

**JMHT Section 3 Route description: Totnes to Dittisham Approx 8.6 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.

Yellow Walk Map 'Around & About Totnes South' Scale 1:16000
(www.yellowpublications.co.uk) Laminated plastic, folding neatly to pocket size.

Walking/Cycling/Riding Map 'Dittisham & Cornworthy' Scale 1:12500
(www.croydecycle.co.uk). Printed on tough water resistant paper.

START: The Plains, a street by the Dart riverside adjacent to Totnes Bridge (HN 22 and 23)

FINISH: Ferry Bridge Inn, Dittisham.

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 Totnes Bridge, L at roundabout into The Plains. Follow riverside path towards Baltic Wharf for 300m as far as Steam Packet Inn.

b) At Steam Packet Inn where road narrows turn R up short hill for 30m then left along cycle way. In 300m along cycle way bear L down zigzag FP to gravel track alongside tall metal fence. Past end of riverside wharves follow track down into woodland and riverside (HN24 Estuarine Marches) for 600m to cross boardwalk (with stile midway) and flight of steps up to open field (HN25 Windwhistle Cottage high above opposite side of river).

c) Follow open field for 300m into small valley with isolated gateway on hill crest. L at tarmac lane, though another gate and follow clay lane ahead, (not cycle track to R). In 300m cross stile on R and climb to top of hill towards Ashprington (HN 27). Cross stile at top of field then L along gravel track for 400m to stone pillars leading to Sharpham estate (HN 26 Sharpham Drive). Turn R along permissive path beside estate road and continue for 600m passing car park on L and Ash Meadow with playspace and downhill into Ashprington (HN27) to Durant Arms on L. Continue straight through Ashprington past Combe House and Stepps Cottage for 1km to cross Bow Bridge over Harbourne River. L at Watermans Arms towards Tuckenhay. (Note there is a shortcut using stepping stones when the river level is low. See OS map.)

d) Continue alongside riverside road for 1km passing Maltsters Arms to reach Tuckenhay Bridge on left (HN28). Note blind corners and road traffic.

e) Cross bridge then cross stile with metal bar a few metres on L and follow riverside path over boardwalk for 750m until path turns uphill towards Cornworthy. After 200m enter Charleycombe Wood on L. Walk for 500m following waymarkers and past a bench of your L and up to southern exit of woodland by gate. Follow track for 400m into village passing a few cottages.

f) At road junction in Cornworthy, adjacent to Wisteria Cottage, go L along road for 400m passing Hunters Lodge Inn uphill to St Peters Church. Go L at bend towards Dittisham (HN 29 Cornworthy Priory).

g) Continue uphill for 400m ignoring Butts Lane and Woodland Lane to reach Longland Cross. Go straight ahead to Broadgate Lane then downhill steeply for 1.2km crossing Poor Bridge. After another 400m go L at junction to pass Barberry Cross towards Fingals and East Cornworthy. After 700m, sharp L at road junction named Coombe. Follow road downhill, round corner and uphill for 250m then R through gate onto FP beside stream. (Gate is recessed into hedgerow and can be missed) – look for stone steps and iron railings on L just before gate entrance on R).

h) Follow stony path for 700m along narrow stream then into an open field with views down to Brambletorre Mill (HN 30) keeping on the field track close to wire fence as field either side is private land reaching a stile on R. Cross stile and go 50m steeply down to footbridge after crossing a narrow road track. Cross raised footbridge and L onto main road uphill for 1km to Dittisham (HM 31).

i) For about 800m follow Higher St to village centre, L by Red Lion Pub along ‘The Level’ passing Meadow Cottage on L and down steep Manor Street to Ferry Bridge Inn.

Congratulations!...You have completed section 3 of JMHT.

We would appreciate your feedback on your walking section 3, to help us to maintain and improve the trail.

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