

Deadwaters Loop



THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GUIDE, ITS JUST ONE OF THE POPULAR ROUTES I USE TO PERSONALLY RIDE OVER THE MANY YEARS I LIVED NEAR THE

QUANTOCKS, OFFICIALLY I GUESS YOU SHOULD ONLY RIDE ON THE BRIDAL PATHS AND GREENLANES.

PLEASE RESPECT THE AREA AND ITS OTHER USERS AS BIKERS REPUTATIONS IN THE AREA AREN'T THE BEST, HENCE NO OFFICIAL PROMOTION OF BIKING FOR THIS AREA, WHICH IS A REAL SHAME, AND A BIT OF A JOKE AS THERE A PICTURE OF A MOUNTAIN BIKER ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE MAP

THIS TRAIL MAP AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD WAS TRACED FROM THE FOLLOWING OS EXPLORER MAP 140 "QUANTOCK HILLS & BRIDGWATER"

1. Starting at dead women's car park head directly north into the trees, and follow the track down into Holford Combe. Its steep at first but keep descending until to pickup a stream.
2. Follow this main stream all the way down through Holford Combe which provides a gradual playful decent all the way, you will cross the stream many times which is great in the summer, but can be a busy trail for walkers so be alert and take care. In the winter the water can be fast flowing and a bit deeper, so challenging to cross and very cold.
3. The trail ends at a grassy area that may have some cars in it but it isn't really an official car park, exit the car park along the main track used by cars, over a couple speed bumps and follow the narrow road to the cluster of house they call Holford,
4. Bear left at the triangular green,
5. The just past it turn left at the end of the cottages almost back on yourself but stay on the road. Needless to say, this short tarmac is also used by cars, be careful, especially with muddy tires as you take this tight corner. [if you where to continue straight on it will take you to the Pub the Plough at Holford, its a nice and popular for food]
6. Just around the corner there is an official car park on your left with a large village green, ride up the track between the car park and the green (on your right) into Hodders Combe.
7. Its a gentle climb to start as you ride up Hodders combe, keep bearing right at options where other combes spur off to the left.
8. Travel up Ladys Edge to Bicknoller Post, it gets a little steeper here
9. At the top turn left and follow the Ridgeway all the way back to the Crowcombe park gate.
10. As you near Crowcombe Park Gate trig-point, you have a choice to do the final climb and have a reasonable decent back to Dead Women's car park [or go around the

edge of it if you bear left at the fire beaters, though there still a short down and up if you choose this route].

11. Taking the right track at the fire beaters (tools hung on a large post used to put out scrub fires) climb up to the right of the hill with the trig-point.

12. At the top of the climb, turn left towards the trig-point and you are now heading directly back to the start, just downhill from here. Straight past the trig-point and descend towards Wilmot's pool,

13. Go left of the pool and pick up the bridal path, turning right on to the wider bridal path and back to the car to finish. As you near the car park be aware of cars as you are approaching a road that can be busy at times.

THIS IS ONLY A SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE MOUNTAIN BIKING ON THE QUANTOCKS, JOIN THIS WITH OTHER QUANTOCK TRAILS I HAVE UPLOADED TO MAKE A LONGER RIDE IF IT SUITES YOU, OR GRAB YOURSELF AND OS MAP AND EXPLORE THIS VERY RIDABLE AND VARIED TERRAIN.