

## Route 3

### Railways and Woodlands

10.2 miles

(6.0 miles on road/4.2 miles off road)

From Northtown Cross at Petrockstowe, take the road signed to Merton, Hatherleigh and the Tarka Trail.

Continue along this road for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile and then take the Tarka Trail on the left towards Barnstaple. This is a multi-use section of the Tarka Trail so expect to meet walkers, cyclists and other riders.

The Tarka Trail is a 162 mile walking route, which incorporates a 31 mile shared use walking and cycling section between Branton and Meeth, of which  $10\frac{1}{2}$  miles is also open to riders (from Torrington Servis Farm to Meeth Halt). Cantering or galloping and riding in groups of more

than 6 horses is not permitted. Please pass other users in single file and refer to any code of conduct signs on site. There is limited car parking along the Tarka Trail. Horse boxes and trailers should not be parked in Tarka Trail car parks but you may unload and load your horses in the car parks. More information about the Tarka Trail can be found at [devon.gov.uk/tarkatrail](http://devon.gov.uk/tarkatrail)

Continue along the Tarka Trail for  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles to a cross roads at Dunsbear Halt.

Turn left along the road and go straight on for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

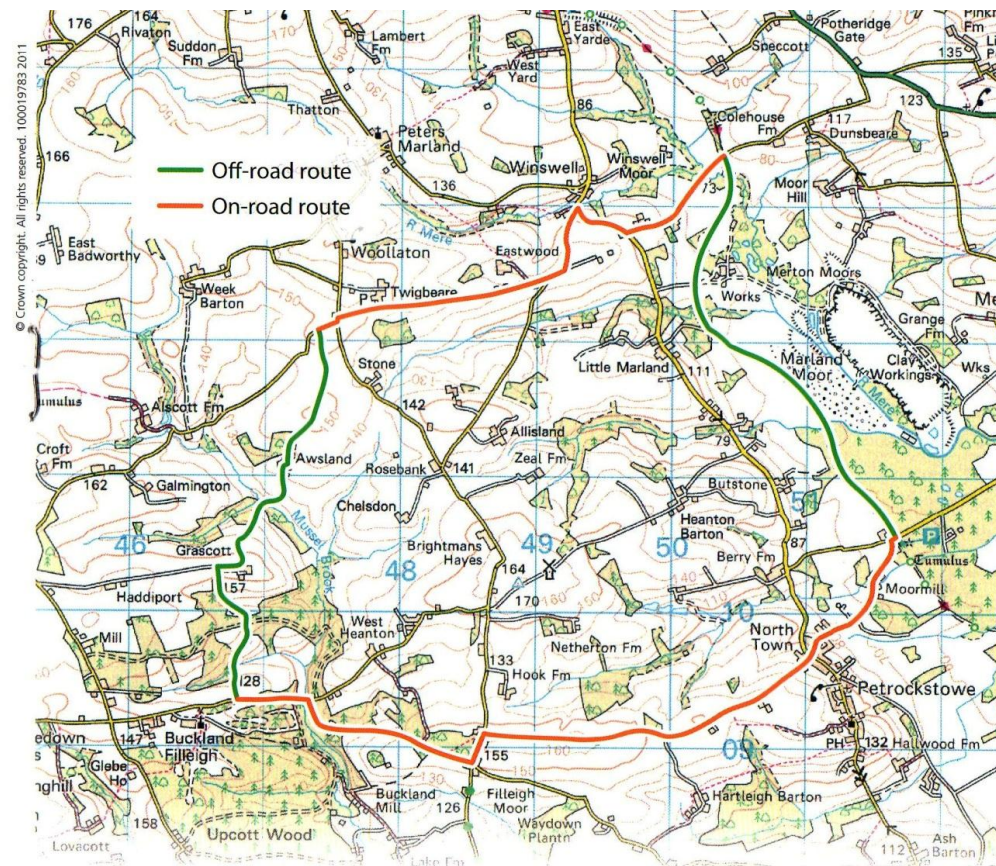
Turn right at Winscott Cross, signposted for Peters Marland and Torrington.

After  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile turn left signed to Shebbear.

Continue straight on for  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles continuing to follow signs for Shebbear.

At Stonemoor Cross and the Chapel, turn left and then follow the road around to the right, signed to Shebbear.

After 150 metres take the road on the left, signed as a public bridleway.



Follow the public bridleway for  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles, passing Awasland and Grasscott (there is a cattle grid at Awasland Farm with a bridle gate to the side).

At the end of the bridleway turn left along the road.

If you look to the right at this junction you can see St. Mary's Church and Buckland House. The House goes back to the time of William the Conqueror and was given to one of William's returning soldiers, Richard de Filleigh. Richard had used his shield to save William from arrows on three occasions. The original house burnt down in 1790 and was rebuilt in 1810. 15 bedrooms are available to rent and

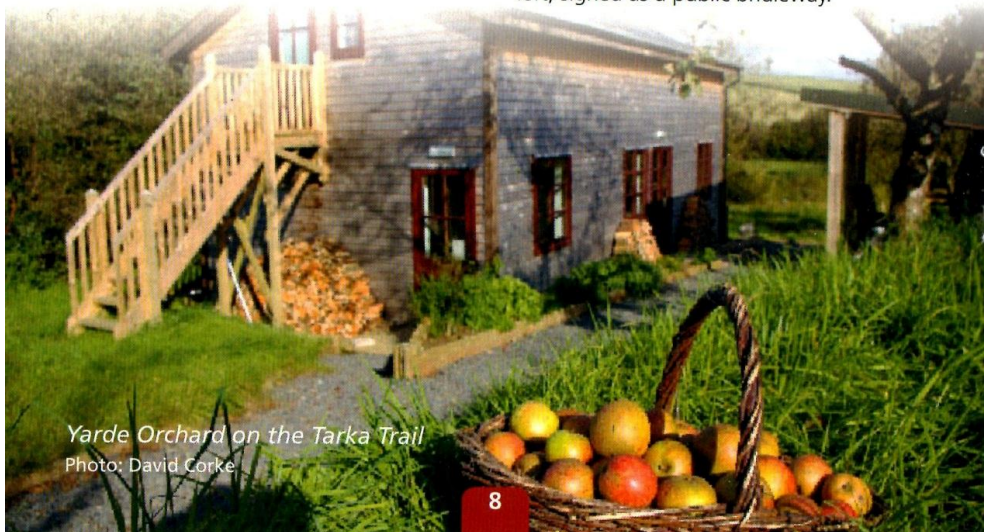
the house is licensed for civil wedding ceremonies. See [bucklandhouse.co.uk](http://bucklandhouse.co.uk) for more information.

At Horseshoe Bridge follow the road around to the right, signed to Sheepwash.

Continue straight on for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to Filleighmoor Gate.

Turn left at the cross roads, signed for Petrockstowe and then turn right after 200 metres at Hembury Gate, again signed for Petrockstowe.

Follow this road for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to return to Northtown Cross at Petrockstowe.



Yarde Orchard on the Tarka Trail

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