



A pleasant afternoon walk through woods, meadows, riverside and open uplands with panoramic views across the Taw valley and Dartmoor in the distance. So try and choose a day when the visibility will be good. Although there are a few awkward spots, generally the walking is not hard. In a few places the ground can be muddy or boggy, but most of the time the surface is good.

Distance: approx 5 miles (or 3.5 miles for the shorter route)
Time: 2-2.5 hours for the full walk

Take the road from Fore street past the parish pump and straight on past Davy park. Then take the first turn to the right. After about 200 yards turn left immediately before the pink cottage (Egypt Cottage) over a stile and into a field. Keep the hedge on your left until you reach a gate leading to a road. Turn Right into the road and follow it down into the valley and across a bridge, immediately after which it passes Park Mill (the site of an old water mill where Chulmleigh's electricity was generated in the 1920's and 1930's), and then bears sharp left.

At this bend keep straight ahead through a gate at a Footpath sign. Go the length of the field keeping the fence and the old leat on your right until you reach a stile on your right. Cross this stile and two bridges over the leat. As you enter the field keep straight ahead to the gap in the next hedge. Then keep the fence on your left until you reach a small row of trees crossing your path. Here, turn right and cross the river by the footbridge. Go straight ahead through a plantation of small fir trees until you reach the fence opposite; turn right and follow the fence round the end of the wood to a gate. (This part of the walk can be very muddy in wet weather). Go through the gate and follow the clear track upwards ignoring other tracks joining from the left and right.

At the top of the wood, the track goes through a gate and then turns left, but here leave the track by going straight on through another gate and then straight ahead across

the next field. When you reach the hedge turn left and keeping the hedge to your right, follow it until you reach a rod.

FOR SHORT WALK, turn right and follow the road back to Chulmleigh which is about 1.5 miles away and can be seen in the distance.

FOR THE MAIN WALK turn left and then almost immediately right at a junction (signposted to Eggesford Station). After approximately 1 mile you will reach Nethercott Farm. Turn right here, immediately opposite the farm at a footpath sign. Bear left and NOT through the gate, keeping the wire fence to your right, and following it as it turns right and down into the valley. At the bottom go straight ahead through a forestry commission hunting gate and follow the wide track to the left which eventually passes some pheasant pens and then comes to a T junction.

At the T junction go straight ahead over a stile (this may not be all that obvious) and a rather difficult stream crossing. Then go ahead and slightly to the left to the top left hand corner of the field and so into a lane. Turn right into the lane which leads to a crossroads. Go ahead down the lane signposted 'Chulmleigh - unsuitable for cars'. When the road ends at a farm follow the stony track straight ahead with the 'Unsuitable for motors' sign. This will take you down to a bridge and then up again to Chulmleigh church and the car parks.