

Circular Walk Number 4 - Kilve & East Quantoxhead

Distance : 3 miles 5 km

Time: 1.5 hours

Quantock Hills

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



This walk will take you on a wonderful historic trip including -
1. Jurassic coastline, 2. a medieval manor 3. a ruined chantry and
4. the early 20th century oil retort at Kilve Pill.

Much of the surrounding countryside is farmed environmentally through the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

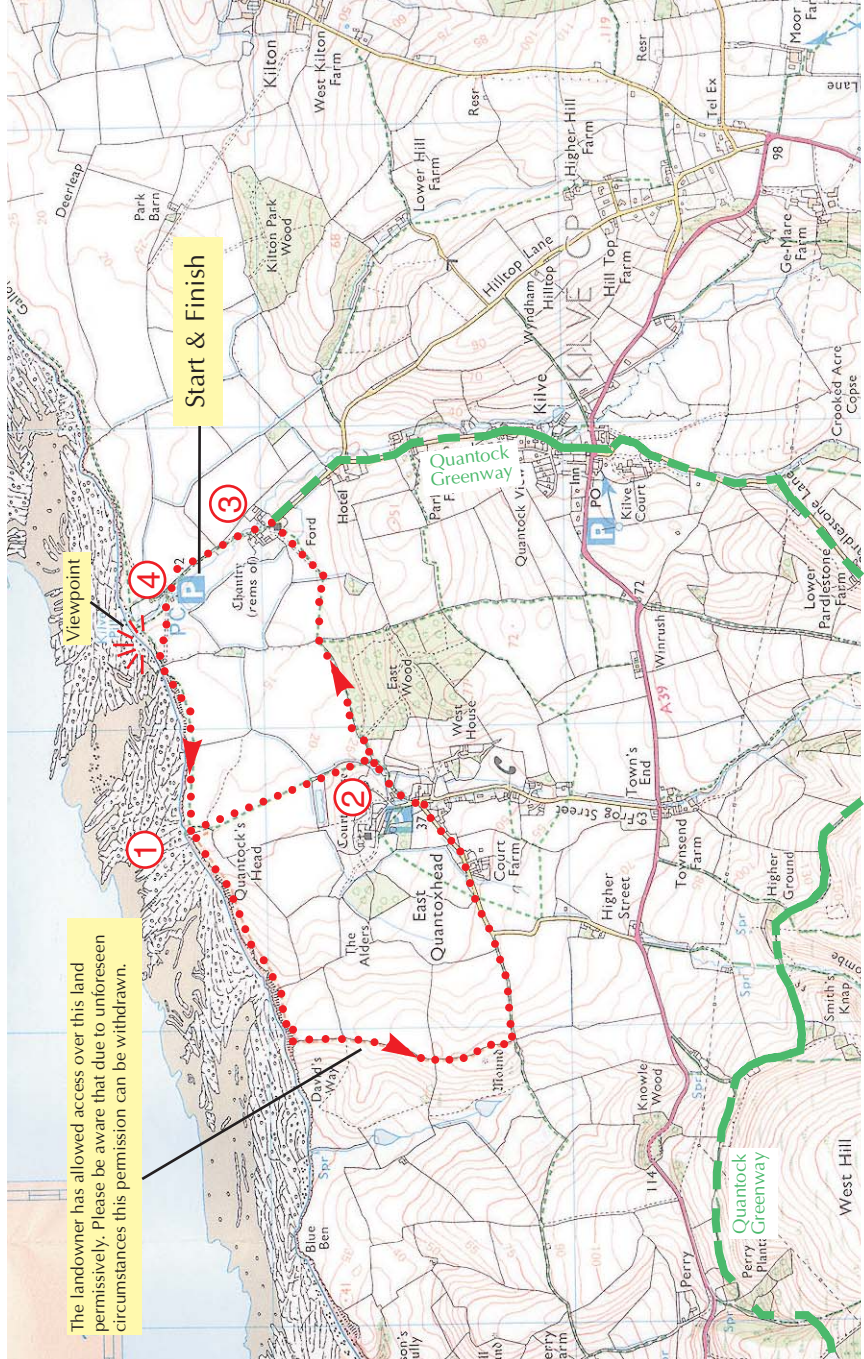
From the car park you will find the brick built oil retort, built in 1924, to burn the oil rich shale beds on this stretch of coast. This venture failed due to a lack of capital. Further on, you will find the geologically important stretch of coast that is famous for its exposed rock formations and fossils. The cliffs and beach are made up of alternative layers of limestone and shale that date back around 200 million years and contain some of the earliest fossil Ammonites recorded in Britain.

East Quantoxhead Estate has been in the ownership of the Luttrell family since 1232, when Andrew Luttrell proved his right to the manor. The fortress-like Court House dates mainly from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The walk then brings you back to the car park via the ruined medieval chantry.

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The landowner has allowed access over this land permissively. Please be aware that due to unforeseen circumstances this permission can be withdrawn.

Start & Finish



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