

Route Description:

This is a gentle short walk taking you through some attractive woodland and along the wide Abbey River valley. It returns by passing under an old road bridge with an old mill close by. Watch for signs of the old mill leat as you walk along to where the stream crosses under the track. The walk finishes by gently climbing through woodland back to the village.

Directions to start:

From the A39 between Bideford and Kilkhampton, take the B3248 on the Kilkhampton side of Clovelly Cross, towards Hartland. Continue ahead through the village street, turning right by the church and memorial cross into The Square to then turn right again in front of the Hart Inn to the free car park.

Route Directions:

1, SS 259 244: Leave the car park from the exit at the back of the car park by railings, which then passes through an arch in the residential buildings. This brings you into a cul-de-sac, take the path off to the left between the houses which brings you into another small cul-de-sac.

2, SS 259 245, 0.1 miles: On reaching the road, turn right to follow it to the school.

3, SS 261 245, 0.1 miles: Now bear left by the school to Balhill and follow this small road downhill. At the bottom, continue ahead to cross the bridge over the river.

4, SS 261 249, 0.4 miles: Now turn left



Hartland Square

along another small road and shortly bear left along a level Public Footpath along the edge of the woods and a stream on your left.

5, SS 258 248, 0.5 miles: Soon cross the stile by a gate and continue ahead into a green wide valley. Continue ahead along the middle of this valley, ignoring stiles on the right. Pass through the gap and go to the gate and stile ahead in the right-hand corner.

6, SS 253 248, 0.9 miles: Cross the stile and follow this level track along the edge of these woods, ignoring the path off to the right. After a while you meet a track coming in from the left and continuing ahead.

7, SS 248 247, 1.2 miles: Turn hard left on to it and follow it past the house and under the road bridge. Keep on this level track with the stream over to your right, then on your left and then back on your right. Watch out for an old mill leat on



Abbey River, upstream

your left in the undergrowth. On reaching the gate, pass through it and now ignore the tracks off to the left and right, continuing ahead along the valley bottom. Soon this track crosses a stream with a footbridge over to the left.

8, SS 253 241, 1.8 miles: Cross the stream by either means and then bear over to your left to the footbridge over a stream. Cross this and bear right to follow this path up through the woods. At the end of this path it meets with a track coming up from the right.

9, SS 257 243, 2.1 miles: Continue ahead on to it to cross the stile by a gate. Pass through the next

gate or kissing gate beside it. Continue ahead along the road to pass the telephone box. At the junction continue ahead and shortly turn left into The Square to pass the church towards the Hart Inn.

10, SS 258 244, 2.3 miles: Turn right into the car park. We hope you enjoyed this walk.



Bluebell woods near Hartland

Walks on The Hartland Peninsula

Hartland via Pattard Wood

2.3 miles, circular



Fact file:

Highlights: Abbey River valley, old mill and remnants of its leat, ancient wooded valley

Start Grid ref: SS 259 244

Distance: 2.3 miles, circular

Height gained/lost: 64 metres, generally an easy walk

Highest Point: 116 metres

Lowest Point: 67 metres

Toilets: Hartland

Eating Places: Hartland

Time required: 1hr 20 min, plus stops

Mileages shown are cumulative

The route directions will take you around this walk without using the OS grid references, if preferred.