

WALK TO CATTISTOCK VIA CHILFROME

(2.6 miles - 1hr 15 mins.)

1. Turn right out of our driveway and take the public footpath on your left just before the humpback bridge.
2. Go through the metal gate and follow path down, veering to the left where you go through a wooden gate.
3. Cross over the bridge by an old sluice gate and bear right under the railway arch. Follow the river along the water meadows as far as you can go before the path veers away from river to your left. Follow this until you come to a farmer's field in front of you. Turn right and then left, following the edge of the field until you reach a wooden gate to your right.
4. Go through the gate and across a meadow where you'll find Holy Trinity Church in Chilfrome; parts of which date from as far back as the 13th and 14th century. Cross through gate by the church where you'll see a lovely old Dorset cob thatched cottage to your right.
5. Walk up to the road and turn right, following along for a little while until road veers right. Keep walking and you'll soon pass under a railway bridge. Walk slightly uphill where you'll see a cricket pitch to your left.
6. Turn left at the T junction, keep walking, past cricket pitch on your left, until you see an old metal swing gate to your left. Go through and you'll walk along a fenced field where you'll normally find sheep grazing on either side.

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7. You'll go through another gate at the other end where you'll see an ancient spring to your right - our dog normally loves to have a well-earned dip and a drink here!
8. Carry on walking through the church yard where you'll see Cattistock Church (The Church of St Peter and St Paul) dating from 1872. Well worth a look inside.
9. If you follow path to right and out the gates, keep walking a little way and you'll see the **Fox & Hounds pub** to your left and a children's' play area to your right. It's a lovely old coaching inn which welcomes dogs and I'm sure the landlords, Scott and Liz, will make you very welcome. They serve delicious food using locally sourced ingredients and a good selection of fine local ales. The open fire is especially welcoming on cold winter days! **We would recommend you visit their website to check opening times** www.foxandhoundsinn.com.
10. Coming back, you can either return the way you came or turn left on leaving the pub; the road turns right a bit further up and as long as you stay on the road you'll end up back at the cottage. Usually takes around 30 minutes to walk back along the road - depending on how fast you walk and how many ales you've consumed!