Horrabridge to Huckworthy Bridge

The oak tree

walk







This is a leisurely 5 mile ramble that visits the picturesque Huckworthy bridge and passes by some particularly splendid oak trees. We start and finish in the village of Horrabridge which we are told gets its name from "Har" an old word for boundary. Apparently the river was once the boundary of Buckland Monachorum parish hence Har Bridge or now Horrabridge.

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Park in the village and walk over the bridge with the village sign and play park on your right.



Turn left on the other side of the bridge and when you reach the Leaping Salmon pub turn right .



Without going into the pub car park walk straight ahead....



.....and up a well used track



Keep going up hill through the parkland passing some magnificent oak trees. Go through a gate at the top and cross the farm track





The foot path keeps going up hill and takes us past some more oak trees and also crosses the driveway to Grimstone Manor.

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When you reach Jordan lane turn right. Its not a busy road but is safer to walk on the left.

When you reach the post box turn left

Go through the gate and stay on the footpath for three quarters of a mile.

Passing quite soon yet another splendid oak tree





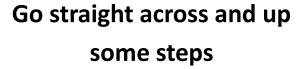
The footpath is through the gate on your right



These gates look like barriers but they are all easy to get through



Head on through the farm along the farm road and out through a gate onto the road







Keep right when you reach this pair of gates



When the path widens considerably ignore the gate ahead and veer right





...to a shallow stream that you cross and then go over the wall ahead. Just past this level section the path can be slippery as it drops down hill....





....go through a gate.....

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Along the bank of a stream and over a stile....



... and when you reach the road turn right. (This tall stile has no dog gate)



Set off up the road ignoring the turning on the left that you pass and on reaching the T junction....

....go straight over into a small car park and follow the arrow in the sky.

There is a wall on your right in the trees which you stay...

...parallel with all the way down to....



...a gate. The gate is hard to open, ignore the catch just lift it up.

Head on down this very pretty sunken path to a road.

Turn left...

...and walk on down the road to Huckworthy bridge and a cup of coffee on the bench.

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Suitably rested carry on up the road for about 150m and then turn right along this track.

It's a poorly drained track that can be a bit muddy but keep going ignoring the gates into fields on either side.





Go through this gate and using the stepping stones cross the river. (*If after very heavy rain the stones are flooded*

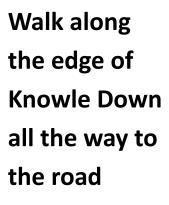
retrace your steps to the road turn right and take the first right turn in Walkhampton and pick up the walk again from Horrabridge school.)





Having crossed the Black Brook fork left and walk on up to a wall/hedge on your right.

Keeping the wall on your right ...



Turn right and walk into Horrabridge passing the school on your left





Stay on the left crossing over a junction and over a green in front of some houses

At the next junction turn right on to a tarmac path that takes you....

> ..into the village passing over a bridge....

... next to a play park and back to your car.



