

THE TIMES Walking Guide



Somerset: Kilve and the Quantocks

BLISTER RATING

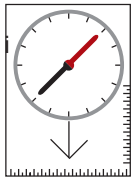
Route Kilve-the Quantocks-Kilve
County Somerset **Difficulty** Moderate/Hard
Distance 13.5 km (8½ miles) **Typical Time** 4 hours
OS Grid Reference ST148429, Explorer 140
Starting Point Kilve village car park

VIEW RATING

Things to see Kilve Chantry, fossils on Kilve Beach, views from Quantocks, Alfoxton Park, which was once William and Dorothy Wordsworth's home

PUB RATING

The Hood Arms at Kilve is a characterful old coaching and smuggling inn. Bar food, good local beer, open fire, beer garden



1 From Kilve village car park, right along A39; in 30m, left by post office down Sea Lane for 1.3km, past Kilve church and Chantry ruin to beach car park. Ahead to beach.

2 Left (west) along cliffs. In half a mile, path turns inland. At T-junction of paths, right to road at pond. Cross into East Quantoxhead car park;

follow path at far right corner, with Court House on your right. Opposite church, through gate in left corner of field; cross next field diagonally, arriving right of Court Farm, to gate into lane. Cross lane (yellow arrow); same direction over next field to stile into lane. Left to cross A39.

3 Blue arrow, "Beacon Hill/Bicknoller Post" sign. Up track, over fields to Smith's Combe. Cross stream; up combe, crossing stream several times. In 750m, follow stream to right, skirting forestry. Steep track across moor to post, 200m below triangulation pillar.

4 Left on broad track for 750m; 200m short of Bicknoller Post (meeting of seven tracks), left on The Great Road (stony track) for 1.3km to New Ground. Down Gut Combe among trees to tarmac road; right past Alfoxton Park. In 750m, road enters trees; in 100m, on right bend, left (yellow arrow), over stile. Cross combe on footbridge to road.

5 Right; first left past Holford church to A39 and Plough PH. Left up lane behind Plough; in 100m, right through gate (blue arrow); through trees, then along field edge. Through trees again to gate (blue arrow); ahead across field to gate (two blue arrows) to sunken lane. Right to A39.

6 Right (take care!) for 200m to right bend; left along Hilltop Lane. In 1km, pass Wyndham's Farm; in 100m, left (bridleway, "Kilve") to Kilve.

