

## Route Description:

This walk starts at a delightful thatched farmhouse given to the National Trust in 1943. The walk follows quiet roads and old byways, passing by old farms to reach the coast path. It then follows a surprisingly level part of the South West Coast Path. This section is bright and open, crossing many fields separated by stiles and bridle gates in the old Devon hedged banks. It eventually circles around Shipload Bay before returning inland to the start.

## Directions to start:

Go to the A39 between Clovelly and Kilkhampton. From Clovelly Cross roundabout go towards Kilkhampton and as the main road swings to the left, turn right on to the B3248. Now follow the signs to Hartland Point lighthouse and East Titchberry Farm has a lay-by car park on the right as the road bears round a left bend about half a mile before reaching Hartland Point car park.

## Route Directions:

1, SS 244 270

From the roadside National Trust car park by the East Titchberry Farm, ignore the track on the left to the coast path, which passes by the farm. Instead go back along the road initially slightly uphill. Soon ignore the road on the right at Shamley Bridge, continuing ahead.

2, SS 252 266, 0.7 miles

When the road bears right over a river bridge, go ahead through a gate into a field signed Public Footpath. Follow the right-hand edge of this field by a stream to a footbridge and stiles into the field ahead. Now go straight ahead uphill to the hedge-corner ahead. On reaching it continue ahead with it

now on your left to a stile in the corner.

3, SS 256 266, 0.9 miles

Cross this stile to follow a hedged path ahead. Soon pass through the bridle gate on to a road.

4, SS 258 266, 1 mile

Continue ahead with Gawlish Farm entrance on your left, soon ignoring the second entrance to this farm.

5, SS 267 263, 1.6 miles

After a while ignore the road to the right, carrying on ahead to soon turn left signed to Exmansworthy and Fattacott,

6, SS 270 266, 2 miles

On reaching the National Trust car park on the right, go into it to pick up the footpath in the far left corner. At the stile, go ahead along the banked and hedged track ignoring all gates off.

7, SS 272 268, 2.2 miles

At the end cross the stile by a gate and now go left to follow this field's left hedged bank to a gate and stile ahead. Cross this stile, ignoring the gap on the left to continue ahead with the hedged bank on your left to reach the coast path. Lundy is out to sea with Morte Point the furthest headland to your right.

8, SS 272 273, 2.5 miles

Turn left along the coast path to soon cross the next stile, still following the field boundary on your right to reach the next stile by a gate. Carry on beside the right-hand edge of the field, passing a trig point to a bridle gate in the corner and on to the next stile in a corner.



*Shipload Bay*

9, SS 263 273, 3.1 miles

At the next stile ignore the path inland to Exmansworthy and from the stile bear right along the right-hand edge of this field.

10, SS 261 273, 3.3 miles

At the next stile bear right again to follow the edge of this field. At the far end cross the next stile in the corner, still continuing ahead to follow the next sign to East Titchberry. This keeps you above fields down to your right.

11, SS 254 273, 3.8 miles

Soon turn right across the field to a stile in the hedged bank by the coastal cliffs. Follow this path between the gorse to cross the next stile continuing through scrub to the next stile into a field.

12, SS 249 274, 4.1 miles

At the far corner ignore the gate to Eldern Point, instead bearing left and inland to round the cove, in a while passing through a bridle gate. Continue ahead along the level path.

13, SS 244 272, 4.6 miles

When the coast path bears right, follow the path inland to the left to East Titchberry along an old Devon banked lane to the farm. Pass through two gates to reach the road and car park on the right.

To complete your days outing, just down the road is Hartland Point, an impressive part of the North Devon coastline and with the luxury of an excellent cafe perfect for refreshments before returning home.



*Hartland Point lighthouse*

# Walks on The Hartland Peninsula

*East Titchberry via Exmansworthy*

*4.7 miles, circular*



**Fact file:**

Highlights: East Titchberry Farm (NT), old byways, South West Coast Path

Start Grid ref: SS 244 270

Distance: 4.7 miles, circular

Height gained/lost: 203 metres, moderate with some steep ascents and descents

Highest Point: 153 metres

Lowest Point: 77 metres

Toilets: none

Eating Places: none on walk, Hartland Point cafe half a mile from end of walk.

Time required: 2hr 30 min, plus stops

Mileages shown are cumulative

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

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