

**JMHT Section 2 Route description: Cockington to Totnes Approx 8.3 miles
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The route can be followed from the description below but we recommend one of the following maps should be carried also (JMHT is marked on these) . There are waymarkers along the trail but these are not referred to in this description in case one or more is missing or damaged. Features along the route are described in more detail in the JMHT booklet, available from South Devon Ramblers web site and tourist offices. Information boards along the trail give local routes and describe nearby heritage features.

OS Explorer Map OL20 'SOUTH DEVON' Scale 1:25 000
Available at bookshops and tourist offices.

Totnes Walking Map Scale 1:12,500 Shows route ('JM') from Berry Pomeroy Castle to Totnes. Available from Croydecycle.co.uk 01271 891160

START: Cockington Court, within Cockington Estate in Torquay

FINISH: Totnes Bridge, leading to 'The Plains'.

Abbreviations: L (Left) R (Right) m (metres) HN (Heritage note ref. in JMHT booklet; describes a trail feature in more detail) Jnct (Junction) FP (Footpath)

- a) From Cockington Court (HN 11) follow driveway keeping sunken cricket ground on your L for 300m. Fork R following signs to Gamekeeper's Cottage. After 200m pass under a bridge then in 20m fork R again for 100m arriving at the Gamekeeper's Cottage.
- b) At Gamekeepers cottage go R and follow sign to Warren Barn (HN 14) and Scadson Woods (HN 15) for 400m to Warren Barn.
- c) At Warren Barn take path to L of barn up the hill for 250m. At top of hill continue ahead past open field and wooden bench for 100m then bear R on gravel path downhill for 500m.
- d) At GEOPARK post A3, go L, cross stream and up short hill for 10m then right along gravel track for 900m passing GEOPARK Post A4. Do not cross bridge. Exit gravel track at top of hill and head west through car park, past Occombe Farm Shop (HN16) to main road jnct of Preston Down Road and Cockington Road.
- e) Cross Preston Down Road onto FP then R towards Marldon village (HN 17) for 300m. At Preston Down roundabout follow pedestrian underpass on your L for 100m to Five Lanes roundabout. Immediately before roundabout cross road and take FP by farm gate (GEOPARK Post A9). Follow bridleway for 300m then go L for 150m keeping houses to your L to Vicarage Hill (road).
- f) Cross Vicarage Hill, go L then in 20m R on to Meadow Park (street) for 50m. Turn R still into Meadow Park and continue 250m into Love Lane Close. At end of cul-de-sac go through short alleyway then L onto Love Lane alongside stream for 50m. At jnct, cross diagonally R to

Church Hill. Toilets and shelter are available at St John the Baptist church on the right.

g) Continue 200m to top of Church Hill (steep), then straight on along main road for 150m to hill crest. Go L up stone steps and through gate. Follow narrow track along field edges and then woodland edge for 650m to reach edge of Strainytor Copse. Walk down steps to emerge from Copse opposite entrance to Oakwood House on R. Cross road to field edge path opposite.

h) Follow field edge path for 150m then R near field gate for 100m then left into field for 150m to reach path to spring with footbridge. Continue for 250m to path junction near cottage on L and then continue L for 600m to reach main road jct at Afton Bridge.

i) L for 100m on main road to reach jct opposite wide gates into woodland, where turn R towards Berry Pomeroy castle (HN 18). Go 70m to information board on L at entrance to woodland FP up to castle. (Option to visit castle and return to this road).

j) Continue 500m on road passing wildlife lake on L then downhill passing Castle Mill Farm. Fork L of two paths at farm corner, adjacent to Sawmill Cottage driveway (do not follow Public Way over stream). Follow woodland track above Gatcombe Brook for 800m to exit woodland onto grassy hill down to gateway in historic wall.

k) Pass through gateway alongside information board describing history of ancient Deer Park wall. Continue 100m to gate at corner of Netherton cottages. Go R for 150m to lane junction by cottage. Go L on lane for 400m to reach Gatcombe mill (HN 19).

l) L at main road jct for 400m to lane jct passing Combe House on R.

m) Turn R uphill towards 'Mare and Foal Sanctuary' (Café here !).

n) Continue for 600m past Mare and Foal Sanctuary to crest of hill with fine views towards Totnes. After another 100m pass 'The Well' (HN20) near jct with Sand Lane. Continue along Bourton Lane for 900m ignoring paths joining along the way, to reach hamlet of Bourton. Continue for a further 700m to jct with A385 main road at Bridgetown Hill..

o) Although the JMHT sticker point R downhill, please cross Bridgetown Hill at the pedestrian crossing (up the hill) and then continue back downhill towards Totnes for 150m. Bear L at sharp corner for 250m through Bridgetown (HN 21) to the old bridge with Vire Island below. Cross the river Dart and in 50m arrive at street named 'The Plains'.

Congratulations!...You have completed section 2 of JMHT.

We would appreciate your feedback on your walking section 2, to help us to maintain and improve the trail.

A form can be downloaded from the South Devon Ramblers website.