# Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



#### Distance: 2.5 miles 4km Time: 1.5 hours

#### On this walk you will see:

- A herd of Exmoor ponies
- Clump of beech trees known as the Seven Sisters
- Three bronze age burial mounds
- The remains of a folly tower



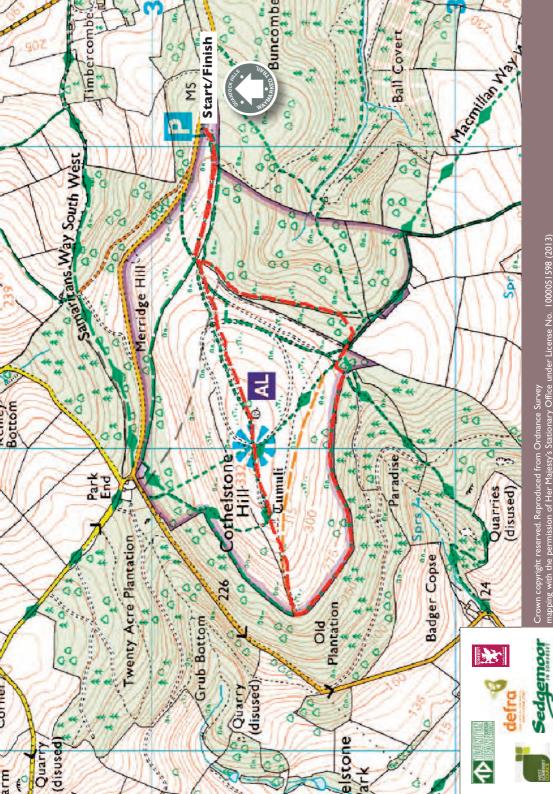
#### On this walk you might see:

Our Exmoor Pony herd often cluster around the hilltop group of trees known as the Seven Sisters. In spring the woodland floor becomes alive with a carpet of bluebells. If you are lucky with the weather you will also see wonderful 360 degree views.

**Did you know?** The Exmoor pony has changed little since the Stone Age. By grazing on scrub and rough grasses, this hardy and endangered native breed is the perfect tool for keeping the hilltop in the best condition for wildlife.

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## Hawkridge Woods Walk



#### Distance: Imile I.5km Time: Ihour

#### On this walk you will see:

- Rennovated Lime Kiln
- An old quarry
- Ash woodland and conifer plantation
- Picnic area and viewpoint

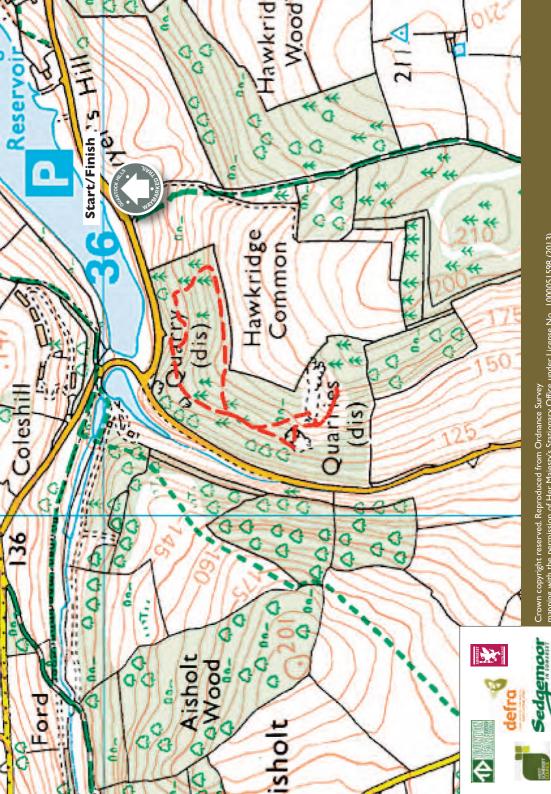
#### On this walk you might see:

If out at dawn or dusk you may see roe deer and possibly red deer too. Buzzards can often be seen soaring on the thermals as you look out from the view point bench towards Aisholt Common.

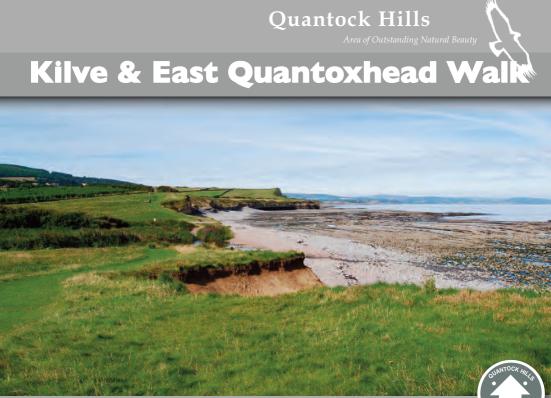
**Did you know?** There is evidence of 23 lime kilns in the Quantock Hills, with this one at Hawkridge being the only fully restored example.

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#### Distance: 3 miles 5km Time: 1.5 hours

#### On this walk you will see:

- A ruined chantry
- An early 20<sup>th</sup> century oil retort
- Jurassic coastline
- A medieval manor



#### On this walk you might see:

If you head down to the beach you may find the spiral ammonite fossils (extinct marine snails) which are 200 million years old.

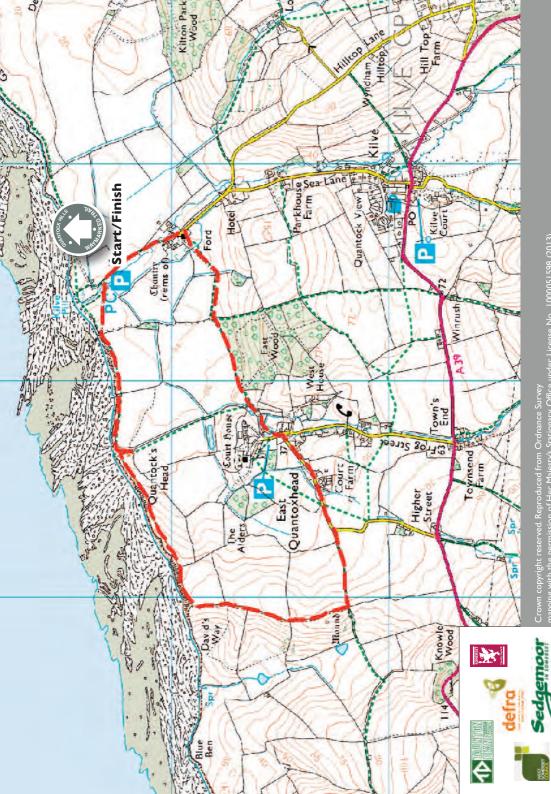
**Did you know?** The brick oil retort at Kilve Pill was built in 1924 to burn the oil rich shale beds here. The venture failed due to a lack of capital, but the oil retort remains a well known local landmark.

Please note the parking at Kilve is pay and display.

Kilve is a great place for a picnic, but please take your litter home with you. Find out more about the Quantock Hills AONB by following us on Facebook and Twitter or

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### Ramscombe Forest Walk



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#### Distance: 2.5 miles 4km Time: I hour

#### On this walk you will see:

- Majestic Douglas fir and Sitka spruce
- Ancient oak woodlands
- Beautiful grassy glade for picnics and BBQs
- Shallow streams to play in

#### On this walk you might see:

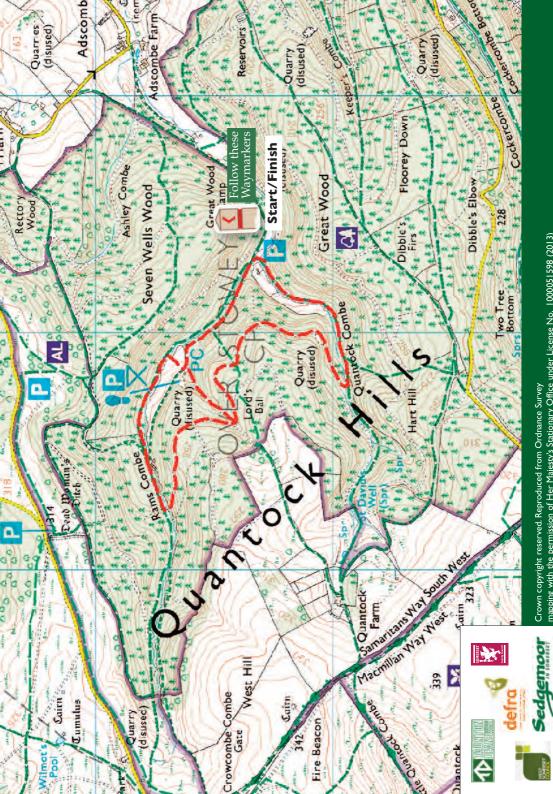
Red and Roe deer can sometimes be spotted, and you might hear the 'kronk' of ravens overhead. The mythical nightjar arrives in the summer months and keep your eyes peeled for the occasional sparrowhawk.

**Did you know?** The Douglas firs in Quantock Combe are some of the tallest trees in England, the tallest is just over 50 metres which is higher than 11 double decker buses!

Please note the Ramscombe car parks are pay and display.

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