Coastal Walk – 2 miles
Heddon Valley, north Devon

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Short description: A comfortable two mile walk down to the sea and back from the Hunter's Inn following the Heddon River through sessile oak woods and river meadows. The oaks were last cut about 100 years ago for use in the tanning industry, for pit props and for building

Getting there:
Road: Road halfway between Coombe Martin and Lynton off the A39 – head for Hunter's Inn
Car parks: Hunter's Inn
Foot: South West Coast Path
Bus: not available close to the property
Rail: Barnstaple
For public transport information visit www.traveline.org.uk

Maps and start grid ref: OS Landranger 180 gr SS655483, Explorer OL 9

Facilities available: From Easter to end October National Trust shop, information centre and toilets at Hunter's Inn

Terrain: Easy walking conditions but good footwear advised
Distance: 2 miles

Accessibility: Height gain of 10 m over the walk. If on the beach beware of strong currents and 'dump' waves, don't swim at low tides and do not use inflatables. Cliffs are dangerous- children should be supervised

Points of interest: Follow path from the car park to the right of Hunters Inn and down to river. Continue to follow path downstream, looking for the following features:

1 Oak woods and some ash trees in abandoned fields. Rare whitebeams can also be found in the woods
2 Heddon's Mouth- shingle beach with Limekiln- limestone was imported from South Wales and burnt to form lime to improve the local acid soils
3 Waterside meadows- full of many wildflowers in high summer

Return to car park on walk on other side of the stream

Detailed walk leaflets are available at the Hunters Inn Information Centre
Property contact details: Tel 01598 763306 (Warden)

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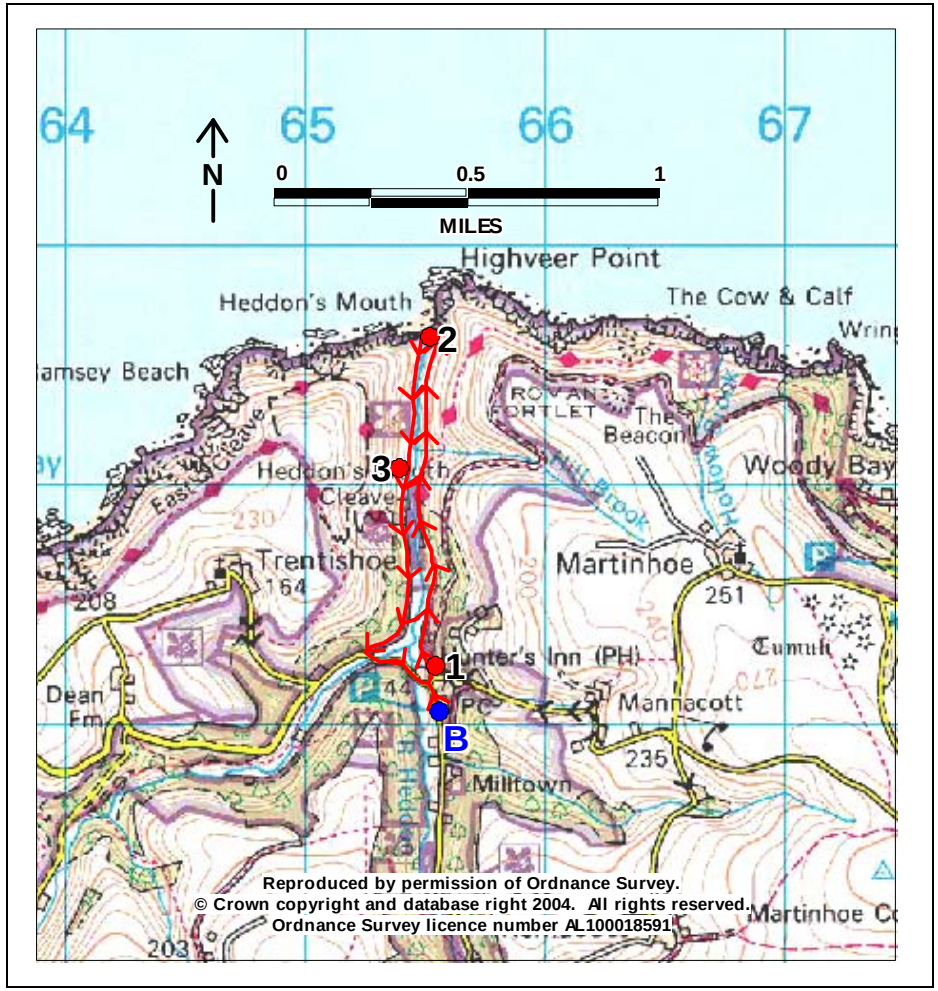
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