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Hawkridge Reservoir, Great Wood, Ranscombe and Kilve



Just 20 minutes from Wall Eden Farm and you find yourself in the beautiful Quantock hills.

From Wall Eden we headed towards Bridgwater and straight to Spaxton, where you will find 'Hawkridge Reservoir'



Makes a lovely walk, around the reservoir and some great fishing.
Hawkridge Reservoir Walk.
2.7 miles (map enclosed, please take one)

From Spaxton, we drove through the country roads towards Nether Stowey and headed out towards Ranscombe and Great Wood.





Great Wood and Ramscombe are owned by the Forestry Commission and stretch an amazing 629 Hectares

There is a lovely walk which is only 2.25 miles and takes you around a section of this amazing forest.



Ramscombe and Great Wood forest is great for a picnic with loads of space for Children and dogs to run free! Some beautiful views, trickling brooks and don't forget your BBQ food, as they have pre-made BBQ's all set up.



After a lovely walk through the Forest, we drove off towards Nether Stowey.



Nether Stowey is a lovely small town on the edge of the Quantock hills. Also home of Coleridge Cottage, the home of the romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge.



Every small town has a great pub! Also another reminder of the poet Samuel Coleridge.

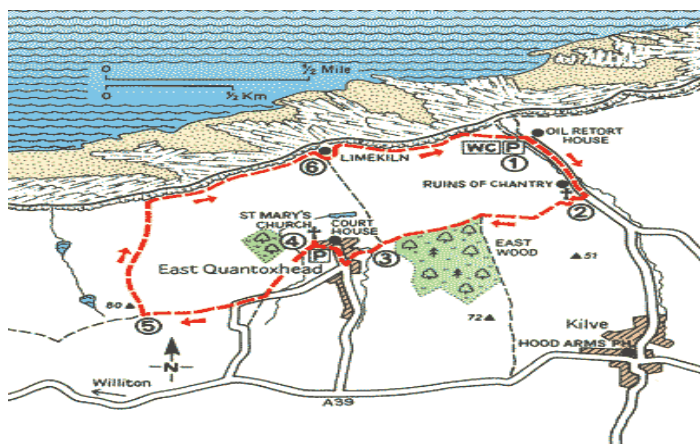


Discover the former home of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who lived in the cottage for three years from 1797. It was here that he wrote *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, *Frost at Midnight* and *Kubla Khan*. Mementoes of the poet can be seen here.

From Nether Stowey we got back onto the A39 and drove to Kilve. Once in the village of Kilve, turn right next to the pub and the little shop and this will take you down to Kilve Beach.

A very pretty drive through the lanes down to the beach.

Kilve beach is a great place for fossil hunting! And also the start of a really pretty circular walk.



This lovely circular walk is only 3 miles, and takes you back in time through the stunning village of East Quantockhead, with cottages with thatched roofs and an area of outstanding natural beauty.

At the end of your walk why not try the Chandry tea rooms! What a great find!



A very warm welcome from the owners Nick & Jacqui. You go to the back door of the house and order and its all brought to your table.



Wow! all that chocolate milkshake for little Jack!

Really lovely gardens and a stones throw away from the walk down to Kilve Beach.



Make sure you pay them a visit! And tell them you are staying at Wall Eden Farm!

After a lovely cup of tea, we started our way back to Wall Eden Farm.

We did take a slight diversion and a very pretty diversion too! We turned off the A39 for 'Crowcombe' which took us up a really steep hill, we seemed to be climbing and climbing and when we reached the top we were on 'Quantock common' and what a view!





The view was amazing! We were so high up that we were in the clouds!

We also managed to see some wild Quantock ponies..

We had a great day out, even though the weather was not great. So rain or shine this one we can recommend!