



02 DEVON CHURSTON TO DARTMOUTH

▶ Distance: 9½ miles/15.3km ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



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Views across the River Dart and Torbay.

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South Devon's
'English Riviera'

remains a favourite destination for seaside holidays. And there's nothing like a boat trip and ride on the Dartmouth Steam Railway to transport you back to its golden age, followed by a hike along the coast and overland to the beautiful Dart Estuary. Tracing the Greenway Walk to Agatha Christie's summer retreat, this route re-crosses the river, before following the Dart Valley Trail back to your Dartmouth departure point. Alternatively, you could follow the Dart Valley Trail from Greenway along the east bank of the estuary to Kingswear.

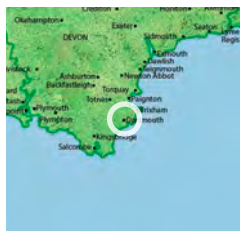
1 Start

Catch ferry to Kingswear Station. Ride train to Churston. From station, turn L over bridge to cross road by subway, then L along Bridge Road, marked Greenway Walk (GW). Continue to T-junction. Follow GW R on road for ¼ mile to junction (take care, no pavement), then L on Green Lane. At end, follow GW L, signed 'Broadsands'. Go R at fork, then L signed 'Elberry Cove'. Follow yellow posts over golf course into trees. Go R to South West Coast Path. Zigzag L down to cross Elberry Cove. Follow trail R around Churston Point to Broadsands.

2 1¼ miles/2.8km

After first row of beach huts, turn L (GW sign) across

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Dartmouth Town Jetty, grid ref SX878 513. Limited parking on North Embankment, plus P&D off Mayor's Drive in Dartmouth. You could also use the cheaper park & ride service, TQ6 OJL

Is it for me? Mostly well-marked trails, along a mix of sometimes steep field paths, coastal path, farm tracks, backstreets & lanes. Two ferries & one train

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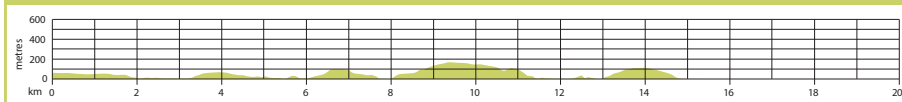
Nearest town Dartmouth

Refreshments Choice at start and on route

Public transport Buses serve Dartmouth. A ferry to Kingswear and steam train to Churston costs £7.25 per adult, www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk. Greenway to Dittisham Ferry costs £2pp: www.greenwayferry.co.uk.

Maps OS Explorer OL20; Landranger 202

GRADIENT PROFILE



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car park and up Broadsands Road. After viaduct, turn L up path to road. Turn R up to main road and cross to memorial on Warborough Common. Follow R edge of common to far corner. Turn R down lane to crossroads, then R along Stoke Gabriel Road for ¼ mile.

3 miles/4.9km

Follow GW L down Kiln Road, around Galmpton Creek/ past boatyards to fork L up lane. Go straight at junction down to Old Mill Farm and down steps to follow shoreline. Cross stile L, veer R up field to gate and follow fence to stile/ Lower Greenway Farm. Follow track R, shortly turn L over stile up path to lane. Cross to gate and path into National Trust woods. Keep R at first fork, then L up higher track. Follow field edge to junction and turn R down steep path signed 'Greenway Gardens and Ferry' to car park. Turn L to follow drive past NT entrance to gate. Turn R down 'Ferry Path' to lane, then L to Greenway Quay. Catch ferry to Dittisham.

4 5 miles/8km

From pontoon, walk 300m up street and L up private road, signed Dart Valley Trail (DVT). At signpost, turn R. After 100m, turn L over stile and follow path over stiles up RH field edge to lane. Turn L. After 100m, leave L on permissive footpath for 'Old Mill Creek 2¼'. Follow DVT across fields to track.



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5 6½ miles/10.4km

Turn L downhill. After 250m, follow signed path R. After gate, cross track, and follow path down into trees. Follow path/track around creek to junction ¾ mile further on.

6 8 miles/12.8km

Turn L down track/lane, signed 'Lapthorne Lane/Old Mill Creek ¼'. Turn L over stone bridge, continuing up Old Mill Lane for ½ mile. Shortly after passing first houses on Dartmouth outskirts, turn R up narrow no-through road on corner. Go up steps, cross road and follow road opposite to junction with A379.

7 8¾ miles/14km

Cross and turn L, then R on Church Road to crossroads. Continue down Mount Boone. At fork, go R down Townstal Hill. Continue down Clarence Hill, then, turn R down steps of Brown's Hill. At bottom, turn R, then taking L fork along Foss Street. At crossroads with Victoria Road, turn L to Royal Avenue Gardens/start. **CW**

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