

A Walk to Musbury Castle and return via Combpyne

OS Explorer 116 Lyme Regis and Bridport. 1:25000.

5.3 Miles . About 2hours

A fairly short walk but some significant uphill. Uses the East Devon Way. Views are truly incredible. Quaint Church at Combpyne.



Find the attractive village of Musbury, off the A358 Axminster to Seaton Road and driving up through the village park in the small car park beside the Church. (Grid Ref SY 275945).

Walk left out of the car park then up the signed East Devon Way. Follow the good track and after passing the metal gate move right over the stile. Uphill! Diagonally right to the corner of the field to find the National Trust “ Membury Castle “ sign. Just soak up the views- whilst getting your breath back – miles and miles. Wander up and round to the left around the mounds then up on to the ridge and earthworks. These Iron Age men certainly knew where to be safe. Now just potter along the ridge but eventually move left and then right over a couple of stiles. Sharp right after the second one keeping the hedge on your right to arrive at the communications mast. Little memorial seat here. Then pass through the gate and stile ahead to the end and here move right over the stile and following the hedge on your left come to a stile out on to the very quiet Mounthill Lane.

Potter along this very scenic lane to Bulmoor Cross and enjoy the downhill , passing the buildings and farm. Slightly left then right here to drop down to a wet dip in the track. Now , uphill on a glorious sunken lane, eventually emerging at a track junction. Move right along another wonderful but open track that provides more magnificent views. This track merges into a farm road and then into a quiet highway at Lower Farm. Now, it’s worth a potter on into Combpyne to see the Church, then return here to the junction. You could of course miss out the Church trip if the legs are complaining. Wander about 400 yds down the road to find a Public Footpath off to the right, just after the house drive. You will soon emerge , having moved in a straight line following the hedge, at a stile and rickety bridge, giving access to a good farm road. Left here for 200 yds then right, sorry bit of uphill, towards the trees. Bear left around the tree covered mounds and then go diagonally left through open pasture to a small gate. Up the short slope to another gate, then straight ahead to enter Musbury Castle grounds. Follow the muddy track to soon emerge on the East Devon Way and your path back to Musbury.. You’ll recognise it from your start.