



Walk 2: To Henlade & Thornfalcon – passing the old Chard Canal remains.

Car Parking is courtesy of Ruishton inn where excellent meals are available, including Sunday Roast and bar snacks.

1. Turn left out of the car park and after 15 metres turn left at Dinhams (Barton Lane) into Goosey Lane. Continue in the lane to the stile beside the first gate. After crossing into the field follow the line of the footpath towards the river.
2. Follow the river bank passing Five Arch Bridge, watching out for swans, moorhens, ducks, etc. Continue along the riverbank until the old aqueduct is reached, cross over by way of steps and continues to follow the river to a stile at the road.
3. Cross over the stile and then with caution cross over the road into Ham Road noticing the pollarded willows. Look for a footpath sign on your right hand side just past a house. Turn right at the footpath sign and then by way of a stile into a field. Cut across this field heading for a group of trees and a footbridge which crosses a ditch.
4. From the footbridge cut across the field to a stile in the opposite hedge. After crossing the stile head for a gateway in the opposite hedge. Continues in a

southerly direction passing over the line of the old Chard Canal, heading for Thornwater farm. Before entering the farm head for a small gate located in the left hand corner. Go through the gate and walk up the farm driveway until the main road is reached. The site of Thornfalcon station is on your right at the entrance to the concrete works. The station house is now meadow view.

5. Cross the busy road with great care and enter the field opposite by way of a kissing gate. Ahead of you on the lower slopes is Henlade House now known as Mount Somerset Hotel. Follow the line to the left until reaching a stile and a small bridge. Turn right at this point and follow the hedge on your right to the corner of the field. On going through the gap in the hedge cross a stile and turn left following the bank of a long gone stream to a stile which leads into Greenway Lane. Turn right and follow this road through Lower Henlade past Henlade Lodge to a point just past Foxhound Cottage.
6. Cross the stream by way of a bridge turning left to follow the field edge to a gap into the adjoining field. Turn left and follow the left hand field edge to a bridge. Cross it and turn right to follow the right hand edge to a further bridge. After crossing this bridge head for a stile in the hedge that is crossed and continue to follow the right hand side of this field to a bridge beside a large tree.
7. After crossing the bridge keep to the right following along side a stream until a bridge is reached, on your right-hand side. Cross over this bridge and follow the right hand side of the field to a stile which after crossing comes out onto the main road.
8. Turn right and look for a footpath sign on the opposite side of the road. With care cross the road and descend the steps and across a stile into the field. Head towards an electricity pole in the middle of the opposite hedge where a stile is crossed together with a bridge. Having crossed the bridge look for a further electricity pole near to some houses; head for this point and then turn right and head for a stile. Cross the stile and at the road (Bushy Cross Lane) turn left to head back to the start.