

Burton Bradstock to West Bay



Inland via St Catherine's Cross

- Alight the bus at Hive Beach, walk towards the village for 50m and take the signed footpath to the right, a short distance, to another road. Cross this road and continue along a field footpath to a footbridge. Cross the bridges (2) and walk along a path, then a road to the church on the left, along Church Street. Turn right up Darby Lane. To start the walk at the Anchor or Three Horseshoes bus stops in Burton Bradstock, go along Church Street towards the church and turn left up Darby Lane.
- Continue to a T junction, then right along Grove Road. Continue past Burton Mill to a gate, onto a footpath along the river, to a tarmac road. Turn right along this road, past a caravan park on the right, to a gate and signposted bridleway on the left.
- Head up the path through the trees, which becomes a path over a couple of fields, up to a gate. Turn left over the field, keeping the hedge on the left, to arrive at a gate, then a gravel road and some houses to meet the tarmac road at St Catherine's Cross.
- Cross the road and take the lane opposite. Continue along the lane for about 2km, past Pitfold Farm entrance on the right to a gate, then along field path through a number of gates to a reservoir on the left. Here there are excellent views all around. Ignore footpaths off to the left and right.
- Arrive at a tarmac road going downhill to a junction. Take the footpath straight ahead down to the main road. Cross the road and take the footpath to the left marked West Bay, this is the old railway track.
- Keep on this path, across an estate road to arrive at the old West Bay Station, which has a café and toilets. Continue past the café to the road and turn right towards the harbour. The bus stop is on the right in front of the George pub.

Follow a ridge of 170 million year old Jurassic limestone from the River Bride to the River Brit. Look out for old quarries that provided stone to build the surrounding towns and villages, places where the legacy of an ancient tropical sea is transformed to create distinctive local character.

Walk Facts

Start point	Hive Beach bus stop
Distance	4.6 miles / 7.4 km
Walking Time	120 mins not including stops
Difficulty	Moderate

