

# HATHERLEIGH & THE OUTER PARISHES

## A Scenic Driving Tour around The Jewel of Rural Devon

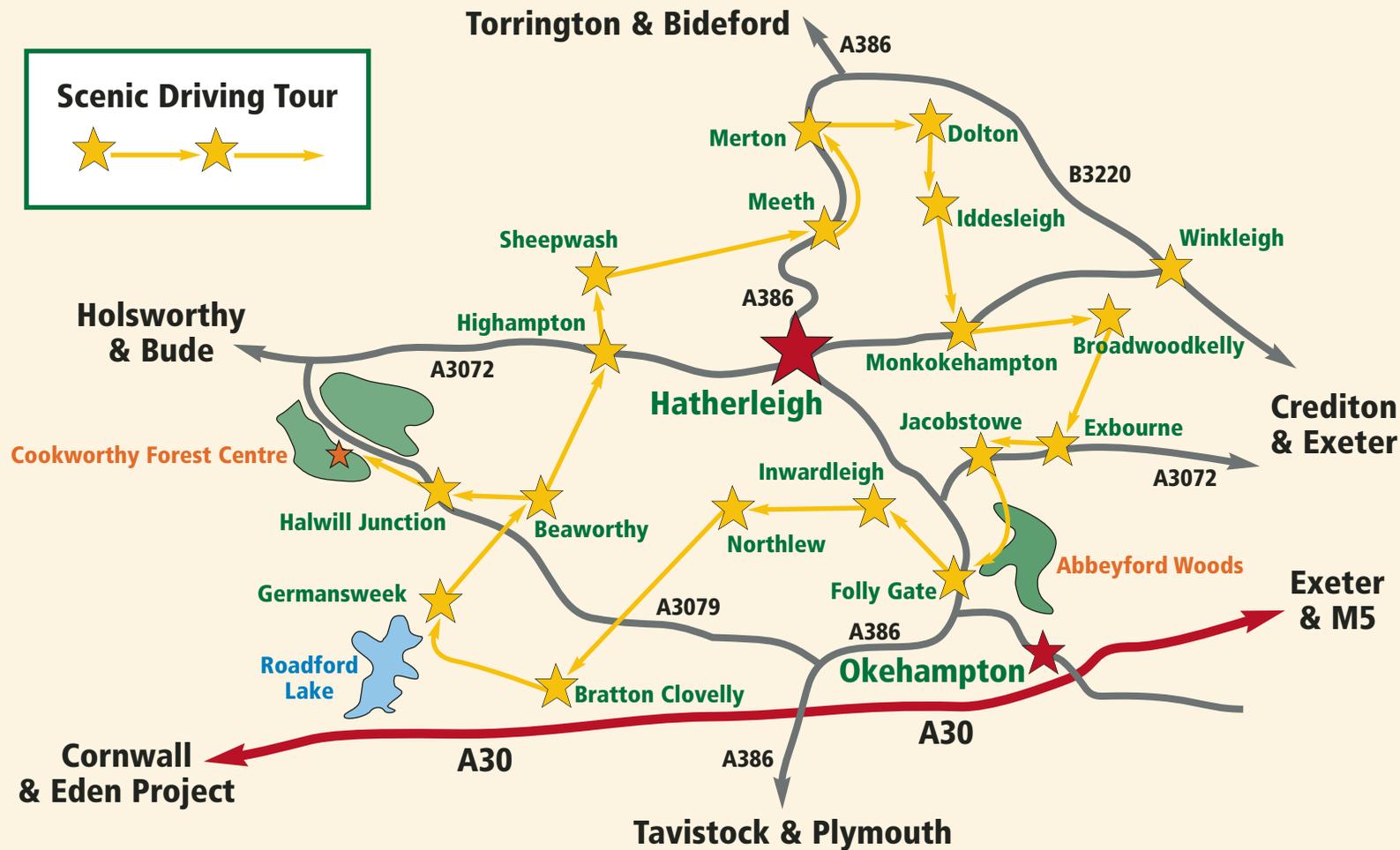
This 55 mile route takes you through the 12 parishes surrounding Hatherleigh. It winds through narrow and twisting lanes bound by high earth banks with ancient hedgerows on top, from one village to the next. Most of these villages are of cob and thatched cottages and date back to Saxon times. They are usually built around a church, sometimes with a village green and a school near by. Most also include a pub at their heart where you can find good food, ale and company. Views of distant Dartmoor are never far away, and the deeply rural landscape of small fields, cattle and sheep, woods and farms has been created by countless generations of farmers as they have strived to make a living from the soils of the Culm Measures.

## Interesting Places to Visit:

- The Hatherleigh Pottery and the Pannier Market on a Tuesday Morning.
- The Pubs at Iddesleigh and Exbourne where parts of the TV series "Down to Earth" were filmed.
- Inches Cider Factory in Winkleigh.
- Roadford Lake, near Germansweek – a reservoir which has a tea room and shop, water sports centre, footpaths and wildlife.
- Trout lakes and a millennium bell in Highampton.
- Cream teas at Acorns in Hatherleigh, Higher Cadham Farm, Jacobstowe, and Roadford Lake.
- Milland Farm Garden, Northlew open certain days under the National Gardens Scheme. 01837 810313.



The Duke of York at Iddesleigh



### Scenic Driving Tour



A view of Roadford Lake



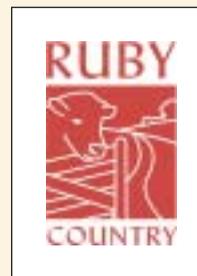
Thatched cottage near Northlew



Trout ponds near Highampton

## Cycle and Walking Trails

**Cycle Trails.** The Devon Coast to Coast National Cycle Network (NCN) – Route 27 runs through Hatherleigh, linking Ilfracombe on the north coast with Plymouth on the south coast for a distance of 102 miles, with the local section linking the Tarka Trail at Meeth to the Granite Way near Okehampton. The West Country Way NCN – Route 3 follows Route 27 from Barnstaple to Meeth, Sheepwash and Highampton where it turns west to Holsworthy and on to the coast at Bude.



**Walking Trails.** The Tarka Trail joins Hatherleigh Town trails and there are walks over Hatherleigh Moor with its spectacular views, as well as a network of footpaths and sunken lanes. Details from Acorns and The Paper Shop. Ruby Country Walks details from the Cookworthy Forest Centre and The Paper Shop. There are also trails at Roadford Lake. Many of the Villages have their own walking trails – stop in the Post Office, shop or Pub for details.

## Essential Information

Take a good road map or Ordnance Survey maps for footpath walking and stock up on leaflets at the Tourist Information Point before setting out.

### OS maps for Hatherleigh are:

Landranger: 191 Okehampton and North Dartmoor (1 : 50,000 scale) 190 Bude and Clovelly  
Explorer: (1 : 25,000 scale) 113  
Okehampton–Hatherleigh, North Tawton & Lapford  
126 Clovelly and Hartland

**Please Note:** Many of the rural roads in the area are narrow and twisting with few passing places; drive with caution, there may be farm animals and farm vehicles on the roads, and be prepared to reverse. Not many are suitable for caravans.

Detailed driving instructions are available from Information Points and on the website. [www.hatherleigh.org.uk](http://www.hatherleigh.org.uk)