Cycling is a great way to get around Exeter and Exmouth. These maps are designed to be useful for anyone on a bike. The roads and cycle routes are colour coded to show what type of route to expect when you cycle through and around Exeter and Exmouth. We hope that these maps will be useful when you plan your commute, travel to school, shopping, social, leisure or simply for exercise.

Download free maps from www.cycledevon.info or for a free hard copy, email environment@devon.gov.uk or telephone 0845 155 1004.

Exe Estuary Shore Code
Be safe: don’t put yourself or others at risk. Be aware of the dangers from rising tides, soft mud, cliff edges and strong currents. Fish wisely: avoid waste. Only take for planned trips, don’t discard tackle and return unwanted fish to the sea. Prevent litter: bin litter or take it home with you. Observe estuary bylaws & warnings: check information at access points. Be considerate to other estuary users: always keep pets under control and don’t block access points. Protect and avoid disturbing wildlife: enjoy watching the wildlife but keep your distance, especially from birds gathering at high water. To report pollution to watercourses, flooding, fly tipping of industrial wastes and illegal fishing please call the Environment Agency Emergency Hotline on: 0800 807060

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Share This Space
- Be polite and considerate. If someone lets you pass, than them.
- Travel at a speed that is appropriate to the conditions, e.g. when the path is busy.
- Bikes are quiet so let people know you are coming – ring your bell, or a friendly “Hello!” often works wonders.
- Be prepared to slow or stop – there may be people who don’t know you are there, or dogs off their lead.
- Take care when passing others, especially children and older or disabled people and allow them plenty of room.
- There are on-road sections, e.g. in Exton, Lymstone, Topsham and Dawlish. These may be on narrow roads and hilly, so please take extra care and consider others.
- If you’re cycling with children, take a stop and consider a rest. If there are two adults in your group, it’s a good idea to have one at the back and one in front of the children.
Exploring the Exe

With help from public transport and ferries you can get around much of the estuary in a day. Please take care crossing roads and railways and enjoy exploring the Exe.

A scenic cruise and train ride with a leisurely stroll

1. Take ferry 1 from Topsham 2 to Exmouth
2. Walk or cycle from Exmouth to Lymstone 7 (2.5 miles) or Exton 4 (4 miles) or Topsham 6 (6 miles)
3. If stopping at Lymstone or Exton catch the train back to Topsham

Suitability: Walkers, cyclists, wheelchair and pushchair
Time for walkers: Lymstone - 2hrs 30mins, Exton - 2hrs 40mins, Topsham - 3 hours
Time for cyclists: Lymstone - 1.5 hours, Exton - 2 hours

Estimated Cost: £8 adults, £5 children with Round Robin ticket

Getting Started: A car park is available in Topsham on Holman Way that is a short walk from the quay. Buses and trains from Exeter to Topsham are frequent and reliable. Alternatively, ample parking and public transport links are available in Exmouth if you choose to reverse the route.

In Topsham, follow signs to Lager Quay where Stuart Line Cruises depart for Exmouth when tides permit (check times by calling 01395 222144). The ferry takes from 1 to 1.5 hours depending on tides.

From Exmouth Marina travel along Victoria Road and turn left onto Imperial Road. Follow this road onto Marine way. Where the road forks take the left-hand path which follows the estuary. The 1.5 mile walk will wind its way along the estuary to Lymstone where you can catch a train back to Topsham or continue on foot to Exton or Topsham (please see approximate journey times above).

Explore Exminster Marshes and Topsham

1. Walk or cycle from Exminster to the Turf Hotel 3
2. Take the ferry 3 to Topsham
3. Take the Topsham ferry 4 back to Exminster

Suitability: Primarily walkers. Cyclists, wheelchair and pushchair users please check with ferry operators that they will be able to accommodate you
Time: Two hours approx for walkers and 1.5 hours for cyclists
Distance on foot: One mile approx
Estimated Cost: £5 adults, £3 children (under 12), £1 bikes

Getting Started: Two small car parks are available at the Exminster Marshes RSPB Nature Reserve. Alternatively take the bus (service 2) to Exminster.

Follow the Exe Estuary Trail along the canal until you reach the Turf Hotel (01395 833128). Refreshments are available here while you wait for the next ferry which leaves from the jetty at the end of the garden (The Sea Dreams). In Topsham when tides permit (check times by calling 01395 222144).

When you arrive in Topsham you can choose to browse the historical town or head straight for the Topsham ferry (07801 203338) by following Ferry Road. Once back on the Exminster side you can choose to take a stroll through the Exminster Marshes reserve (walkers only) or head back along the canal path.

‘Travel around the Exe’

For ferry services see on outer panel

Bus routes

97 Exeter - Topsham - Exton - Lympstone - Exmouth
Runs Mon-Sat daytime every 15 mins, and Sunday and evenings every 30 mins
2 Exeter - Exminster - Kenton - Starcross - Cockwood Harbour - Dawlish Warren - Dawlish
Runs Mon-Sat daytime every 20 mins, and Sunday every 30 mins from spring (service runs hourly during evenings and winter)

To check seasonal timetable changes please call: 01395 427711

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