



Okehampton station to Okehampton Castle

Enjoy this pleasant walk through the woods to Okehampton Castle (approx 20min each way).

Please note: uneven surfaces throughout, especially in the woods where the paths are rocky underfoot and at Old Town Park which can be very wet depending on the weather/season. The return route includes some fairly steep steps.

1. Exit the front of Okehampton station and walk down the slope.
2. Carefully cross the road and take the lane opposite, signposted 'Granite Way Lydford' (note - lane is uneven under foot). After a short way, the Granite Way is signed off to the left - ignore this and carry on straight.
3. At the end of the lane cross the road and take the signposted footpath opposite (see photo on map overleaf), down hill into the woods.
4. When you come to a wooden gate on your left, choose between the most direct route and the less steep route:

DIRECT ROUTE

At the wooden gate, turn right down the curving path.

5. Follow the yellow Public Footpath arrow down the hill (fairly steep and rocky). You will emerge at Old Town Park.

MODERATE | APPROX 1 MILE EACH WAY

Line	Dartmoor Line
Start/End	Okehampton station
Facilities	Toilets on the train. Cafe and toilets at Okehampton station. Castle has a shop and a unisex toilet, with disabled access and baby changing facilities.

LESS STEEP ROUTE

Ignore the wooden gate and carry straight on. You'll come out on to a small road - continue straight on. After a short way take the signposted path down on the right.

This joins a wider path - continue on down the hill. On your left you'll be able to see the castle through the trees. There's also a stone spiral, also on your left. The path will bring you out at Old Town Park.

6. Next to the Old Town Park interpretation board, cross the bridge over the river.

Leaving the bridge turn left to go around the edge of the castle's car park.

Then go through the gate up to the road.

7. At the road, turn left and you will see the castle straight ahead of you.



RETURN ROUTE

Either re-trace the outward route back up through the woods or to make it into a circular walk, after crossing the bridge over the river, turn immediately left on to the Dartmoor Way alongside the river.

You'll come out at Castle Ham Lodge which has a cafe open to the public.

Continuing straight on, you'll emerge on to the road.

8. Opposite the 20 miles an hour sign you'll see a metal gate and steps up, signposted 'Train station'. Take these steps.

9. When the alley opens out on to the road, turn right up the hill.

10. When you reach St Boniface Church, turn left up Station Road.

After a few minutes the station is on your left.

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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.