

Alphin Brook Walk

Part of Exeter's Green Circle

Length: ~3 Miles | Duration: 1 hour

THE EXETER GREEN CIRCLE

The Exeter Green Circle is a twelve-mile walk around the outskirts of Exeter – from green countryside valley parks to the pavements of quiet leafy suburbs.

The walk has five sections as shown on the full route map below.



Map key

- Footpath, pavement or quiet road (generally smooth surfaces; occasional kerbs)
- Public footpath or bridleway or permitted footpath (surface may be rough or muddy; occasional gates and steps)
- Connecting footpaths
- Railway line
- Waterways
- Train station
- Play area
- Toilet
- Viewpoint

Full route map



A peaceful rural escape

This part of the Green Circle follows the valley of the Alphin Brook. The upper section of the brook flows through rich agricultural land separated from the city by a ridge of hills.

As it reaches the Exe valley, the brook is tamed in a modern channel to prevent it flooding the old village of Alphonington and its modern neighbour, the industrial estate of Marsh Barton.

Discover views and locations that are all part of Exeter but which often seem miles from a city.

Points of interest

- 1 Little John's Cross**
Granite boundary stone from the 15th century placed by the Littlejohn family to mark their estate.
- 2 Twisted Oak**
A 265+ year-old tree reached by a connecting footpath, giving its name to the nearby pub.
- 3 Roly Poly Hill**
The fruit farm below benefits from this south facing slope.
- 4 Oaklands Riding School**
Family-run riding school established over 50 years ago.
- 5 Alphonington Church**
A beautiful building dating from 1480.
- 6 Double Locks**
The country's longest locks, fitting two ships at once ('double locks'). The pub here is great for waterside drinks.
- 7 Exeter & Devon Crematorium**
14 acres of tranquil grounds, with meandering paths through an avenue of trees leading to the riverbank.



Scan the QR code for more information on the full Green Circle, its accessibility and public transport options.

