until road bends to left. Go straight ahead, through a gate and onto a track with red waymark.

Keep your eyes open! 200m along track take footpath on right, over stile in the hedge. Follow the footpath down into Monksilver along left hand side of fields.

17 ST 074 374

At road turn right into Monksilver. At the building on left, just before Notley Arms pub, turn left to church. Go through churchyard.

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14 ST 089 402

At the end of the lane (church on your right), turn left into the main street through Sampford Brett. Where road bends to the left go straight on, shortly reaching Manor Farm. Take footpath on right through farmyard, signed to 'Aller Farm'.

Follow footpath along right hand side of field. Go through gate on the right and immediately turn left, following the hedge, into the woods.

Once in the woods, which appear more extensive than shown on OS map, follow signs to 'Aller'.

15 ST 078 396

On reaching Aller farm turn right, through farm, signed 'Monksilver'. At end of farmyard turn left along bridleyway. After the second field you meet a post showing 'footpath', straight ahead, and 'permissive bridleyway' to the right. (they end up in the same place). Turn right, uphill along bridleyway. At the end of this field turn left (south), following bridleyway to a small wood.

12 ST 110 396

From the community shop walk down Dashwoods Lane and carefully cross the A358. Go straight ahead along signed footpath that passes to right of a house. On reaching end of a paddock follow the footpath to the right, through a small wood. This emerges to cross a railway line (not electric!). Take footpath across a field, keeping to left, into next field. Follow fence line past farm buildings and through gate on left onto farm track. Turn right, walk down farm track to the road. At the road, go left.

13 ST 096 393

Take first turn on right, signposted to Capton & Sampford Brett. Shortly, where the road bends to left, go straight on down track marked 'Cottiford Lane, Sampford Brett'. After  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile take footpath on right, next to a pylon, signed 'Sampford Brett'. Cross the field and continue following the path, which eventually becomes a lane, into Sampford Brett.

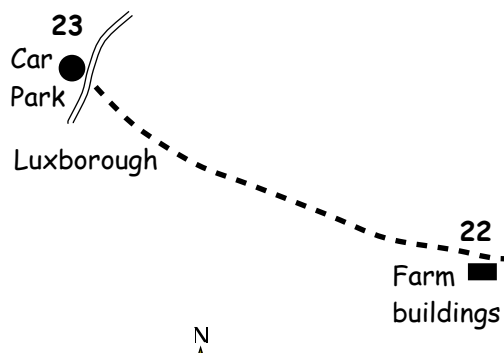
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22 SS 997 370

Go through gate by farm buildings - yellow waymark and gate engraved 'public footpath'. Continue on bridleway to Luxborough past the buildings and through a gate with blue bridleway marking. A short section immediately after this gate can be quite muddy, it is worth skirting away from the hedge for a short distance.

The path continues to follow the bridleway, which is enclosed for much of the time, along the right hand edge of the fields, descending into Luxborough at the village hall car park.

For a well earned drink turn right to The Royal Oak.



1 Km

21 ST 011 373

At the upper edge of the wood the track reaches two gates. Go through the gate on the left and cross the next three fields, keeping the field boundary on your right. Ignore any gates to your right.

At the end of the third field go through the gate leading onto a lane. Immediately turn right into the next field, signposted 'Luxborough'. Head diagonally across field in NW direction. After a slight rise you will see a row of trees ahead, the path goes through these. Continue a short distance in this direction, towards hedge, reaching a gate on your left. Go through the gate and take footpath that follows the hedge on your left.

Near the end of this field go through gate on left and immediately turn right following the hedge, now on your right. Go through next gate and head towards another gate slightly to the right of some farm buildings.

21 Langridge Wood

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20 ST 031 382

At the end of the road turn left. (If you turn right there is a general store & Post Office 200m along road).

Continue along road, past The Valiant Soldier pub. Take next road on right, signposted to Luxborough. Follow road for ½ mile then, just after Peterswell Lake Cottage, take footpath on left signed 'Treborough Lane 1 ½'.

Head straight uphill through Langridge wood. Where there are forks in the track the footpath does not always follow the more distinct track - look for yellow waymarks on trees. Remember, you need to keep going up!

19 ST 045 360

At the road turn right. Just past turning on left take track on left, next to Chidgley Hill Farm. In about ¼ mile go through gate on left with blue marker and 'please shut gate' engraved. Head to beech hedge on right & follow bridleway, keeping hedge on right, until coming to Pit Wood. Follow bridleway through wood, left at first fork, left at 2nd fork (signed 'Roadwater 1 ½').

Follow the path across fields and through a small wood. After this wood go straight across a field into Erridge wood. On your left the path forks, ignore the downhill path and take the bridleway. Follow this through the wood, emerging into fields. Follow path along field boundary to a lane just above Roadwater. At the lane turn left and down into the village.

Roadwater

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Erridge Wood

Pit Wood

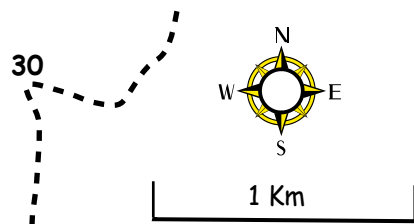
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# The Coleridge Way

- *Luxborough to Porlock* -

13.3 miles (21.3 Km), total ascent 2 248' (685m)



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Raleigh Manor Hotel  
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Cutcombe  
Wheddon Cross  
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29 SS 910 400  
At the 4 way sign, turn sharp right, down the bridleyway to Dunkery (NOT Dunkery Gate). This is a narrow gully at the top (the least obvious route!), but soon opens out into a more respectable path. On reaching the bottom turn left, the stream on your right. Ignore the sign to 'Dunkery Hill and Brockwell' - go in the direction of Dunkery Gate. At the sign to 'Spangate' (SS 909 404), cross the stream & go North, uphill. On reaching gate go through & continue up, keeping the fence on your right.

27 SS 929 388  
The track emerges onto a lane. Go straight ahead and, at the end of the road, turn left. After a row of houses is a field on the right, with bridleyway signpost. Go through gate and follow right hand side of the field until coming to gate leading onto the A396. Cross straight over onto lane, follow this downhill and take the 2nd bridleyway on right, along the tarmac drive leading to the hotel. Shortly before reaching the hotel the track goes to the right.

28 SS 921 395  
Follow the path around the hotel, keeping the fence on your left. Where the hotel fence turns left, slightly uphill, so do you. Do not follow the more obvious bridleyway downhill. Continue until you reach a lane, cross over and go through gate ahead. Cross field into Blagdon Wood. Follow the main path (blue marks), until reaching a four way fingerpost.  
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25 SS 950 371  
From the trig point keep going west, heading for a gate at the left hand side of the field. Cross the road and go into the field opposite. You now traverse 5 fields, heading towards the kennels at Pitleigh.

1st field: go north-west to gate in the left hand corner.

2nd field: follow marked bridleyway around field, keeping field boundary on your left. Go through gate on left at the bottom of the field.

3rd field: immediately turn right (north-west) and go into 4th field.

4th field: head north-west, keeping field boundary on the right, until reaching gate in right hand corner.

5th field: continue on the same course, with field boundary now on your left.

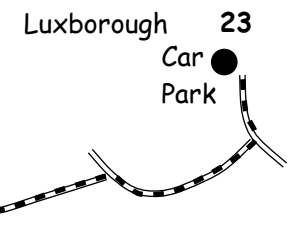
Now, follow track straight ahead with cottage on right, through 3 gates and past the kennels on your right.

26 SS 932 376  
From the kennels follow the obvious, enclosed track along the left hand side of the field. Go through gate at the other end and immediately turn right. Follow the right hand side of the next two fields until continuing down another track that leads to Cutcombe Cross.

23 SS 984 376  
Starting from the car park at Luxborough village hall go south towards Pooltown and take the first turn on the right, signed to Dunster. Follow the lane uphill for about ½ mile. Shortly after a right hand bend take the track on your left, signed to Newcombe farm. Ignore the bridleyway to Wheddon Cross. Follow the track past the farm and up the hill. Go through the gate and turn left. Shortly you will find a gate on the right with signposts.

24 SS 964 371  
Go through the gate and follow the sign to Wheddon Cross, keeping the field boundary on your right.

Go through the gate into the next field. At this point the OS map and reality are not in agreement! Turn left, keeping the field boundary close to your left. Follow fence as it goes right and go through the next gate on the left. Go due west, across the middle of this field, to the next gate which is signed to Wheddon Cross. This will take you to the trig point, which is situated on top of a tumulus.



33 SS 897 454

Head north out of Horner, past the row of cottages and tea rooms. Shortly after the right hand bend, just past a picnic area on the left turn left across the Packhorse bridge, along the bridleway. On the other side of the bridge turn right, following the edge of the wood, heading to Luckbarrow (later signs to Porlock).

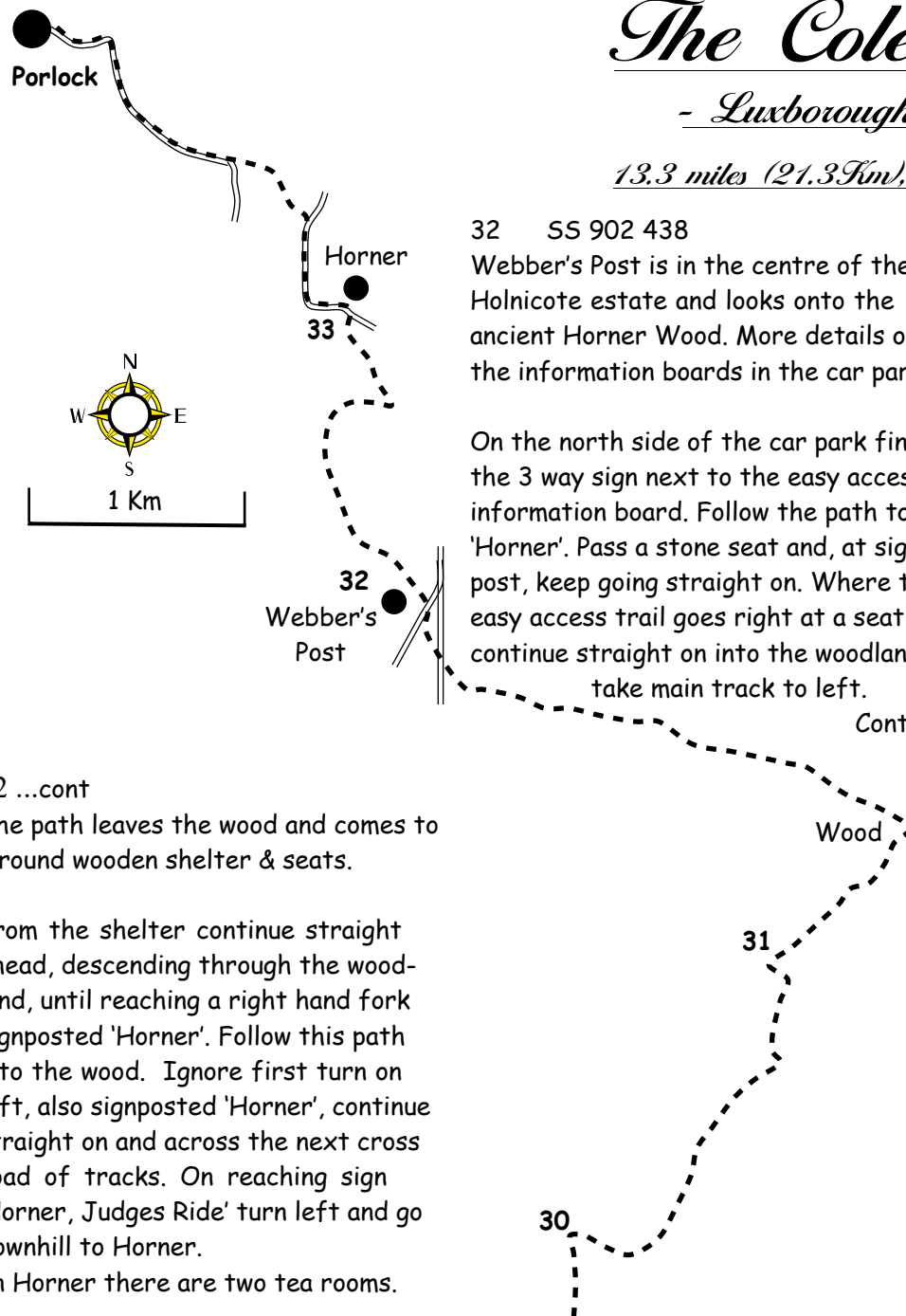
At the sign 'Porlock  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile' take the left hand fork, away from the fence. You shortly meet the road just outside of Porlock. On reaching the road turn left and, at the fork, take the right hand lane downhill to Porlock.

As you come to a row of cottages look out for 'The Drang' a narrow, no through road. Turn left along 'The Drang', bearing left after 'Marley Row', and then right along a walled lane towards the church.

At the High Street turn left. The visitor centre, where the road forks right to Porlock Weir, is the official end of the Coleridge Way.

I hope that the weather was kind, and that you enjoyed the walk. I would be pleased to hear any feedback from you about the route, or these directions! S.Y.

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32 ...cont  
The path leaves the wood and comes to a round wooden shelter & seats.

From the shelter continue straight ahead, descending through the woodland, until reaching a right hand fork signposted 'Horner'. Follow this path into the wood. Ignore first turn on left, also signposted 'Horner', continue straight on and across the next cross road of tracks. On reaching sign 'Horner, Judges Ride' turn left and go downhill to Horner.

In Horner there are two tea rooms.

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32 SS 902 438

Webber's Post is in the centre of the Holnicote estate and looks onto the ancient Horner Wood. More details on the information boards in the car park.

On the north side of the car park find the 3 way sign next to the easy access information board. Follow the path to 'Horner'. Pass a stone seat and, at signpost, keep going straight on. Where the easy access trail goes right at a seat continue straight on into the woodland, take main track to left.

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30 SS 919 423

5.3 miles to go!

On reaching open ground at the top turn right (eastish), following the fence which then turns NE. At the 4 way signpost continue straight ahead (NE), signed 'Brockwell'. Stay on the main track, which drops down into Hanny Combe. Follow the path up the other side of the combe, to the fence line. At the top of the hill follow the fence line around to the right. STAY AWAKE! Stay on the path that follows the fence line for the moment, ignoring the first path on your left. Take the second fork on the left, signposted 'Mick's Path, Brockwell'

31 SS 920 424

From the 'Mick's Path' sign the path drops down into woodland. Follow the 'Brockwell' sign into the woods and stay on the left hand path. On reaching a sign to 'Webbers Post', which is where you are heading for, turn left (north-west). Now follow this main path for just over a mile, only turning off to the right just before the road (again, signed 'Webbers Post'). Cross the two roads and straight into the car park at Webbers Post.

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B&B

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