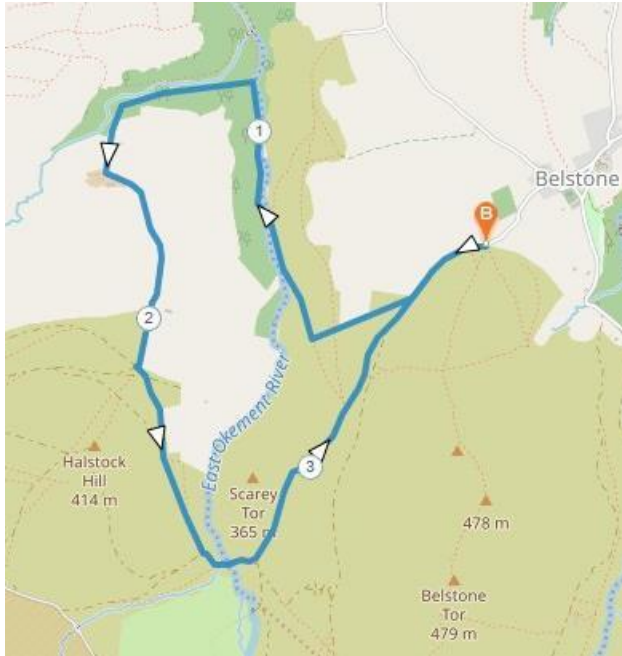


Belstone, Halstock Woods and Cullever Steps

Distance: 3.7 mi./6 km. Time: about 1 ½ hours.



Park at the waterworks and take the gate out onto the moors. Up and to your left is Watchet Hill with the flag pole and Belstone Common beyond. It is safe to do this walk even if the red flag is flying.

Follow the gravel track alongside the wall. When you arrive at the corner, take the grass track to your right to the opposite corner at the end of the wall and head straight down the hill.

As you come over the brow of the hill, in front of you, you will see the East Okement River below and a track crossing your path right to left. Walk over this track, heading down towards the river where you will pick up a narrow gravel track heading down to your

right. Keep on this track with the river on your left. The track slowly angles closer to the river. You will arrive at the bridge and a flat area which is very popular for camping. Cross the small bridge by the ford and into the bluebells of Halstock Wood – an amazing sight, so try and take this walk at the right time of year. It is well worth a visit!

After crossing the bridge, turn right and follow the track which gradually starts to go uphill. It can be a bit rough in places. Coming to a post with markers on, take the track uphill to your left, continuing through the woods and eventually through a gate and into the open. Follow the worn path along the open moor towards the right-hand end of the wall. The path continues to follow the wall, which will now be on your left-hand side, taking you through a gate, a small field and into the yard of Halstock Farm. You will see a footpath sign on your right, pointing to your next destination on the left (not past the farmhouse which is straight on). Take this track up the hill, through a few gates and onto the open moors at East Bowden. Turn left and stay on this track, heading for a small stone wall with trees (don't take the path that forks left from this track).

Walking along, you will now see the open moor and Belstone Tor to your left, with Winter and Higher Tor in front of you. The track will now take you downhill towards the East Okement River once again, the ford and Cullever Steps, a natural pool, which is great for a wild swim!

Cross the river now, staying on the track and heading left. Continue on this track all the way back to the water works at Belstone, passing Scarey Tor on your left.