

Discover Exmouth

Walk: 4.6 miles

Time: Allow 2 ½ hours

Terrain: Mainly paved, some slight inclines

What to bring: Walking boots or trainers. The walk passes through Exmouth town and seafront so bring some cash for a tea/cake! Binoculars recommended for Exmouth Local Nature Reserve.

Car park: Start the walk along Exmouth seafront. Pay and display car parking available on the roadside or in the East Devon District Council car park on Queens Drive: EX8 2AY.

The walk: Walk along the seafront heading East with the sea to your right. This area is popular with dog walkers but note that dogs are banned from the beach from 1 May to 30 September.

Pass the RNLI lifeboat station and take a look at the inshore D class lifeboat and the new Shannon class lifeboat.

At the end of the seafront take the South West Coast Path on your left, pausing for a minute to read the fascinating interpretation about this stunning Jurassic Coast. Follow the zig-zag path to the top of the hill and take the right hand turn at the top of the hill (following the South West Coast Path finger post), a path will lead you to Orcombe Point.

The Geoneedle at Orcombe Point marks the western end of the Jurassic Coast world heritage site. The monument is made from rocks found along the Jurassic coast including Portland and Purbeck limestones.

On a clear day you can see in the West Berry Head in Torbay, and a bit closer Dawlish Warren.

Return along the same path to the South West Coast Path finger post. The path splits into three, take the middle path and follow the track along until you reach Maer Road. Cross over the road and walk along Madeira Walk through the Maer Local Nature Reserve.

Look out for Clouded yellow butterflies, tiny solitary bees, and Sea Holly all of which can be found at the Maer.

At the next junction cross the road and take the path passing behind the Pavilion, follow the path and take a right hand turn to get to the top of the Beacon and take in the views near the Royale Beacon Hotel.

The Beacon contains a number of late 18th century terraces. Blue plaques installed by Exmouth Historical Society explain their significance and who used to live here.

Walk down the hill towards Exmouth town centre, passing Manor Gardens and Exmouth Town Hall on your left hand side. Walk across The Strand shopping centre and turn left taking the footpath near Exmouth Market entrance. Take a right hand turn at Royale Avenue – which will lead you to Exmouth Local Nature Reserve.

Exmouth Local Nature Reserve is an important site for thousands of migrating birds including wigeon and pintail ducks.

Follow the path to the left along the Estuary into imperial recreation ground and turn left to pass the play area, leading into a car park. Cross through the car park and take the 2nd right hand turn onto Victoria Road, which will lead you back to the seafront.

Behind you is Exmouth marina where Stuart Line Cruises depart from.

Take in the sea views and return to your vehicle along the seafront.

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