

West Bay & Eype



Eype Mouth & Down House Farm / Village

- From the bus stop, walk west across the bridge and left around to the sea front esplanade. Continue west ascending the South West Coast Path. The path becomes level at the top with good coastal views, then descends to Eype Mouth. The path down to the stream is badly eroded and it may be easier to cross on the beach where the stream disappears into the shingle. The car park and café at Eype Mouth is open in season (located few yards up the road at Eype House Caravan and Camping Site).
- Continue up the steep hill along the South West Coast Path and through a gate onto the Down House Farm National Trust Estate. Continue until the path splits by sign to 'Garden Café'. **At this point, for the energetic, a detour may be taken to the summit of Thorncombe Beacon, giving stunning views of the coast from Portland to East Devon.**
- Go up the hill then follow the signpost to the right for Down House Farm, through a field to the farm. The marked path goes left through a gate, up some steps at the side of farm to a road. Turn right to arrive at Down House Farm Garden Café, which is open most of the year.
- Carry on down the road for 50m and take the signed footpath to the right, over a stile, then down across a field to a small gate in a corner of the hedge boundary on the far side. Do not go through the large gate to the right, instead take this small gate about 50m to the left and carry on straight keeping the hedge on your left.
- Continue down the path to Lower Eype Farm, then turn right down the road and up to the main road through the village. Turn left up the hill.
- *Continue past the New Inn pub (welcomes walkers, but please remove muddy boots!), up a steep road to the Church at the top on the right. Just after the church, come to the entrance of the Highlands End Holiday Park. Take the lane immediately to the right of this entrance. Continue straight across a driveway and take the path downhill, past the mobile phone mast.
- At a junction, take the path to the right through a gate/style. Continue along the path until reaching bungalows. At a T junction turn right, and continue down the road through the estate to West Bay and the starting point.



Alternative shorter route:
follow the dashed route on the map
turning right up the road to the village
of Lower Eype, re-joining the
route here*

Crumbling cliffs of sand reveal falling sea levels some 180 million years ago. Fossil brittle stars found here and on display at Bridport museum offer a vivid glimpse of that long lost sea. Almost 500 years ago a blazing fire on Thorncombe beacon helped to warn the queen of the approaching Spanish armada.

Walk Facts

Start point	Bus stop near West Bay harbour
Distance	4.5 miles / 7km or 3.5 miles / 5.6km
Walking Time	120 mins not including stops
Difficulty	Moderate with some steep sections and eroded paths.



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