

NORTH AND MID DEVON

Outstanding Circular Walks









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Codden Hill


Start	Village hall, Landkey
Distance	5¾ miles (9km)
Height gain	820 feet (250m)
Approximate time	3 hours
Parking	Parking behind The Castle pub (Millennium Green); Landkey is signed off A361 1 mile (1.5km) south-east of Barnstaple
Route terrain	Undulating lanes, open fields, hedged tracks; steady climb to Codden Hill
Dog friendly	To be kept on leads in farmland
Ordnance Survey maps	Landranger 180 (Barnstaple & Ilfracombe), Explorer 139 (Bideford, Ilfracombe & Barnstaple)

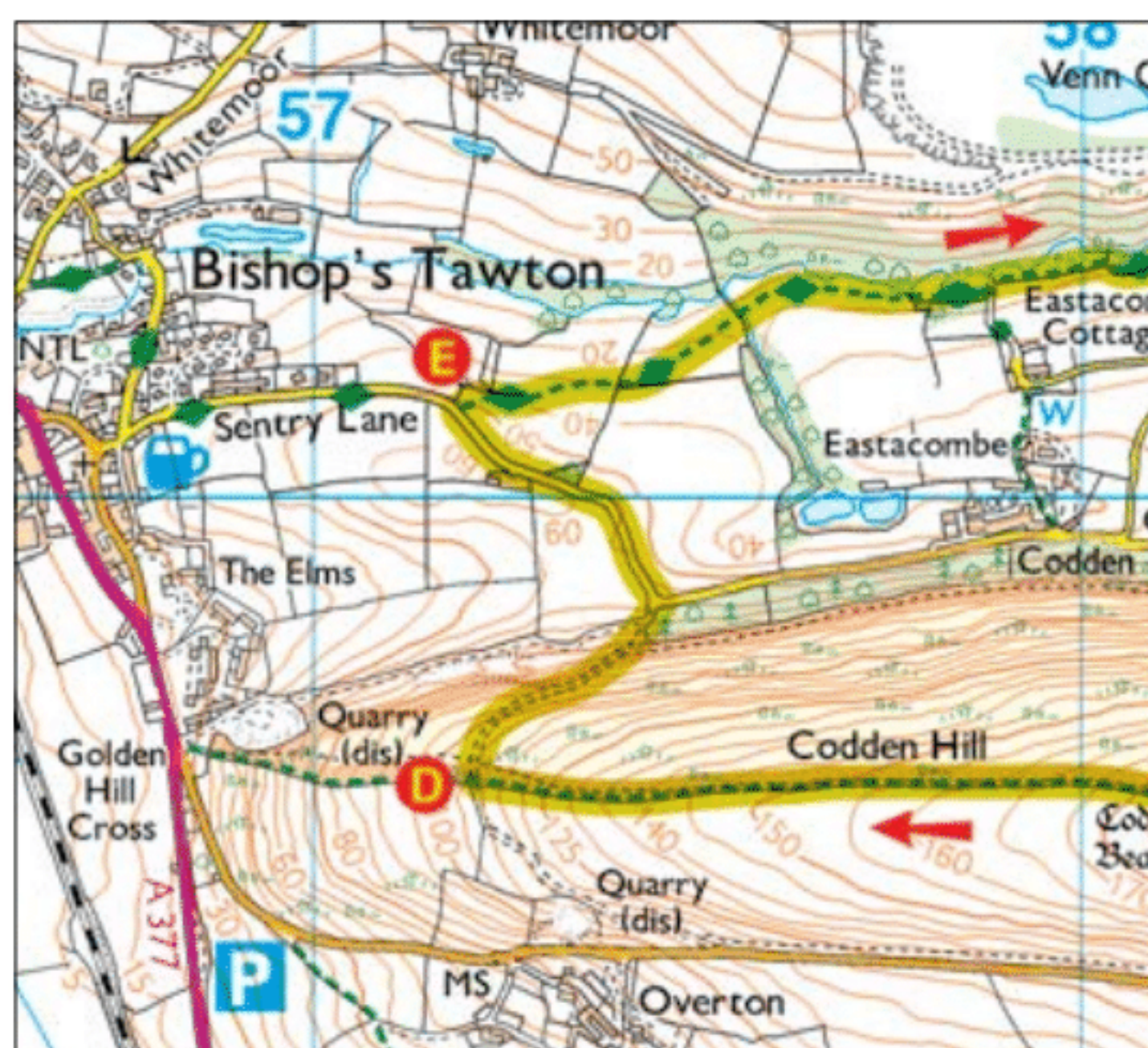
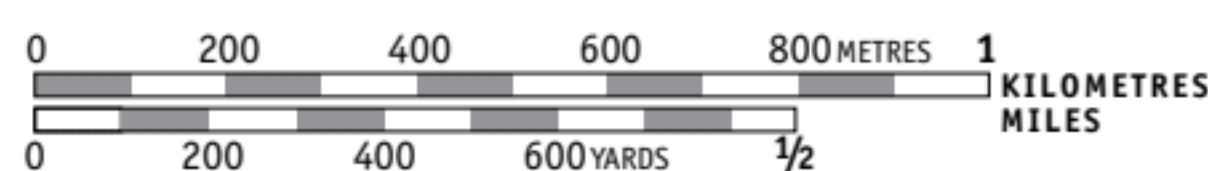
GPS waypoints

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-  SS 584 307
-  SS 589 311

Codden Hill stands 620 feet (189m) above the Taw Valley, and affords magnificent 360-degree views over the Taw–Torridge Estuary and surrounding countryside. A long steady climb to the Monument is followed by a more gradual descent and pleasant return through fields and woods. There is one short but very steep, scrambly downhill section of path to the lane at the bottom of Codden Hill.

 From the entrance to the car park, with **The Castle** right, turn left along Blake's Hill Road. Take the first lane right (Mill Road), signed Tarka Trail, soon crossing Mill Bridge; immediately turn right up a narrow lane and climb steadily past buildings at Newland Park Farm. At the T-junction take the right fork; cross the lane  and pass through a metal gate on a public footpath. The path bears right and climbs steadily uphill. At the top of the field go through another gate; continue half right uphill to cross a stile in a wire fence. Bear left uphill, aiming for a kissing-gate in the hedge: Codden Hill appears ahead right. Keep straight across the next field, and in the top right corner a kissing-gate leads onto a lane.

Turn left downhill to reach a junction at Bableigh Cross : keep ahead downhill (dead end). Pass the entrance



water meadows. Cross a footbridge and walk along a fenced path, crossing a stile, onto a tarmac way, which passes under the A386. Cross another stile; at the entrance to Hatherleigh Market bear left over a stile to a footpath junction.

Turn left; leave the trees and walk along the edge of a meadow, turning right to find St John the Baptist Church, most of which dates from the 14th and

15th centuries. Its shingled spire – which crashed through the roof in storms in January 1990, and has since been rebuilt – is a local landmark. Pass the church to reach the square: note the National School (1938) right and the impressive cow and sheep head sculptures, which mark the devastating foot and mouth outbreak in 2001. Turn right down Market Street, passing **1 Market Street Café**, and keep ahead into Bridge Street and back to the car park. ●

The River Lew

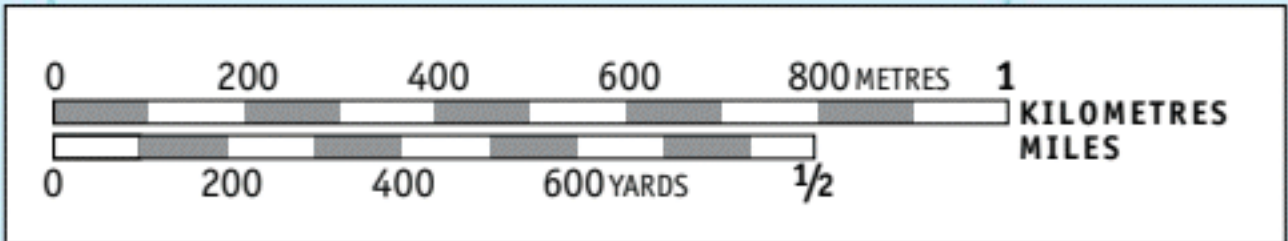


then pass through the former quarry – during its short life from 1863 almost 300 people worked for the Lundy Granite Company – soon crossing an incline down which granite was lowered to Quarry Beach. Pass a bird trap; a path right descends right to the beach, with old holding bays left.

A narrow path turns sharp left **B**. *Short route: turn left uphill to pass a small granite building dedicated to Felix Gade, Lundy's agent from 1926 to 1978. Descend steps to a quarry pond; ascend and turn right inland, later keeping left at a fork, to a track by another pond. Turn left for a few paces; strike right across rough ground (boggy), keeping left of gorse, parallel to a wire fence left. Meet the main route at **F**. Follow an old tramway track ahead to pass the VC Quarry, home to a Second World War memorial John Pennington Harman, son of Martin Coles Harman, who introduced the Lundy pony to the Island. The path rises and starts to bear inland, with views towards Tibbetts (a former Admiralty lookout) built in 1909 on Lundy's second-highest point.*

Just past a huge spoil heap (right), bear right **C** on a narrow path (by a lump of worked granite)


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Morte Point

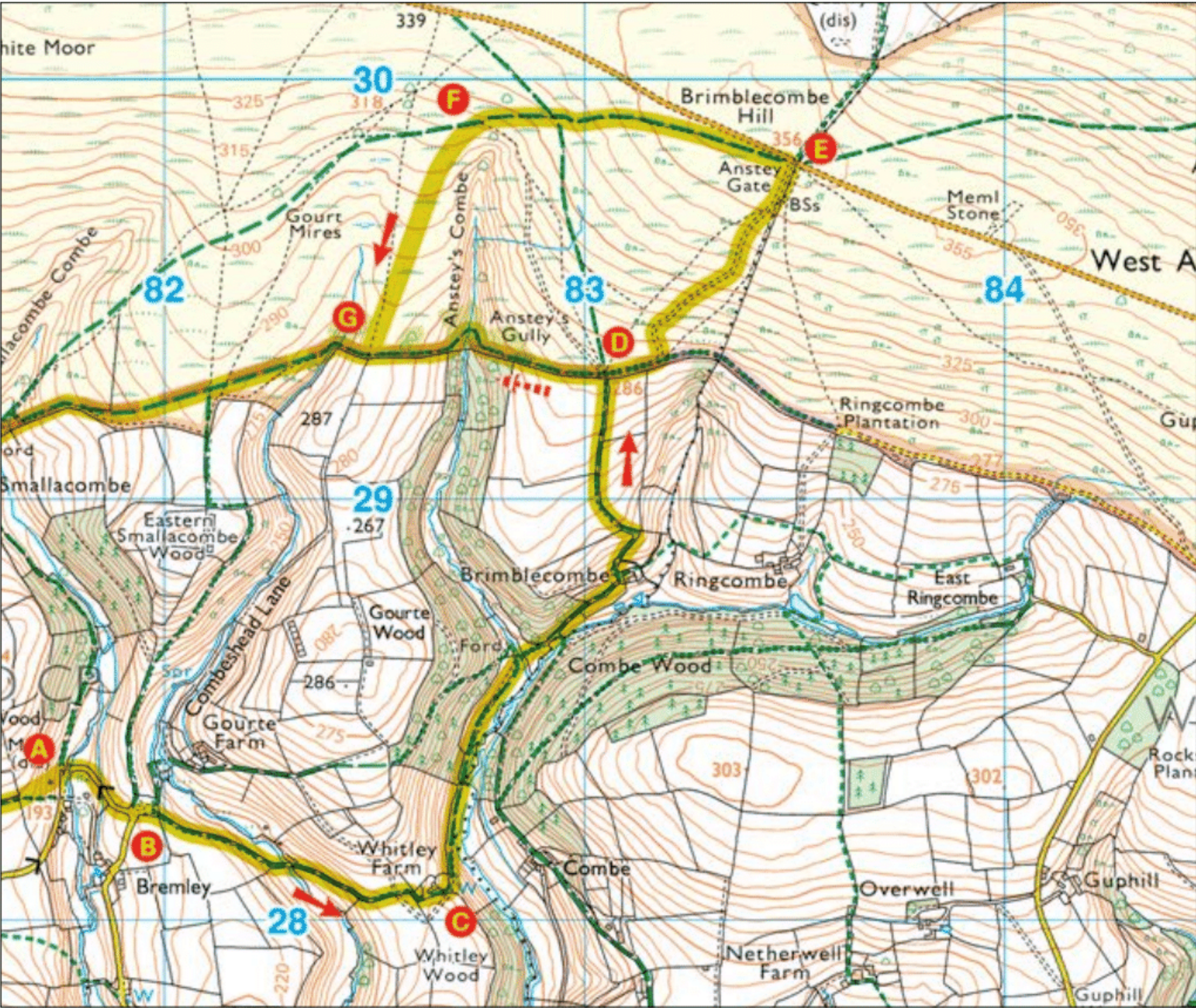
Start	Mortehoe	GPS waypoints <div><div>SS 457 452</div><div>A SS 465 455</div><div>B SS 472 456</div><div>C SS 482 452</div><div>D SS 483 463</div><div>E SS 479 464</div><div>F SS 475 467</div><div>G SS 462 467</div><div>H SS 453 449</div></div>
Distance	7½ miles (12km)	
Height gain	1,885 feet (575m)	
Approximate time	4 hours	
Parking	Car park at Mortehoe (Pay and Display): Mortehoe is signed off B3343 (off A361 at Mullacott Cross between Braunton and Ilfracombe)	
Route terrain	Farmland, wooded valley, Coast Path (steep ascents/descents)	
Ordnance Survey maps	Landranger 180 (Barnstaple & Ilfracombe), Explorer 139 (Bideford, Ilfracombe & Barnstaple)	

A medieval farmstead, rolling unimproved grassland, an ancient wooded valley, a secluded cove, a lighthouse, some of North Devon’s oldest and most dangerous rocks off Morte Point, the death of many a ship ... this classic walk has it all. This deservedly popular section of Coast Path enjoys a succession of ascents and descents – and glorious wildflowers in spring.

 Take the lane opposite the car park, signed to Lee, to pass North Morte Farm campsite. Where the way ahead is barred by a gate marked ‘Bull Point Lighthouse’, take the footpath to the right of a gate to the right. Pass through the campsite at Easewell on a tarmac way. Cross a parking area, and follow footpath signs ahead between buildings. Look carefully for a narrow concrete path that drops between the buildings left. Follow this to pass a pond and cross a stile into a field. Bear slightly left then right uphill to pass through a gate at Yarde Farm.

Turn left , almost immediately crossing a stile. The track bears right, reduces to a hedged path and ascends shallow steps. Cross a stile into a field, and follow the left edge. Pass through a small gate towards the end, drop to cross a stile, and keep along the left





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field, aiming slightly to the right of the church tower. Pass through a gate; head across the next field to pass through an open gateway with farm buildings right. Keep ahead, downhill. Just before meeting the farmhouse (right) turn left

through a small gate into the churchyard. Keep ahead, turning right through the gate, then left and left again for your car. ●

Molland Common



Turn left **D** (Coast Path) to pass Mount Pleasant, with benches and views over Clovelly Bay. The lane descends; where it bears left uphill drop down right through a small parking area. Cross the next lane and go through a gate into parkland **E**.

The Coast Path soon forks right along the right edge of parkland, then passes through a kissing-gate into rhododendrons to find The Cabin (shelter), built by Sir James Hamlyn Williams in the early 19th century. A kissing-gate leads back into parkland with views of Clovelly Court; the next gate returns to woodland. At the next path junction (church left) bear right on the Coast Path, then right again at the next to reach the Angels Wings, placed there in 1826 by Sir James.

At the next track junction follow the Coast Path right, soon passing through a kissing-gate onto the open ground of Gallantry Bower. A kissing-gate leads back into woodland; descend steeply to a Coast Path post and turn right. Almost immediately reach a path junction; turn

right **F** (leaving the Coast Path) for a short worthwhile detour onto The Wilderness and Lookout Point. The beautiful restored summerhouse overlooking Mouthmill Beach was built by Dame Diana Hamlyn in 1820.

Return to **F**; keep ahead downhill, soon turning right and descending towards Mouthmill Cove. A big footbridge takes the path across the stream (note the disused limekiln above the beach, right). Turn left then right on the Coast Path and zigzag steeply uphill (part stepped) through woodland onto Brownsham Cliff, crossing a stile at the top. Bear right along the edge of a field, and through a gate at the end. The path is initially fenced, then keeps along the right edge of the next field (views to Lundy Island).

At the end go through a gate; turn left **G** to leave the Coast Path. Walk along the right edge of two fields then back into Brownsham Wood, and descend to a junction: keep straight on. The path ascends gradually, eventually reaching another path junction; bear left through a gate to return to the car park. ●

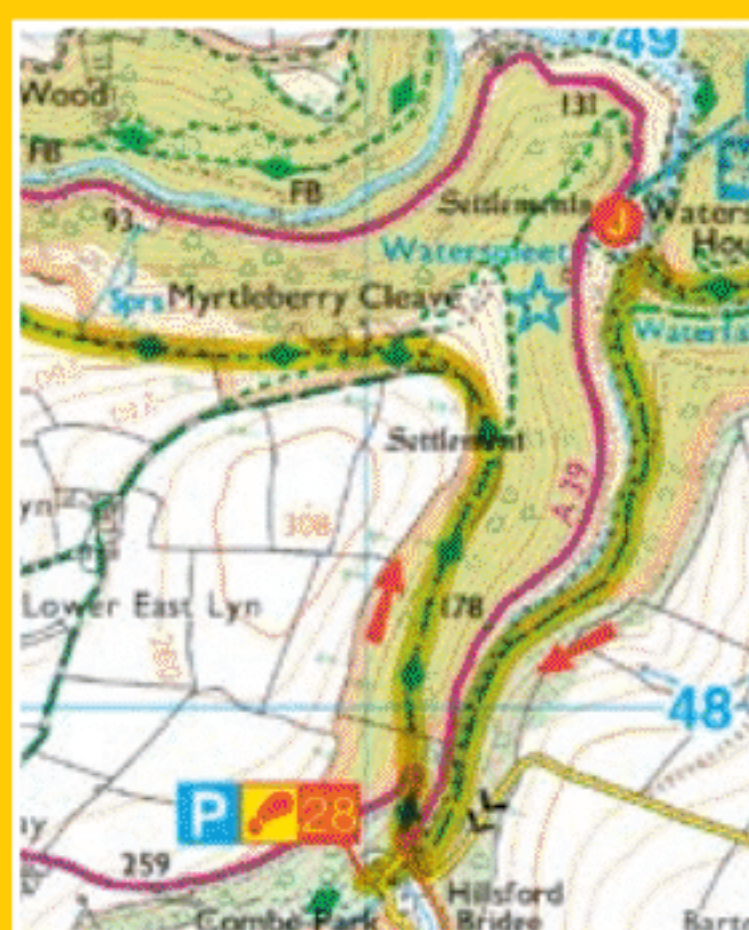
Windbury Point from the summerhouse



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