

Circular walking route from Modbury Car Park

Orcheton Trail

Distance: 5 ½ miles | Grade: Moderate/Strenuous | Time: approx 3 hours | 8 stiles



Glorious views over Modbury, Dartmoor, the sea in the distance and unspoilt rolling countryside. Open fields, lanes, paths and quiet hidden valley. Steep gradient near start.

- At the lower end of the car park go through the kissing gate and follow FP1(finger post) by the stream to stone stile and metal gate leading into meadow.
- Cross stream over concrete bridge to sleeper stile in hedge with steps into lane (Gas House lane).
- Turn left and continue to junction with county road (Prigdon Hill) where you will see FP5 ahead of you (finger post).
- Take this sunken path uphill to stile. Turn right and after 50 yds cross a double stile in hedge on your left.
- Bear diagonally right to another double stile in hedge.
- Bear diagonally left to cattle trough, through metal gate and turn left passing above new barn to furthest metal gate.
- Through gate, turn right and follow hedge on your right for 50 yds then bear diagonally left to top corner of field and through metal gate.
- Carry on with hedge on your left to another gate and then strike diagonally right down to stile and steep steps in bank onto county road.
- Turn right and go through the field gate immediately on your left. This is the start of the Butland Farm permissive bridleways which have green waymarkers along the route.
- Follow the hedge keeping it on your left and go through four fields passing the road sign at Hunts Cross along the way.
- You will then come to a newly made track to the right. Follow this for 50 yds and then bear left keeping a newly made bank on your right and follow this until you reach a hedge and turn left.
- Follow this hedge keeping it on your right through four fields, the last of which drops down to the edge of Butland Wood.
- Bear left at the woods and then right uphill to a gate in corner.
- Through gate following hedge on your right to another gate.
- Through gate and follow hedge keeping it on your right until you arrive at another gate in hedge on your right.
- Through this gate. You are now on a permissive footpath link (sign/map). Waymarkers are blue/white
- Follow hedge keeping it on your left to another gate and bear slightly right in the next field to a gap/gate on your left.
- Drop down the hill diagonally right to just below gap in hedge.
- Continue downhill keeping hedge on your right through rickety gate and cross wooden footbridge over stream.

- Bear diagonally right to join the end of FP4 (finger post).
- Follow this path up the valley to sleeper bridge in middle of field and continue to further sleeper bridge and stile set in hedge and exit onto farm track.
- Turn right and then shortly left continuing on FP4 (finger post)
- Follow track until it opens out close to the stream.
- Just after the concrete bridge on your left FP4 leaves the track and continues slightly right (way marker post) up the valley following the stream.
- Through small wood and then another gate.
- Continue straight on through field and exit onto road leading to Cottlass Farm.
- Turn right past Cottlass Farm and as you start to rise take the bridleway 10 (finger post) on your left.
- Follow this to County road.
- Turn right and almost immediately left onto FP14 (finger post)
- FP14 joins with FP1. Turn left here to return to the Car Park

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