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Shortest distance 204, suggested distance 206.

Lumpy, this is Wessex country and plenty of up and down lanes to skirt Exeter.

Shadeycombe Lane out of Salcombe and Belle Hill to get to the A381.

Lanes through Moreleigh and Rattery avoiding A38.

Lanes over edge of Dartmoor to Moretonhampstead, then crossing the M5 at Hele.

Run in to Wareham past Dorchester uses bigger roads.

Salcombe YHA has now been closed, but worth keeping an eye on what happens to the site in case an independent organisation takes over.

Wareham Hostels at Swanage 16km, <http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/swanage> and West Lulworth 14km, <http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/lulworth-cove>.

Log from 2007, for distance reasons I've moved the control from Kingsbridge to Salcombe.

E2 (205km). Kingsbridge, Buckfastleigh, Crediton, Chard, Wareham.

23/08/07, 14hr05, 137m on the clock, 0525-1930, hot and dry with little wind.

From Kingsbridge I beat the morning traffic to Totnes

and took a left to Buckfastleigh. There look to be shorter routes by the lanes but I needed some distance under my belt and there would be little choice but lanes later on.

Found a garage and retraced onto the A38 before turning off to follow lanes to Ponsworthy.

Very up and down thru Widecombe on the Moor, Moretonhampstead, over the A38,

Tedburn St Mary and at last a garage in Crediton. Hard Work!

A short run on the A377 before getting lost in lanes short of Silverton.

Thru Hele and under the M5, Plymtree, then A373 to Honiton.

It was very hot by now and I was getting tired so I left the lanes and took the A30 into Chard, not too busy. Shop control. I took the A356 into Dorchester before finding lanes thru Moreton to join the main drag into Wareham.

I was booked in at Swanage YH but after the heat of the day there was no way I was going to do the extra distance there and back so I got fed and spent the night under the stars.

Salcombe	50.23716,-3.767073	ATM, pubs, Salcombe hostel closed by YHA 2013	Salcombe Crediton	http://goo.gl/maps/zJZ3D	Salcombe Mevagissey	http://goo.gl/maps/DzBNG
Buckfastleigh	50.481241,-3.778099	ATM, Coop @ 50.481357,-3.779127				
Crediton	50.784342,-3.646696	ATM, garage	Crediton Wareham	http://goo.gl/maps/UV1BT	Crediton Salcombe	http://goo.gl/maps/mzkXO
Chard	50.872887,-2.964004	ATMs, Coop @ 50.872982,-2.963526				
Wareham	50.685964,-2.109897	ATM, Coop @ 50.686643,-2.110173 Hostels at Swanage 16km and West Lulworth 14km.	Wareham Kings Worthy	http://goo.gl/maps/LsFNO	Wareham Crediton	http://goo.gl/maps/3AqGF