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Broadwoodkelly - in Ruby's north east



Directions - Broadwoodkelly

DISTANCE 4 miles TIME 1½ to 2 hours

PATHS Quiet country lanes, tracks and footpaths across fields

MAP OS Explorer 113 or Landranger 191

START/FINISH Grid reference SS618058

PARKING There is limited parking outside the church or Village Hall

FACILITIES There are no facilities in the village. Nearest facilities in Winkleigh, with Hatherleigh and

North Tawton also nearby.

- 1. Starting from outside the church, walk down the track to the left of the church, following the signpost to the Village Hall. Just before the hall take the track to the right and go through a gate into a field. Cross the field keeping the hedge on the left. In the bottom corner there is a small footbridge leading into another ifeld. Cross this field keeping the hedge on the right. Cross 2 stiles then emerging onto a road.
- 2. Turn left along the road and enjoy good views towards Dartmoor on the left. Upon reaching Middlecott Farm, turn left and head downhill. Cross the small bridge, called Dashley Bridge and then turn in to a field on the right. Head across this field to another gate and then go up this field with the hedge on the left.
- **3.** A road is reached just to the left of a thatched cottage. Turn left and then almost immediately right through a gate into a field. Go through the gap on the right of the gate and then head downhill with the hedge on the left. In the corner of the field cross a small stream in to another field. Cross diagonally to a gate, and then pass through a gate and go over the stile on the right, in to a small wood.
 - Follow the footpath through the wood, across a footbridge and then over a stile in to a field. Cross the next three fields keeping the hedge on the left. This eventually reaches a road. Cross the road and keep on the public footpath until a road is reached. Turn left on the road and continue until you reach Corstone Cross.
- **4.** Here take the left fork, then left by the long thatched house and then take the road signposted to Bondleigh. Stay on this road, again enjoying the fine views of the local countryside and Dartmoor away in the distance on the right. Ignore the first public footpath sign on the left and continue along the road. Pass the farm buildings on the left. Just before another farm is reached on the right, look out for a footpath sign, over a stile in to a field on the left.
- 5. Cross this field roughly in line with the arm of the footpath sign. Cross the next stile, the footbridge, and the following stile in to another field. Head up to a gate leading in to another field. Head up towards the farm buildings. When the buildings are reached head around to the right towards the farm house and then turn left. Follow the concrete lane away from the house. This is Walson Barton.
- **6.** Look out for the double gates on the right. Go through these and then through a grassy area to a gate in a field. Head across this field in line with line with the church tower, which can be seen ahead on the skyline. Beside a wooden gate, there are 2 more stiles over which a small patch of grass is reached. Cross more stiles and a wooden bridge in to another field. The footpath heads up this field. Head towards 2 houses and follow the footpath between them to a road. Turn left and after a short while the start point of the walk is reached outside the church.

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