

JMHT Section 3 Route description : Totnes to Dittisham Approx 9 miles Version 15/12/2017

The route can be followed from the description below but we recommend one of the following maps should be carried in addition. There are JMHT waymarkers along the trail but these are not referred to in this description in case one or more is damaged or missing. Features along the route are described in more detail in the JMHT booklet, available from South Devon Ramblers website and Tourist offices. Information boards along the trail show local routes and describe nearby heritage features.

OS Explorer Map OL20 'SOUTH DEVON' Scale 1:25 000 Available bookshops and Tourist offices.

**Yellow Walk Map 'Around & About Totnes South' Scale 1:16 000 (www.yellowpublications.co.uk)
Laminated plastic, folding neatly to pocket size. sales@yellowpublications.co.uk tel: 01208 76106**

**Walking/Cycling/Riding Map 'Dittisham & Cornworthy' Scale 1: 12 500 (www.croydecycle.co.uk)
Printed on tough water resistant paper. 01271 891160 maps@croydecycle.co.uk**

The above maps are available at local outlets and Tourist Information Offices in addition to mail order or telephone order. A map of the reverse route (Dittisham to Totnes) is published by South Devon AONB with route directions and locations of audio clip points . Phone 01803 861384 or enquiries@southdevonaonb.org.uk

START: The Plains, a street by the Dart riverside adjacent to Totnes Bridge (HN 22 and 23)

FINISH: Ferry Bridge Inn, Dittisham

Abbreviations: L (Left) R (Right) m (metres) HN (heritage note ref. in JMHT booklet; describes a trail feature in more detail) FP (Footpath) Jnct (Junction)

a) From Totnes Bridge, L at roundabout into The Plains. Follow riverside path towards Baltic Wharf as far as Steam Packet Inn. Route normally continues through Baltic Wharf but a diversion behind new housing above Baltic Wharf now applies until review in Nov 2017, after which this route description will be amended as necessary.

b) At Steam Packet Inn where road narrows turn R up short hill then L along cycle way behind new housing. In 300 m along cycle way bear L down zig zag FP to gravel track alongside tall metal fence. Past end of riverside wharves follow track down into woodland and riverside. (Estuarine Marshes, HN 24). Follow riverside trail for 600 m to cross boardwalk (with stile midway) and flight of steps up to open field. (HN 25 Windwhistle Cottage high above opposite side of river)

c) Follow open field for 300m into small valley with isolated gateway on hill crest. L at tarmac lane, through another gate and follow clay lane ahead, (not cycle track to R). In 300 m cross stile on R and climb to top of hill towards Ashprington (HN 27). Cross stile at top of field then L along gravel track for 400 m to stone pillars leading to Sharpham estate. (HN 26 Sharpham Drive) Turn R along permissive path beside estate road, passing Car park on L and Ash Meadow with playspace. Walk downhill into

Ashprington (HN 27) passing Durant Arms on L then Combe House & Stepps cottage further down hill, to reach Bow Bridge over Harbourne River. L at Watermans arms towards Tuckenhay (If river level is low, alternative route is to follow lane opposite Steps cottage to stepping stones, bypassing Bow bridge and the Watermans Arms Inn).

d) From Stepping stones, or after passing Watermans Arms, continue along riverside road passing Malsters Arms to reach Tuckenhay Bridge on left ; **blind corners , beware road traffic** .(HN 28)

e) After crossing bridge, cross stone stile a few metres on L and follow riverside path over boardwalk and continue 750 m along riverside until path turns uphill towards Cornworthy. After 200 m enter Charleycombe Wood on L, walk down to picnic area in valley of wood, cross small footbridge then climb up to Southern exit of woodland by gate onto track down to village, passing a few cottages .

f) At road junction in Cornworthy village, adjacent Wisteria Cottage, L along road passing Hunters Lodge Inn, uphill to St Peters Church, L at bend towards Dittisham. (HN 29 Cornworthy Priory).

g) Continue uphill for 400m ignoring Butts Lane and Woodland Lane to reach Longland Cross. Straight ahead to Broadgate Lane then downhill steeply crossing Poor Bridge over the stream. After 400m, L at junction to pass Barberry Cross towards Fingals and E.Cornworthy. After Coombe Farm Studios, sharp L at road junction; follow road uphill round corner for 250m then R through gate onto FP beside stream. (Gate is recessed into hedgerow and can be missed – look for stone steps and iron railings on L just before gate entrance on R)

h) Follow stony path along narrow stream then into an open field with views down to Brambletorre Mill, (HN 30) keeping on the field track close to wire fence as field either side is private land, reaching a stile on R leading steeply down to footbridge after crossing a narrow road track. Cross raised footbridge and L onto main road uphill to Dittisham.(HN 31)

i) Follow Higher St to village centre, L by Red Lion Pub along ‘The level’ passing Meadow cottage on L and down steep Manor Street to Ferry Bridge Inn.

This completes section 3 of JMHT. **Congratulations!**

A small foot passenger ferry runs between the Ferry Bridge Inn and Greenway Quay, typically 9am to 5pm in Summer and 9am to 4pm winter. Ring bell opposite Inn to summon ferry.

A larger ferry runs to Dartmouth, hourly, Easter to November; check timetables shown alongside Ferry Inn.

We would appreciate feedback on your experience, to help us maintain and improve the trail.

A form can be downloaded from the South Devon Ramblers website.

