



British Walking Federation
Porlock Plod organised by Yeovil Yompers
Permanent Trail 331



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DISTANCE: 10Km

GRADE: 2 (due to short steep section in woods)

ENTRY FEE: By cheque £1.50 per walker, cash £1.

AWARD: None

STAMP: By post to contact, cheques made payable to [Anna Stares](#) or cash in person in Yeovil by prior arrangement or any walk that the organiser attends.

START VENUE: Village Hall Car Park, Toll Road, Porlock. Map: OS OL 9 GR 882468

SAT NAV CODE: TA24 8QD

CAR PARKING: At start, free with a donation box on wall of hall.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: 100m from start & finish.

REFRESHMENTS: Porlock Weir en route. In Porlock: Takeaways, supermarket, shops, public houses and tea rooms.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Bus services from Minehead/Lynton. Nearest railway Taunton.

NEAREST TOWN: Porlock, start & finish. Porlock, home of Miles West Country Tea, the infamous Porlock Hill (steepest A road in the UK, nearly 1 in 4 in places!).

ROUTE DESCRIPTION Updated 29th July 2022 (contact details updated 28/9/25)

Exit village hall car park into Toll Road (no name), turn right uphill, and opposite "Elthorne" veer right onto path/track "The Coleridge Way" and follow the quill symbol as a path identifier. Stay on this path, ignoring tracks/paths on right, over bridge, then ignore left one, a mini viewpoint with sawn trunk on right. Intermittent fencing on right, at junction straight on Permitted Bridleway and at next junction turn right on footpath to Porlock Weir $\frac{3}{4}$, through offset barrier, West Porlock is through trees on right. Straight on at cross paths, then ahead to join track from left going right downhill, over bridged stream, downhill to reach "long hut" on left.

Q1 What is the "long hut"?

Ahead to cross lane, downhill on washed out path (Porlock Weir 1/3) to road, straight on and in 100m turn left on lane passing St Nicholas "tin" Church".

Q2 What parish is it in?

Carry on along lane and veer right downhill at "give way" to the Ship Inn on left and road. Ahead on road veering left passing the Porlock Weir Hotel and Exmoor Glass on left, turn right at rear of "Pieces of Eight" to red Shipwrecked Mariners buoy on quayside.

Q3 What are the reference letters/numbers on small brass plate?

Carry on round to right passing lock gates and footbridge on left to reach same road and turn left, passing hotel now on right and turn left into car park where there are public conveniences.

This is an alternative start point car park, currently £6 for 8 and £5 for 5 hours charge. Post Code (Ship Inn) TA24 8QD.

Please check state of tides before proceeding, subject to flooding at spring tides

Leave car park at public convenience end onto road and turn left. Ahead on road for approx 300m to turn left onto Coast Path (Bossington 2 3/4) down steps and turn right along very large pebbly shoreline. Make your way near to the top of pebble bank to reach a wooden post and an oak tree within large pebbles, 25m on at signpost turn right onto grass path and follow right hand edge of the salt marsh. Cross bridge, 2 streams, through gate onto enclosed path, ignore path on right, through gate to follow path round left hand bend, passing a disused barn on left, cross stream to reach memorial on right.

Q4 What was the memorial for?

Ahead to cross high wooden bridge and ahead over boardwalk, ignore boardwalk on left ahead to cross paths, straight on (Bossington 1 1/4), follow round to left hand edge of field (Coast Path), turn right at hedge gap and then left along track, through gate, straight on (Bossington 1/3). At stream and T junction, turn right towards Bossington and on reaching metalled lane,

Q5 Where does the 3/4 marker go?

Turn right on public footpath, signed Porlock 1 1/2, through gate ignoring left paths, just before reaching left hand bend turn right through kissing gate with yellow topped posts then left to T junction, turn left (Footpath Porlock) round to left at bend to reach lane/road. Ahead on pavement bearing right after The Meadows sign to reach large monkey puzzle tree. Turn right along road, round to left to T junction at main road.

Q6 Name of takeaway on left.

Turn right and follow the main road through the village passing church with "top of spire missing", pass road to Porlock Weir, to reach junction of the Toll Road to Lynton, bear right up the road to car park on right. Well done, you have finished.

Yeovil Yompers hope you have enjoyed your walk, please come again!

When you have completed this trail please use the Permanent Trail Entry Form.

The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

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