

East Devon Way Link Route (south to north)

Beer Link - Beer to East Devon Way near Colyton

(Follow the Link Waymarkers)



Difficulty: moderate

Walking time: 2 / 2¹/₂ hours

Length: 8.4 km / 5.3 miles

Start location: Jubilee Gardens, above Beer Beach, Beer (SY231 892)

Route Summary: Mainly off-road (fields and woods) link route Beer to the River Coly and the East Devon Way. Return via *Link Route Colyton to Seaton* or tram and/or bus.

Description: - [1] Start at the Self Shelter, Jubilee Gardens, Beer Beach - Take selfie with the sign & cliffs - Read *History of Beer Written in Stone* in the Self Shelter - Follow the Magenta Dashed Link Waymarkers up the steps and take *South West Coast Path* over the cliff to *Old Beer Hill*.

[2] Turn right down *Old Beer Hill* to the triangle at the bottom - Turn left inland and after 300 metres turn right into *Clinton Way* up through the pine forest - Take care crossing the road - Turn left along the pavement until the right-hand turn into *Bunts Lane*.

[3] Around the bend at the junction with *Couchill Lane* you will see a kiss gate into *Couchill Woods* - Climb the track in front of you to the top of the woods - At the top, veer left and continue to a kiss gate leading into a fenced path alongside a field.

[4] At the end of this path take a convoluted right-hand turn down the trackway - Halfway to the road take a left-hand turn up the wooden step, through the trees to a delightful picnic area where you may sit and absorb the amazing views of the *Axe Valley* - Continue northwards past the picnic car park to the main A3052 - By now you have passed a petrol station and glimpsed the *Old Water Tower* opposite - Cross the A3052 and enter field - Walk down to *Hollyford Woods* - Follow the footpath down through the woods - Over the footbridge (or through ford) - Around the old reservoir to the kiss gate at the far end - Walk along the bottom of the field.

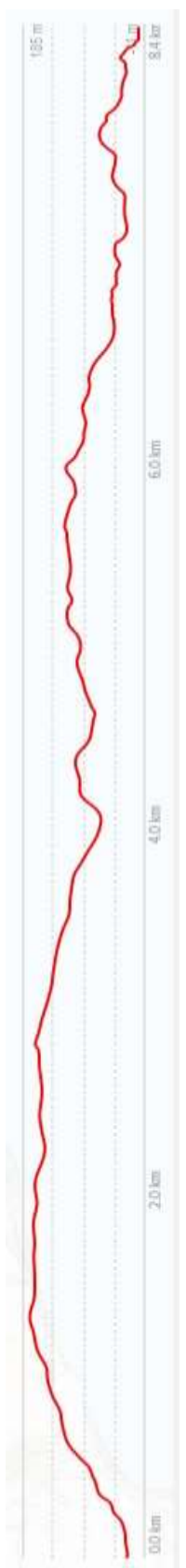
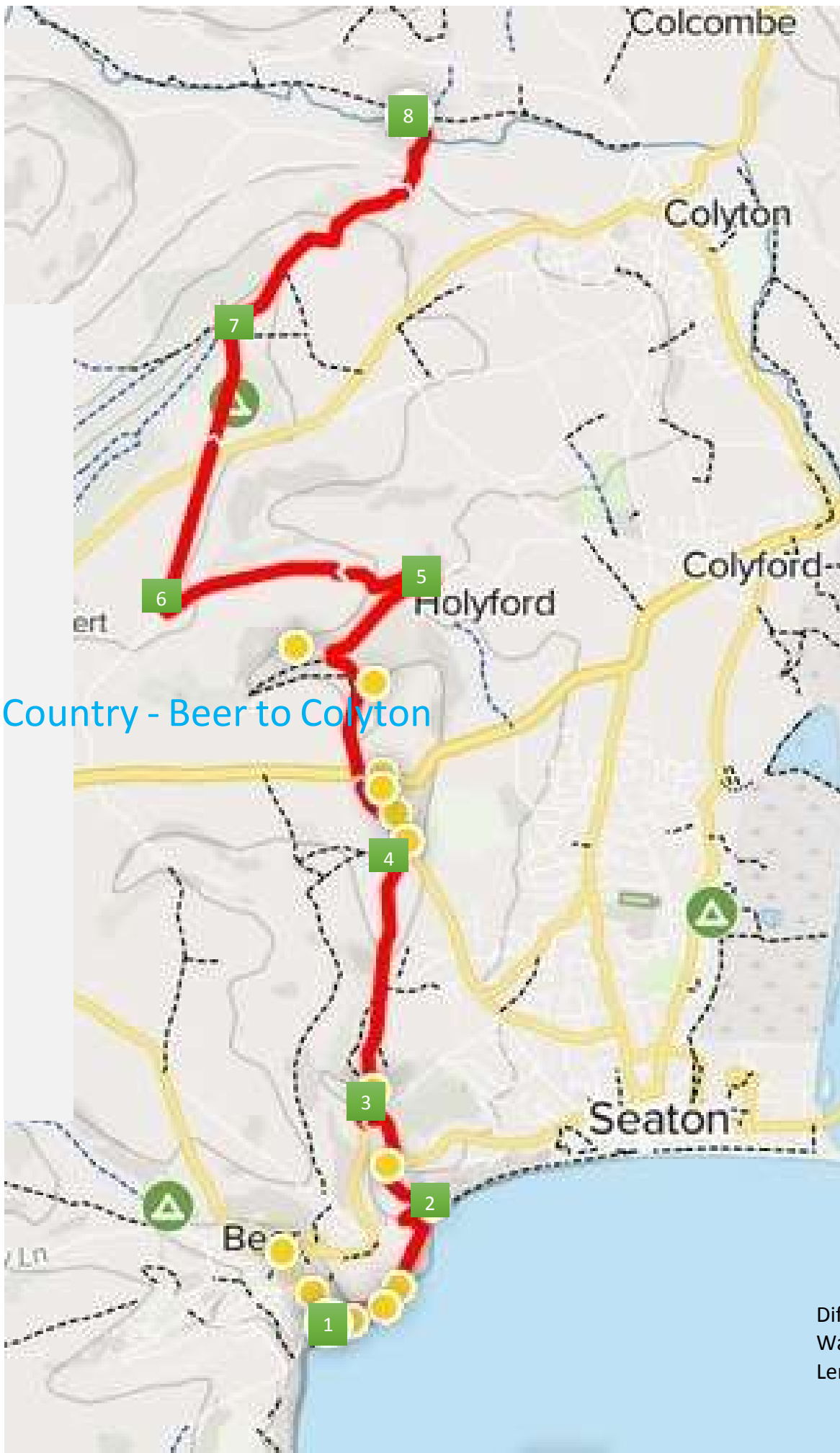
[5] Just before you get to the next farm gate turn sharp left up the slope - Follow path up the track, through the gate, across the field, through the next gate and turn left in the next field; which will eventually lead you to a very minor road.

[6] Turn right and follow this dead straight road to the main *Colyton road* - Cross the Colyton road and continue along the straight track to the end.

[7] Turn right into the woods between the big posts - Follow the path through these woods to the end - Turn right through the metal gate and then immediately left and through another metal gate - Downhill following the hedge - Over the stile into more woods - Follow path through woods down to the junction of two minor roads (*Heathayne Cross*) - There is a seat here where you may take a break - Cross both these roads and take the track down to *Heathayne Farm* - At the cottage turn right through the gate - Follow the path down and through the next gate to the *River Coly* - Turn left and follow the bank to the foot bridge - Cross the bridge and join the *East Devon Way*.

[8] Turn left on the *East Devon Way* up river to *Northleigh, Farway* and *Church Green* or right, down river to *Colyton* - Amenities in Colyton: shops, pubs, accommodation.

East to Country - Beer to Colyton



Difficulty: Moderate
Walking Time 2½ hrs
Length: 8.4 km / 5.3 mi

East Devon Way Link Route (north to south)

Beer Link - East Devon Way near Colyton to Beer

(Follow the Link Waymarkers)



Difficulty: moderate

Walking time: 2 / 2½ hours

Length: 8.4 km / 5.3 miles

Start location: East Devon Way, near Colyton (SY235 944)

Route Summary: Mainly off-road link route from the River Coly, near Colyton and the East Devon Way through fields and woods to Beer on the Jurassic Coast.

Description: - [8] **Cross footbridge and turn left, follow river bank and head through the farm gate** - Up the track - Through the kiss gate - Turn left - Follow the track up the hill - Cross both the minor roads at Heathayne Cross and enter kiss gate across the road into woods - Follow the path up through these woods to the end - Over the stile and follow the hedge uphill - Through the metal gate and then immediately right and through another metal gate into more woods - Turn left and follow the path through the woods.

[7] **At the end of the woods walk through the big wooden posts and turn left along the track** - Eventually this track will lead you to the Colyton road - Cross the road and continue along this dead straight minor road.

[6] **Eventually turn left onto a bridleway** - follow the path through this field and the next, past an apple tree - Take the gate on the right in the corner and turn left down the next field - Through the farm gate at the bottom of the field - Down a sloping track to the right.

[5] **At the bottom turn sharp right to Hollyford Woods** - Cross the footbridge and turn left around the old reservoir - Continue uphill to the edge of the woods and through the metal kiss gate - Up through the field to the A3052 - Cross A3052 with care - continue to picnic area - Walk the length of the picnic area and through the small clump of trees.

[4] **Turn right up the track, then take a left through kiss gate if possible, otherwise a convoluted right, left, left again, then straight, through 3 kiss gates** - follow fenced off path alongside the field - At the end of this path enter Couchill Woods - follow path and take the second right-hand path down to the bottom far corner of the woods.

[3] **Exit through kiss gate and follow road around the big bend to the Beer road** - turn left and follow pavement for 200 metres to the main crossing for the South West Coast Footpath - Cross road with care and take track through the pine forest - At the bottom of the pine forest exit the gate and turn left to Seaton Hole.

[2] **At the triangle in the road turn right and walk up Old Beer Hill** - Halfway up take the coast path to the left and follow all the way to Beer Beach.

[1] **The official start (or end) is at the Self Shelter, Jubilee Gardens, Beer Beach** - Amenities in Beer: shops, pubs, accommodation, camping, beach cafes, restaurants & bus service

Map: OS Explorer 116 Lyme Regis and Bridport