

THE LIZ JONES SERIES OF COMMEMORATIVE WALKS



WALK No. 5 - Amazing Axmouth

A walk along the Axe estuary, through Axmouth and with amazing sea views towards end of walk.

LENGTH OF WALK - 6 miles (allow up to 2 3/4 hours)

DIFFICULTY RATING -

DIRECTIONS FROM LYME REGIS - From Lyme Regis take Sidmouth Road to Boshill Cross and turn left (signed Axmouth). Go through village and towards end of road along estuary, park in lay-by on left.

OS maps	Explorer 116, Landranger 193
OS Grid reference	OS Grid Reference SY 253 901
Post Code	EX12 4AB
GPS Point	GPS 50.7063 - 3.0581



LOCAL AMENITIES - Harbour Inn & Ship Inn in Axmouth Village.

For details of all the walks go to www.lymeregis.org/walking.aspx
OR <https://www.whatsonlyme.co.uk/U3A.htm> (walks)

Walk	Name	Difficulty	Length (Miles)	Description
1	Lyme Regis		5	Delightful walk including River Lym, Uplyme and great views from Ware Cliffs.
2	Charmouth		4.6	Country and village walk, featuring riverside, wildflower meadows and views.
3	Catherston Leweston		4.5	Country walk with sea and country views and walk along the River Char.
4	Rousdon		4.6	Country & village walk including the Peek Estate and the village of Combpyne.
5	Axmouth		6	Walk along the Axe Estuary, through Axmouth and with amazing sea views.
6	Battleford Hall		4.4	A varied country and village walk with good views and bluebells in season.
7	Lamberts Castle		6	Longish walk around Iron Age fort. Stunning views of countryside.
8	Eype & Eype Down		3.4	Varied scenic walk including coast and country views. Bluebells in season.
9	Membury		3.1	Country views and charming village of Membury and hamlet of Rock.
10	Bettiscombe		4	Country walk with outstanding views of Marshwood Vale to the sea.
11	Offwell		4.3	Country views, woodland and interesting buildings. Bluebells in season.
12	Barnes Surges		4.8	Countryside and woodland walk with good views and wild flowers.

The walk is easy; on the level and with few or no stiles.

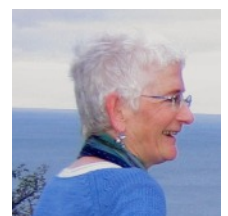
A little more difficult with more stiles and hills.

More demanding - there may be some steep hills and more stiles, but the walk should be easily achieved by anyone in reasonable health who is used to walking 4 or 5 miles.

Unexpected snags? If you come across any unexpected obstructions during your walk, please let us know - we would like to keep the instructions up to date. Please send your comments to: walks@lru3a.org

Liz Jones loved walking and sourced over seventy circular walks in the area. For several years she and her husband David led the U3A Walking Group and after she died in April 2013 members of this group decided to make some of her walks available to a wider audience as a tribute.

The Group would like to thank David Jones for his leadership and all his support for this project - rewalking each route and checking our efforts. Our thanks also go to Susie Gambie for creating the model for the walk maps, Sue Wilson for her layouts and technical expertise and Maurice Liddiard for coordinating the project



From parking place follow the pavement back into Axmouth Village passing between the Harbour Inn on the left and the Parish Church of St. Michael on the right. Continue past the Ship Inn on the left and take the next right into Chapel Street. Continue along this street, with a fast-flowing narrow stream alongside the road for good deal of its length, and after passing an attractive terrace of stone cottages on the left (built 1920), turn left at the Gatehouse (opposite entrance to Bindon Manor) and into a bridleway. Go through iron gate into grassy bridle way and follow this through or round another gate until you emerge on to a road (Higher Lane). Turn right here and follow the road uphill which is fairly steep for first couple of hundred yards and provides views at various points back across the valley to Seaton and beyond.

When the hill has flattened out and starts gradually downhill you turn right at a road junction and more steeply downhill, turning left at the bottom (signed Rousdon). Continue to follow this road uphill until you arrive at a "T" junction (Dowlands) turn right here and follow the road past Bindon Dower House on the right until the road bends to the right with room for parking for several cars on the left. Leading off to the left is a track which takes you through the Axe Cliff Golf Course with fine views of sea and cliffs and back to the estuary at the layby. Follow this track ignoring any alternatives until you emerge on to the Golf Course and follow the footpath straight ahead (marked) down to and past the clubhouse and car park enjoying the views on the way into the drive which leads down very steeply to the estuary. Take care on the descent.

If you are nervous of going through the Golf Course or the track is waterlogged (as it can be after prolonged heavy rain), just continue along the road (Stepps Lane) until you meet a road junction and turn left into Chapel Lane and retrace your steps back to the parking place through the village.

