

Pebbles Tavern Walk

Linear Coast Path Walk to UK's Best Cider Pub!

OVERVIEW

This is a simple, point-to-point walk using the bus from Watchet to Dunster, then following the coast path from Dunster Beach back to Watchet. The map indicates how to get to the beach from the Dunster Steep bus stop. The walk returns to Watchet via the well signposted King Charles III Coast Path, following the line of the pebble beach as far as the traditional English holiday resort of Blue Anchor. Then back onto the coast path for the walk over to Watchet.



Start/Finish	See 'Public Transport' below. Walk START is the Bus Stop called Dunster Steep on the A39 outside Dunster. Walk FINISH is Pebbles Tavern, 24 Market St, Watchet, TA23 0AN. 01984 633215
Parking	Harbour Road is the town's main car park. The bus station, train station and toilets are here (///ranch.sweetly.finalists)
Grid Reference	SS 994 441 is the location of Dunster Steep Bus Stop.
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Distance	5.7 miles / 9.1km Time 2.5 hours Ascent 560 ft / 170 m
Paths/Terrain	Tarmac at Start, Finish & Blue Anchor seafront. Pebbles along Dunster Beach. Grassy & woodland paths. Some kiss gates.
Difficulty	Generally easy, some diversions as path prone to erosion.
Public Transport	This walk assumes you'll take the bus from Watchet to the walk start at Dunster Steep Bus Stop. Bus Line 28 for Minehead stops at Watchet Bus Stop. Alight at Dunster Steep outside Dunster.
Toilets	Watchet main car park, Harbour Road. At Dunster Beach, go left as soon as you reach the beach, rather than right for the walk start.
Other Pubs Nearby	In Dunster, the Luttrell Arms is legendary. Stags Head is worth the walk too. In Watchet, The Star is very well regarded.

DIRECTIONS

1. Take the Bus Line 28 from Watchet Bus Stop on Harbour Road, the main town car park. Request a stop called Dunster Steep, which is c.7 miles away.
2. Use the underpass when you leave the bus to cross the A39. You're heading towards the coast from here, through the hamlet called Marsh Street.
3. On the other side of the road, take the footpath along the A39 in the direction of Minehead. After 50 metres, take the first right-hand turn into Marsh Street, which heads towards Dunster Station.
4. Follow this lane past some thatched cottages, and on to Station Road to the right. It's signposted. You'll soon see a junction to the right to Sea Lane, signposted Dunster Beach and the King Charles III Coast Path. This is your initial target. *(Sea Lane crosses the railway and you'll see Dunster Beach station to your left. Depending on the season, you can catch a train from Watchet to here if you prefer that to the bus.)*
5. Follow this path to the beach. When you reach the beach, you're turning right towards Blue Anchor and Watchet, but note that there are toilets and a seasonal café a little way to the left.
6. From here, life is easy – you'll follow the Coast Path all the way back to Watchet.
7. Beyond Blue Anchor, in some places along this coast the sea cliffs have become unstable, and you'll see that the Coast Path may be diverted from your maps as a result. Don't worry, everything is well signposted & safe. These paths are well managed by the Somerset Volunteer Coast Watchers.
8. As you leave the coast path and join the road on the approach to Watchet, you'll see the last evidence of coastal erosion on this walk, with what was once a thoroughfare for cars now closed off to traffic. It's clear for pedestrians. Follow the road down into town and you'll see the red coloured door frame and window of Pebbles Tavern on your left.