

**JMHT Section 4 Route description: Greenway Quay to Brixham Approx 5 ½ 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 in addition. There are JMHT waymarkers along the trail but these are not referred to in this description in case one or more is damaged or missing. Features along the route are described in more detail in the JMHT booklet, available from South Devon Ramblers website and Tourist offices. Information boards along the trail show local routes and describe nearby heritage features.

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

**Yellow Walk Map 'Around & About Brixham' Scale 1:16000 sales@yellowpublications.co.uk**

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**START:** Greenway Quay: Limited parking, charges apply; small foot ferry from Dittisham, on request; larger ferry excursions from Dartmouth

**FINISH:** Brixham Harbour, Information board near William of Orange Statue

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

a) From JMHT Information board by Ferryman's Cottage, walk uphill on tarmac road for 600m to reach Greenway Lodge road entrance on R. Alternatively, 200m uphill from Quay, enter Greenway gardens by wooden gate on R and follow a zig zag trail uphill to Greenway Estate car park. (HN 34)

b) Opposite Greenway estate car park (pre-bookable only for Greenway House visitors) enter gate into grassy field and climb hill southwards to summit at woodland corner. Continue South East along woodland/field boundary, then go through 2 bridleway gates to reach another woodland corner with kissing gate

c) Turn L after the kissing gate and note information board ahead with views downriver to Maypool and Dartmouth (HN 35). Continue from kissing gate for 600m on road passing old Hotel and other residences on R.

d) At T jct, before white house ahead, turn R along lane for 100m towards Higher Greenway; pass "The Granary" and at Barton Cottages bear L through gate into hedged bridleway towards CH. Ferrers. Ignore fenced FP to R.

e) After 200m of open field, bridleway passes a stile and water trough before reaching a hedged lane with observation platform on L, with wide views over Torbay (HN36)

f) 150m after observation platform, enter a small wood where the trail forks. Straight ahead for the main route, or bear L (signed 'alt route', with fewer main road crossings – see para 'p' below)

## **MAIN ROUTE:**

g) Immediately after passing South East through small wood, go L over stile into field and walk downhill for 20m; then R to follow contoured path past spring and head of valley for 200m. Now aim North East to cross stile near telegraph pole into adjacent field. Continue North East for 200m past stone pillar in mid field to reach stile leading onto main A379 road.

h) **Take care crossing busy A379 road.** Walk L after crossing stile then immediate R into Alston Lane, a hedged track leading to Alston farm.

i) Continue along Alston Lane for 800m until track becomes metalled at corner near Higher Alston; continue ahead for 600m passing Alston Farm to a junction with A3022 road.

j) **Take care crossing busy A3022 road.** Cross straight across into Churston Road (HN38) and continue for 400m passing under rail bridge, then straight ahead to reach T-junction near tennis club on L.

k) At T-junction R into Copythorne Road round blind corner for 30m (**caution, no pavement**) then L into small parking space and over stone stile signed 'The Grove'. (HN39)

l) Follow wide trail between fields and woodland edges for 1200m before entering woodland for 200m to reach junction with South West Coast Path

m) Follow Coast path eastwards for 120m passing through gap in wall and along lane between holiday park on R and new housing on L, to reach WW2 gun/battery site (HN 40) at lane end.

n) Immediately past WW2 gun/battery site follow SW Coast Path L into Battery Gardens with viewpoints over Torbay. Continue along coast path for 800m passing car parks and boat yards to reach Fish Landing Quays at Oxen Cove.

o) Follow harbourside paths around quay and historic ship replica 'Golden Hind' to reach statue of William Of Orange, with JMHT Information board nearby on harbour railings.

**Congratulation! You have completed section 4 of the JMHT.**

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTE** via Galmpton village :

p) From small wood where trail forks (see para 'f' above) bear L at alt. route waymarker in small wood signed 'Combe Lane' (Grid Ref 88705482)

q) Follow Combe lane for 800m between hedges, until it turns R beside a railway line, then shortly L over rail bridge for 150m, then R onto Greenway Road leading to Galmpton village

r) Continue downhill through village past primary school on L, then past junction with Stoke Gabriel Rd; after junction with Manor Vale Rd bear R along Galmpton Rd for 400m passing Churston Ferrers Grammar School before entering pedestrian subway by rail station.

s) Exit subway and take first L into Bridge Rd for 400m, then after crossing rail bridge turn R into Bascombe Rd for 400m, then L into Green Lane until edge of Golf course. Then R along Bascombe Rd to pass Church of St Mary.

t) Follow dog leg past Church and Churston Court car park to reach T-junct into Copythorne Rd ahead where you turn L, from this approach, to find stone stile around blind corner leading to 'The Grove'.

**Caution: no pavement along blind corner**

Directions continue from para l) of main route instructions above.

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A small foot passenger ferry runs between the Ferry Bridge Inn at Dittisham and Greenway Quay, typically 9am to 5pm in Summer and 9am to 4pm winter. Ring bell opposite Inn to summon ferry.

A larger ferry runs to Dartmouth, hourly, Easter to November; check timetables at Ferry Inn.

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