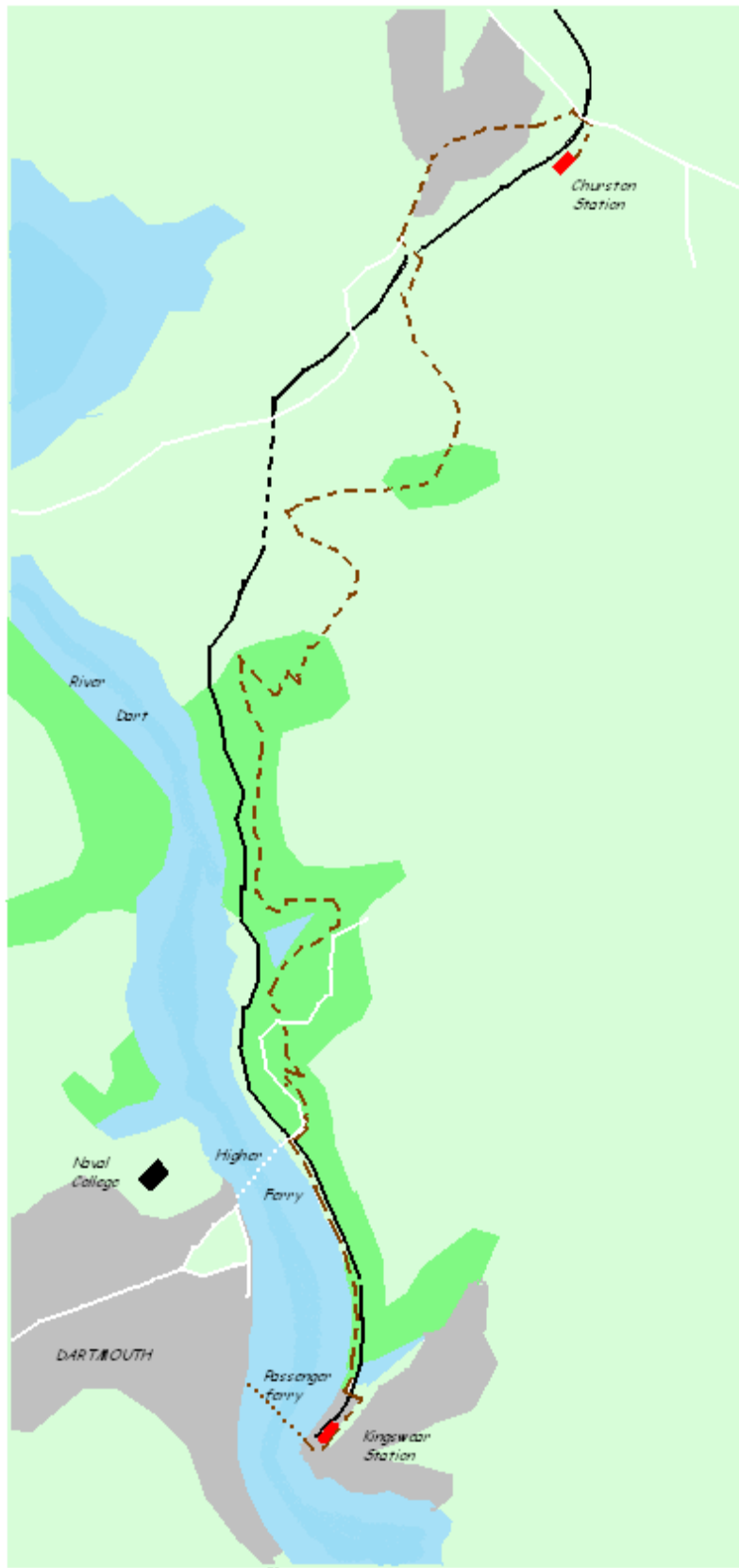


Churston to Kingswear walk, approximately 2 – 3 hours

OS Reference: SX 894 562 GB Churston Station to SX 881 510 GB Kingswear Station



Please note that this walk can be wet after recent rain. Stout shoes are recommended.

Upon leaving Churston station head for the main road over the railway line and turn left over the bridge and left again down Greenway Road. Continue down this road for approximately one quarter of a mile till you reach the village of Galmpton. Bear left at the junction alongside the Manor Inn and continue in this direction past the school on your right and where the road climbs steadily in front of you.

Just before the brow of this hill turn left along an unnamed road and over the railway line again. If you look left, Churston Station will be visible in the distance. Immediately after the bridge turn right along a track signposted Combe Lane and Public Bridleway. The railway line will be in a cutting on your right for a while until the path turns left. Continue along this path for approximately 12 – 15 minutes. It is a little rocky in places and care is needed. Another path will then join on the right and you need to join this one, signposted Public Bridleway and Greenway Walk, which climbs gently.

At the brow of the hill there are tremendous views to the right with a conveniently placed fence to sit on. This is one of the highest points in Torbay and you may be able to see Haytor on Dartmoor around to Tor Bay and even the Dorset coast on really clear days. Any distant parts of Dartmoor visible would be in the Okehampton area, about 40 miles away.

The path now drops down between fields where some of the banks have been removed. Keep going until you reach a gate and style but turn left over another style immediately before. The path is signposted Footpath to Kingswear. Start to climb the path to the edge of the field and then over the style and up the clearly marked path. After a while, you will enter National Trust land known as Long Wood where the path is easy to follow. At times you will be able to see the railway line on your right where you are half way between Churston and Kingswear.

The path you are on is known as the Dart Valley Trail. Continue on this path for some distance following the signs and crossing over the main road to the Dartmouth Ferry with care near an awkward bend. You will soon turn right down a path and rejoin the road close to the ferry. Turn left and follow the road down to just after the level crossing. To continue to Kingswear, turn left and follow the path between the railway and the river, although you can cross as a foot passenger on the car ferry to Dartmouth if you wish. When you approach Kingswear, please note that the path goes between the Station and the Marina and then goes up the steps on to the footbridge to the village. For the station and the passenger ferry turn right for the final 100 yard stretch.



Above: Longwood

Below: Britannia Royal Naval College



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