

The Porlock Pilgrim's Trail takes you to nine of Exmoor's churches and chapels. The paths you travel have been walked and ridden by clergy and parishioners for hundreds of years – indeed the path from Stoke Pero to Luccombe is called Priest's Way.

Most religions include the tradition of pilgrimage and today the definition of who is a pilgrim is tricky to pin down. Perhaps a pilgrim is any wanderer who is able to gain strength, hope and a sense of well-being from their walking.

On this Trail you will walk amongst Exmoor's stunning scenery and stand in some beautiful old buildings; you may listen to a lark's song rising or watch a herd of red deer as they disappear into woodland – events that enrich one's journey.



The Porlock Pilgrim's Trail is 29 miles long and can also be walked in two loops, each 15 miles long and both starting in Porlock, or as shorter day walks.

The Trail passes through ancient oak woodlands, grass meadows and high moorland. Several streams are crossed, all running north to the sea. The hills are occasionally steep but never too long and the view from the top of the climb always makes it worth the effort.



The Trail Guidebook includes:

- The full route descriptions for the entire 29 mile route, starting and finishing in Porlock, in nine stages
- Full descriptions of the alternative route to walk the Trail as two 15 mile loops from Porlock
- Ideas on how to split the Trail into shorter walks
- A link to three free to download .gpx files that cover all the routes described in the Guidebook. These can be used with most smartphone mapping apps and walkers' SatNavs.
- A description of each of the nine churches and chapels to enable you to get the most from your visit



There is a Pilgrim's Trail ink stamp in each church and chapel which can be used, in your Guidebook, to record your walking progress. There is a space at the top of each church and chapel description for you to place your stamp. To help you find them, and to ensure that they don't wander, the ink stamps are attached to old boots.

The Guidebook is available online at porlockpilgrim.co.uk or, in Porlock, from the Visitor Centre or the Exmoor Rambler and from all three Exmoor National Park Visitor Centres - Lynmouth, Dunster and Dulverton.