Walk Facts

Start point  Hive Beach bus stop
Distance  3.3 miles / 5 km
Walking Time  90 mins not including stops
Difficulty  Moderate

The beautiful Bride Valley is where western Dorset’s pasture landscape grades into the broader chalk and coastal landscapes to the east. It is a tranquil place with stone-built villages linked by the clear chalk-fed water of the River Bride, which meets the sea at Freshwater Bay.

Walks Around Burton Bradstock

Inland Circular

- From the Hive Beach bus stop, walk towards the village for 50m and take the signed footpath to the right for a short distance, to another road. Cross this road and continue through a gate and straight ahead along a field footpath to a footbridge.

- Cross the bridge and follow the path. After crossing another bridge, towards the church on your left, turn right up Darby Lane to a T junction, then right along Grove Road.

- Continue past Burton Mill to a gate, onto a footpath along the river, to a tarmac road. Turn right along this road, past a caravan park on the right, to a gate and signposted bridleway on the left. Head up the path through the trees, which becomes a path over a couple of fields, up to a gate.

- Go through the gate and turn left over the field, keeping the hedge to the left, to arrive at a gate, then a gravel road and some houses to meet the tarmac road at St Catherine’s Cross.

- Cross the road and take the lane opposite and continue along it until reaching Bennetts Hill Farm on the right.

- Go through a gate on the left, next to a ruined building, following the signed bridleway and walk across the fields, keeping the hedge on the left, through a couple of gates, into a wooded area and downhill on a gravel road to emerge on the tarmac road into the village.

- Turn right and take the left turn onto Middle Street, to the village green.

- For the bus stop heading east, turn right at the green and follow Church Street to the Anchor Inn ahead. For the bus stop heading west, turn left at the green and turn right before the church, following Mill Lane downhill to the Three Horseshoes pub and the bus stop opposite.

- To return to the Hive Beach bus stop starting point, continue past the church then retrace the outbound route across the footbridge and fields.