

Walk 2: variation on walk 1 – including Wild Pear Beach



Wild Pear Beach

Time: 1 to 1,5 hours

Level 3: A steep hill, slippery stream/path, worth it for the fabulous view

Directions: From Cranleigh House, turn right. After 1 minute turn right up Shute Lane, take the next left into West Challacombe Lane, walk up this quiet lane to the National Trust Holiday house: West Challacombe Farm. In the banks are beautiful wild flowers. Turn left at the farm and go through the large wooden five bar gate up the stream/path (it is both depending on what the weather is doing). Wind up to the top and go over the stile and enjoy the wonderful view down to Wild Pear Beach. Take the path down. The steps have washed away at the bottom and someone has kindly installed a rope to hang onto as you slide down the shale to the beach. The beach is spectacular, and has far less people visiting than Combe Martin beach. Ideal for a peaceful and quiet moment at the beach. When coming back up, you can continue climbing up, taking the path up the hill to your left. It is a pretty steep climb, with lovely views down over the sea and cliffs and inland over the green hills of Combe Martin. When you emerge from the gorse bushes you turn left and keep walking up to the summit of Little Hangman. From here you can see all the way down the coast in both directions. Exhilarating. Come back down the hill and instead of going back over the stile you can take a right along the cliffs until you reach a gate. Turn left and progress down the steep steps to West Challacombe Lane. Turn right and follow back to Cranleigh House.

