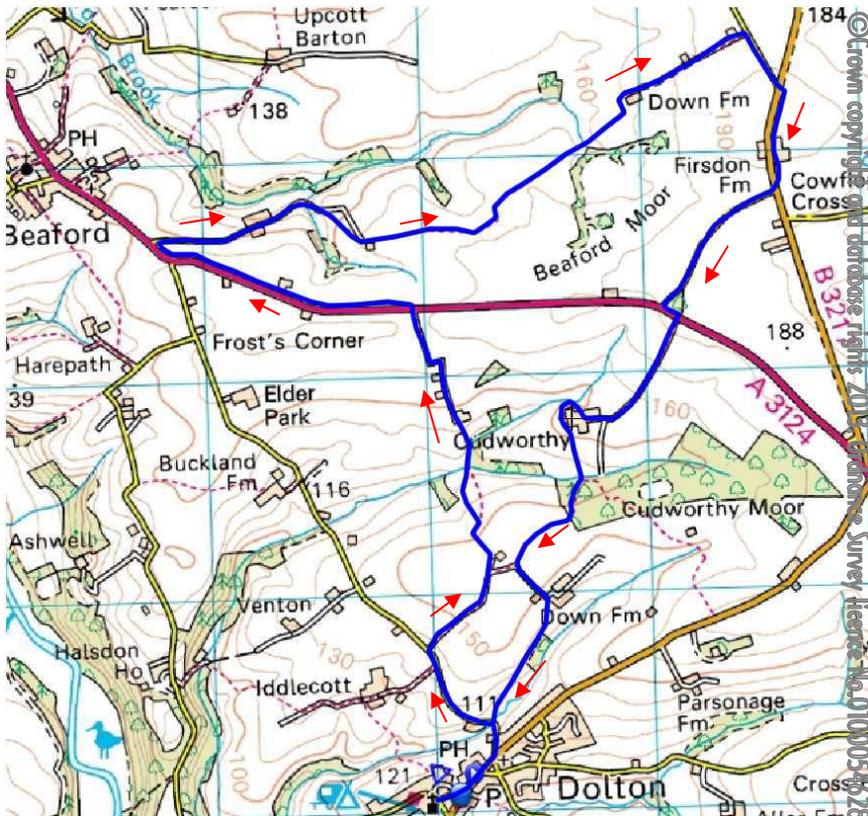


## WALK 7 - Cudworthy, Combe & Down Farms, Beaford Moor

7½ miles, approx 3¼ hours, on footpaths, fields and some roads

*This is quite an open country walk, with plenty of views of the rolling Devon countryside. Two short stretches are alongside roads, but the visibility is good. Some of the fields can be very wet at times.*



- From the Square, go along Fore Street and continue along the main road to Dennis Cross playing field. Turn left into Brook Road and continue for ½ mile, then turn right onto the farm track for Down Farm.

- Where the lane turns sharp right, take the rough track straight on which descends until you reach the corner of a field. Head for the bungalow opposite, going over the stile in the gap between the trees, then slightly right past the bungalow.

Pass through the metal gate, keeping to the hedge on the right, and pass a chestnut tree on your left, then take the lane on your left, following this all the way to the road. Where the lane zigzags you are passing from Dolton to Beaford parish.

- Cross the A3124 onto the

wider verge opposite, going left towards Beaford for ¾ mile. There is a very short stretch with no verge, but visibility is good. At a gate near the wind turbine there are fine views (l to r) of Beaford Church, Huntshaw Cross, Upcott Farm and Burrington radar station.

- At the end of the large layby turn right towards Combe Farm (this is the closest point to Beaford where you could divert to the Globe Inn on the main road). Follow the tarmac lane down past the farm buildings, leaving all gates as you find them. Keep to this track after the farm as it continues to descend then turns sharp right.
- When the track rises steeply, follow the lower track in front of the shed and through the wooden gate just up the bank. Go diagonally left across the field and head just left of the shed on the far side where you exit and rejoin the track, following it across several fields, with views across to Roborough village and church tower.
- At the end of the farm track, go through the left-hand gate and head towards some farm buildings amongst trees opposite. At the bottom of the field, cross the stile and bridge into a usually wet field. Aiming for a cluster of trees to the left of farm buildings, you will reach a stile, bridge and another stile. It gets drier as you ascend this field to join the farm lane; follow the lane past the buildings and up to the road.
- At the road, turn right and follow it across Roborough Common to the next road. Turn right and cross over to the wider verge, continuing past Firsdon Farm to the delightfully named Cowflop Cross, turning right again down a quiet road past Beaford moor to the A3124 crossroads at Cuppers Piece.
- Turn left then immediate right onto the farm lane which descends to Gt Cudworthy Farm. On reaching the farm buildings, branch right through a farmyard - if busy with livestock you may need to continue towards the house then turn right past the buildings.
- There will be several gates to pass through, but once past the buildings turn left onto a track which goes back behind the farmhouse and down to a large drinking trough. Cross over the next field, veer slightly left and at the bottom cross two stiles and a bridge, into woodland. Just after rising slightly in the woods, follow the signpost and turn right to follow the track and passing four marker posts until you reach a gateway into a field.
- Head up the middle of this long narrow field until you find a green footpath sign in the left hedge. Go through the gateway and turn left into Down Farm lane. This descends to the farm, but just after the bungalow on the right, go through the wooden gate on the right into a field. Head diagonally across this field and through a metal gate into the woods.
- Take the well defined path through these woods until you emerge in the field through another metal gate. Take the level track through this marshy field to the copse at the end and exit over a stile into Brook Road. Turn left for the short climb to Dennis Cross, then right for the village centre.