

# Coastal walk – Heddon Valley & Woody Bay, Exmoor, North Devon Coast

**Short description:** An interesting and varied walk in woodland and then out to beautiful cliffs with dramatic views of the Devon, Somerset and South Wales coast. Woody Bay, acquired in 1967, was one of the first Neptune acquisitions of the Enterprise Neptune campaign started in 1965.

## Getting there:

**Road:** Road halfway between Combe Martin and Lynton off the A39 – head for Hunter's Inn

**Car parks:** Hunter's Inn

**Foot:** South West Coast Path

**Bus:** Not available close to the property

**Rail:** Barnstaple

For public transport information visit [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)

**Maps and start grid ref:** OS Landranger 180 gr SS655483, Explorer OL 9

**Facilities available:** From Easter to end October National Trust shop, information centre and toilets at Hunter's Inn

**Terrain:** Moderate walking conditions, steep in places. Good footwear advised

**Distance:** 6 miles

**Accessibility:** Height gain of 200m over the walk. If on the beach beware of strong currents and 'dump' waves, don't swim at low tides and do not use inflatables. Cliffs are dangerous - children should be supervised. Watch for the weather as path is exposed in places

**Points of interest:** Follow the path from the car park adjacent to the river to Heddon's Mouth. Continue on this path looking out for the following features:

- 1 Gentle climb out of the valley to above the treeline. This route was a carriage drive. Take the path to the right signposted Woody Bay
- 2 Site of Roman Fortlet excavated 1961-barracks, forge and workshop remains found which maintained a watch on the Bristol Channel
- 3 Impressive views up the Bristol Channel. Just below car park turn left onto the lower cliff path
- 4 Stunning views towards coastal heath and then back into Heddon Valley.

Eventually path enters wood and follows the river to the car park

Detailed walk leaflets are available at the Hunter's Inn Information Centre

**Property contact details:** Tel 01598 763306 (Warden); 01598 763402 (shop)

**National Trust properties nearby:** Arlington Court, Knightshayes Court, Watersmeet and other coast sites looked after by the National Trust

