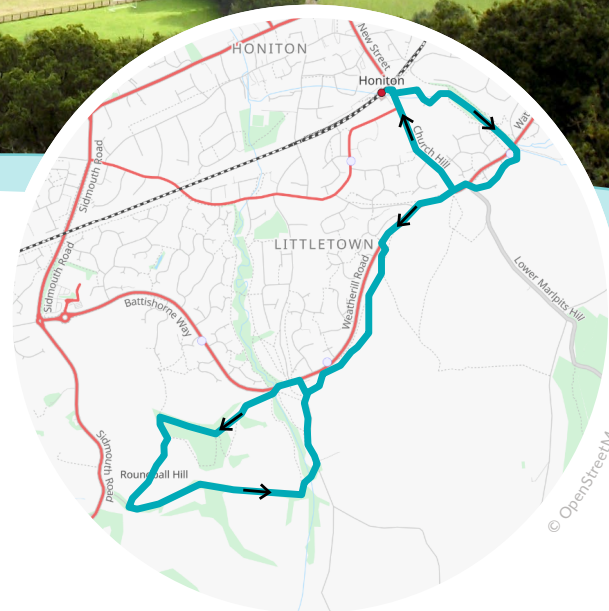


Round Ball Hill



APPROX 5 MILES

Line East Devon Line

Start Honiton Station

End Honiton Station

Overview

Honiton is a friendly market town, famous for its lace and pottery. It is set in the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and on the banks of the River Otter.

Historically, Honiton was an important staging post along Britain's ancient transport and trading routes and in 1724, Daniel Defoe described the view coming down the hill into Honiton as 'the most beautiful landscape in the world'.

The climb to the top of Round Ball Hill was introduced to the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership by the excellent Honiton Walking Group. They described it as 'invigorating.' This turned out to be quite true, but the last steep climb is truly worth the effort, providing a magnificent view of the countryside around Honiton, including the Copper Castle Toll House and the Iron Age forts at Hembury and Dumpdon Hill.

Notes: The walk from Honiton Station to Round Ball Hill takes you past the original parish church of St Michael's and there is an option to extend the walk along a footpath through the churchyard, re-joining the route to Round Ball Hill further along.



Directions

From Honiton station, exit left down the steps, cross a busy road and straight ahead into Duck's Lane (signposted public footpath). At the top turn sharp right into 'The Glen' through the Silver Jubilee gates (see [photo 1 overleaf](#)).

Keep left walking through the Glen and further on into the Millennium Green, exited onto Parsonage Lane. Turn right and go under the road. At the T junction turn right, then immediately left towards the mini roundabout and St. Michael's Church* ([photo 2](#)).

Walk past the church, keeping left along the road and take a lane on left clearly marked footpath. Follow the lane, keeping straight ahead, cross minor road Higher Brand Lane onto a footpath bringing you to main road.

Turn left here and go over the bridge. Immediately after the bridge turn left onto a footpath through a kissing gate. Walk up a narrow field (beginning of Round Ball Hill) to a kissing gate. Stop halfway up and turn around for views.

Go through the gate and follow circular path to the right. When you meet another path, turn left and go up two sets of steps.

Turn right through a kissing gate ([photo 3](#)). The final climb to the top of Round Ball Hill is very steep but worth all the effort. Arrive at the top and enjoy outstanding views of East Devon ([photos 4, 5 & 6](#)).

*Another option would be to follow the footpath through the churchyard and re-join the route to Round Ball Hill a little further along.

Return journey

If you would like to return to the station by a different route, continue over the brow of the hill, down some steps and into a lane. Turn left. Continue along lane to T-junction and turn left and left again onto a public footpath (not signposted).

Cross the wooden bridge into Honiton Country Park and keep right.

Take the first right on to Brand Lane and follow the lane opposite back to St. Michael's church.

At the Church turn left down Church Hill and left up the steps to Honiton station.

Our thanks to the [Honiton Walking Club](#) (www.facebook.com/honitonwalkingclub) for this lovely walk, and the [Lacemakers Café](#) (www.facebook.com/LacemakersCafe1) for delicious west country refreshments.

Photos



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These directions are intended as a guide only. It is always advisable to carry the relevant OS Map whilst out walking.

