



# Axminster Trinity Hill Nature Reserve

***Double loop around rare lowland heath and mixed woodland, starting and finishing at Axminster station.***

**3 MILES**

Line	East Devon Line
Start/End	Axminster station

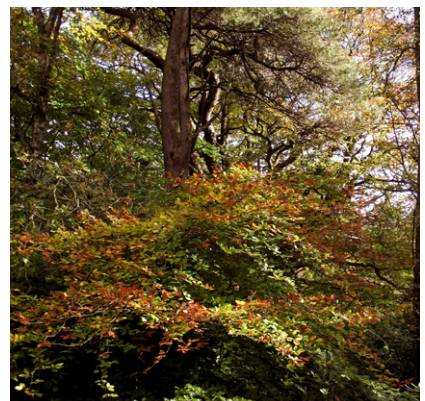
## Overview

Trinity Hill includes a substantial area of rare lowland heath where you can see Bell Heather, Linnet, Dartford Warbler, Snipe, Stonechat, Adder, small lizards and wild Exmoor ponies.

The woodland includes a line of magnificent beech trees and is popular with birdwatchers, including after dark, when they come specially to listen for the Nightjars.

We have mapped out a route around this beautiful nature reserve that includes both heath and woodland. The route is well maintained but you do need boots in winter. The Reserve can be accessed from Axminster Station either by a short bus ride (X51) or a walk via Wyke Green (adding roughly 4 miles in total to the route described below.)

There is a lovely introductory video about the reserve: <https://youtu.be/Q02alx8YeVc>





## Directions

From Axminster Station, take bus X51 from just outside the station to Hunters Lodge stop which is at Raymond's Hill on the road to Lyme Regis. Bus timetable:

<https://bustimes.org/services/x51-dorchester-bridport-axminster>

Walk back to Trinity Hill Road (signposted CombPyne/Rousdon). This is a reasonably quiet road but cars do come along quite fast, so take care. Less than half a mile along, take the first turning from Trinity Hill road into the Nature Reserve.

Go through the metal gate. You will find yourself with four pathways in front of you. Take one of the right-hand paths and walk along parallel with road to the edge of the heathland ([photo 1 overleaf](#)).

Where the heath turns to woodland, turn left, following the post markers around the edge of the heath to the top right-hand corner of this area ([photo 2](#)). Take a signposted path into the woods.

At the forest track, turn right and follow the track to a junction. To your right is another entrance/carpark for the nature reserve. Turn left at the junction and when the track divides take the left-hand track.

Follow the track all the way down and around to the right, continue along this track until you come to an open area with a wooden gate. Take the first track on your right.

This part of the wood features some beautiful beech trees, some of them are extremely old.

As you walk along the beech-lined track you will see an old bank to your left ([photo 3](#)) with open hillside beyond and views of the sea in the distance

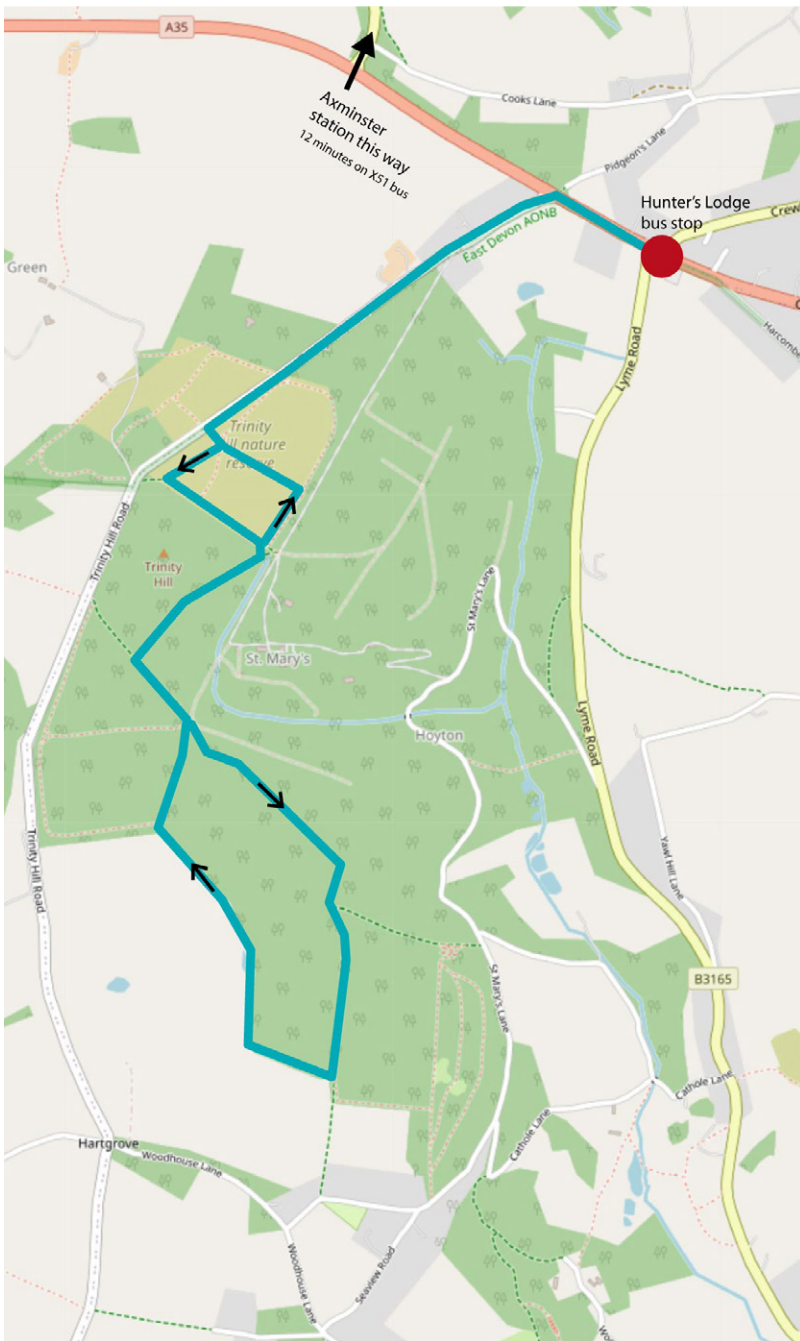
Follow this track ([photos 4 & 5](#)) around to the right and at junction turn left and then right. You are now heading back towards the heath.

Look for a large gate across the track and just before the gate turn left up a narrow track which will take you out onto the open heath.

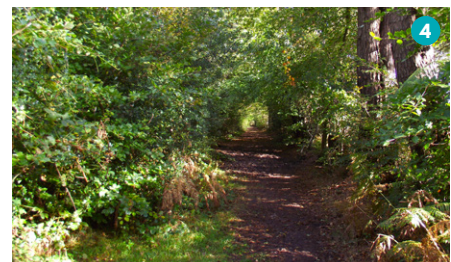
Turn right and follow the path, with marker posts to left. Take the next track left and follow this back to the entrance to the nature reserve.

Turn right onto Trinity Hill road and retrace your steps to the bus stop.

*The Hunter's Lodge Inn ([www.hunterslodgeinn.co.uk](http://www.hunterslodgeinn.co.uk)) is conveniently situated next to the bus stop if you would like somewhere nice to wait for your bus or some refreshments.*



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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.

