

Exmoor Loop at Parracombe

- Start point: Fox and Goose Inn, Parracombe EX31 4PE
- End point: Fox and Goose inn
- Distance: 9.5km / 5.9 miles
- Type: Circular
- Estimated walk time: 2.5hrs
- Difficulty: moderate (total ascent: 270m)



1. From the Fox and Goose Inn in Parracombe (parking on-site for patrons), turn up Ley's Lane, crossing the River Heddon and after 100m keep right at the fork. Follow the lane as it turns into Church Lane and after 800m you'll arrive at St Petrock's Church.
2. Explore the medieval exterior and Georgian interior of St Petrock's – there's a leaning arcade, a triple-tiered pulpit (feel free to try it out for yourself!) and painted texts to enjoy. See if you can find the musician's pew – the one with the hollowed out hole to allow room for the viola!
3. Head back onto the lane from the churchyard and turn right. Shortly you will see a footpath on your left. Take it and for 200m cross the fields toward the A39.
4. Climb the stile, cross the A39 with care and pick up the footpath again on the other side of the road. Continue straight on in a north-easterly direction for 660m, then turn right onto the country lane. You're pretty high on the moor by this point – enjoy the views!
5. Follow the lane for 300m, then turn left. Follow the lane almost due north for just over 1km and at the end right left.
6. Cross the A39 again at Martinhoe Cross at follow the lane for another 1km. At this point you'll see a series of paths leading off from the lane on both sides of the road. Take the third footpath on your left, following a wooden signpost with a yellow tip through the five-bar gate set slightly back from the lane.
7. Follow this footpath for c.500m in a north-westerly direction until it joins a country lane. Here turn left and follow the lane for 200m, before taking the footpath on your left.
8. Follow the footpath for c.1km. When the path forks take the left hand fork and continue until the path reaches a T-junction. Turn right here and continue for 180m until you meet a lane and houses.
9. Here turn left and follow the lane and then the track as it winds down to join Broadoak Hill at Killington Farm. Follow Broadoak Hill for 900m then turn right next to a lay-by (you'll see a 'dead end' sign on the right) and take the footpath on the left.
10. Follow the footpath for 500m until it joins Parracombe Lane, then turn right and follow Parracombe Lane back into the village to the Fox and Goose.

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