

self-sufficient than is required today. The simple Church of St Andrew dates from the 1500s and is one of the loveliest in the area, with early 17th-century box pews. The views back to Cosdon Hill on the northeast corner of Dartmoor enhance a picnic break in the unspoiled churchyard.

Follow the quiet ridge-top lane for just over 1½ miles (2.5km). Enjoy far-reaching views over field gates, especially looking north across Devon's heartland towards the southern slopes of Exmoor. About 500yds after the sign for Binneford the way turns left down a dead-end lane signed to Great Heale and **Newbury**. ◀ The lane descends steeply, bearing right to cross the **River Troney**. About 25yds later follow a bridlepath right through a gate and climb steeply up a deeply embanked track to enter a huge sweeping field. Keep along the left edge and go through a gate onto a track to reach a lane at a T-junction at **West Wotton**. Turn right downhill for 650yds to pass Granny's Meadow nursery.

Keep straight on for a couple of miles to reach the village of Yeoford (pub and railway station).

Temporary diversion

The route is currently diverted west of Colebrooke as a result of the reopening of the Dartmoor Line to regular rail services, and should open again in spring 2022.

After Granny's Meadow keep straight on along the lane, passing Prestons. Take the first lane left, downhill, signed to Bow; cross the railway line on Butsford Bridge. The lane bears left, signed to Nymet Tracey, and ascends out of the valley to reach Whelmstone Cross (the TMW joins from the left). Turn right.

If walking from north to south turn left at Whelmstone Cross and follow the lane into the valley, bearing right to cross the railway. Head uphill; at the top turn right, signed to Hillerton. The TMW is rejoined just after passing Prestons.

About 25yds later at **Prestons** turn left down a track (for Colebrooke keep straight on along the lane), which reduces to a path alongside Horwell Wood. Follow Two

Moors Way roundels through a larch plantation to a crossing point on the single-track Exeter to Okehampton railway line, and continue through a rough plantation of larch, willow and silver birch.

This section of the former London & South Western Railway, from

Coleford Junction to Okehampton, opened in 1871 (and was extended to Lydford and Tavistock around the edge of Dartmoor in 1874). Take care crossing the line; regular passenger services were withdrawn in 1972, and freight services in 2011 with the closure of Meldon Quarry, but regular passenger services were reintroduced in November 2021 with the opening of the Dartmoor Line linking Exeter, Crediton and Okehampton.

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