

Churston to Brixham walk, approximately 40 – 50 minutes

OS Reference: SX 894 562 GB Churston Station to SX 925 563 GB Brixham Harbour



This gentle walk of 40 – 50 minutes will take you across open country to the outskirts of Brixham and then around the coast overlooking the Outer Harbour before dropping to alongside the busy Inner Harbour with all its fishing boats. It is fairly easy walking but parts may be muddy after prolonged rain. A short distance is also along a country road without a pavement that can get quite busy at times.

Leave Churston station and head up to the main road. You need to cross over and go down Bridge Road opposite but there is a subway to the left which can be used to cross the road safely. Continue down Bridge Road to the end where you will cross the remains of the old railway line to Brixham on a bridge (closed 11.5.63). Facing you ahead is part of Churston Golf Course but you need to turn right here onto Bascombe Road. This is the road referred to above that can be busy but there is a 30 mph speed limit in force.

Continue on this road for approximately 300 yards when you can then turn left onto Green Lane that is much quieter. At the end of the straight section turn right where signposted The Grove. Follow the road around Churston Parish Church and Churston Court. Keep going to the end of this road when another from the original village joins on the right. You need to climb a short distance when you will see a path going off to the left with a stile alongside a gate. The route is now signposted clearly to Brixham via The Grove and is easy to follow.

Take this path and continue for about 15 – 20 minutes ignoring any signs to The Grove on the left. The path you are on, said to be very ancient and possibly 3,000 to 4,000 years old, will take you through open land and eventually woods before dropping down to join the South West Coast Path. Turn right here and walk down a tarmac path along side Brixham Holiday Park. Ignore the steep path dropping down on the left to Fishcombe Cove and walk on past the Brixham Battery Heritage Centre Group HQ and then take the next path left into Battery Gardens. This area played a prominent part in the defence of Brixham over the years and there are many points of interest here.

Continuing on around the Outer Harbour with its multitude of various craft will bring you to the fish quay and New Pier which divides the Inner and Outer Harbour. On the toilet block on the New Pier are diagrams of the various types of fishing vessels that can be seen here as well as a viewing area. At the town end of the Inner Harbour is the replica Golden Hind which can be viewed.

Brixham's main shopping street is pedestrianised and there are plenty of signs around to point you in the direction of other places of interest including the statue of William of Orange and the Coffin House.

To return to Churston, you can catch either the 12, 12A or 12B busses which will drop you at the entrance to Churston Golf Course or you can retrace your outward route.



Above: The Grove

Below: Brixham Harbour



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