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# YHA Minehead Alcombe

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## Countryside walk

**Distance:** 2.2 miles (3.6km) **Ascent:** 125m (410ft)

**Time:** Allow 1h to 1h 45m

**Map:** OS Explorer 1:25k (OL09) Exmoor

**Start/Finish:** OS Locate SS 972 442 **what3words** ///latches.ripe.amplifier

A pleasant route across Alcombe Common and to the village. From the hostel head down the driveway and turn left onto a tarmac path. Take the first footpath on the left, head up through woods and across Alcombe Common. At the first path crossroads go straight ahead towards Dunster, at the next path crossroads turn left towards Ellicombe. Follow the track downhill, pass through a farm and continue to the road. Turn left onto Combeland Road and continue past houses to the cross roads. Turn left, pass the Britannia Inn, continue onto the rough track and follow the signs to the hostel.

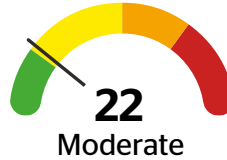
## Hazards

Take care on Combeland Road, quiet, narrow lane with no pavement for 320 metres.

## Accessibility

There are no stiles on the route. Mostly paved roads or good tracks which are uneven in places and may be muddy after rain. Short section of narrow, steep and uneven path.

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.



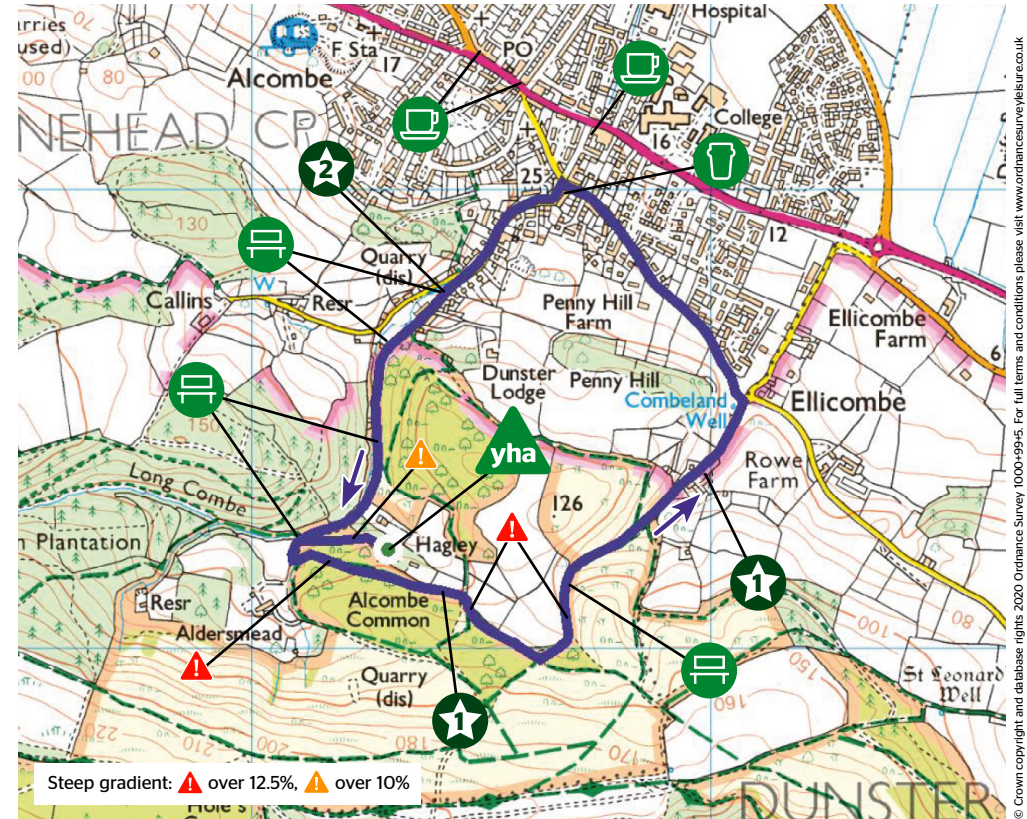
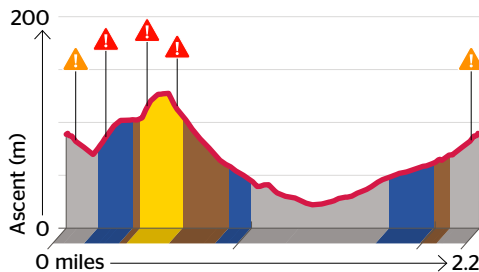
## Navigation

Following footpaths, obvious tracks and roads. Some signposts on route.

## Terrain

Mostly paved or good track with large stones on the surface, uneven in places. The path across Alcombe Common is narrow and steep in places with large stones and exposed tree roots.

- Paved
- Unpaved (uneven)
- Unpaved (uneven and mud)
- Rocky



**Points of interest** (see map)

A lovely walk on the edge of the Exmoor National Park with **1** views over Minehead to the Bristol Channel and the coastline of Wales in the distance, and a **2** war memorial.

**Facilities** (see map)

Pub in Alcombe. Takeaways, café and shop nearby in the village. No public toilets.

**Seats** on route (see map)

**Not wheelchair accessible**

**Not a touch free route**

**Not pushchair accessible**

**Stile free**

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To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

### Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast ([metoffice.gov.uk](http://metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes ([tidetimes.org.uk](http://tidetimes.org.uk)).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) ([relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms](http://relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms)).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit [adventuresmart.uk](http://adventuresmart.uk)

**In case of emergency** call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.

**For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to [yha.org.uk/walks](http://yha.org.uk/walks)**

If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto:walking@yha.org.uk)



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## Countryside Code

### Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

### Hazards

- Take extra care and stay alert where a right of way crosses a railway line.
- When walking on a road without a pavement keep to the right-hand side, so that you can see oncoming traffic. Keep close to the side of the road, and walk in single file if necessary. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space.

### Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit.
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

## What to wear

- Comfortable clothing suitable for the conditions.
- Use several layers, so you can add and remove clothing to regulate your temperature.
- Extra warm clothes in case it gets colder.
- Hat, gloves and scarf.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning comfy socks.
- Comfortable well fitting trainers, walking shoes or boots.

## Kit

- Map and compass.
- Water, lunch and snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

## You might also want to take

- Picnic blanket.
- Waterproof baseball cap, if you wear glasses.
- Walking poles.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.