

About this walk

The full Castles & Coast Way is 13 miles or 21km, but we have divided it into two loops that can be walked together or separately and join in Stogursey.

The Castles loop starts at Nether Stowey Castle and takes you over the hills to Stogursey Castle and church. There are fantastic views inland to the Quantock Hills, west to Exmoor and across the Severn Estuary to Wales.

There is a great deal of history associated with this walk, which can be accessed using the QR code and link in this leaflet.

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Useful websites

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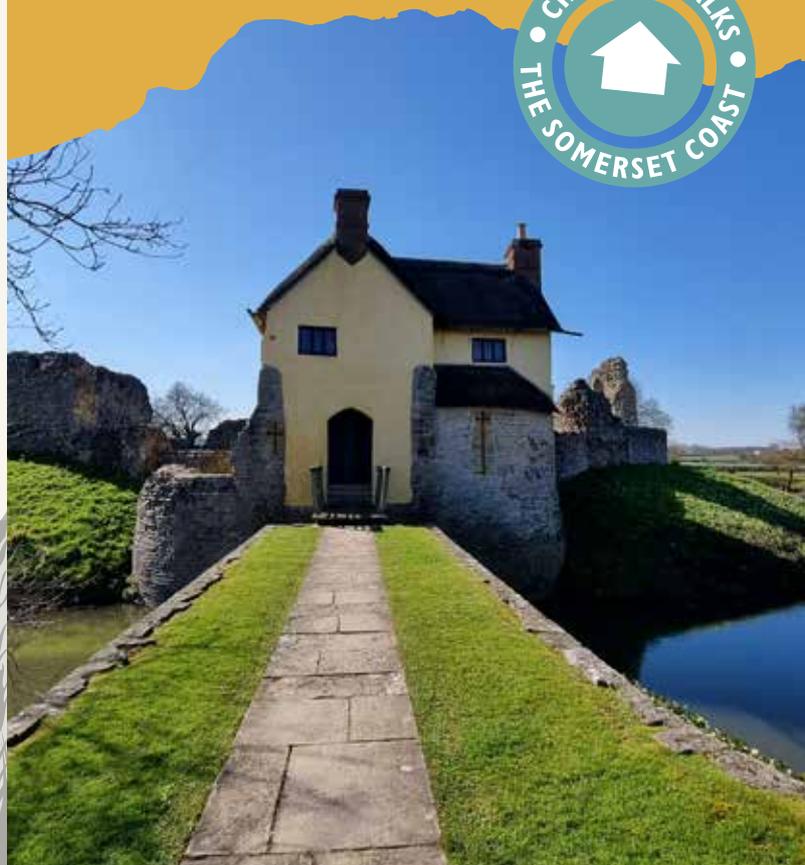


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ENGLAND COAST PATH Castles & Coast Way: Castles

NATIONAL TRAIL

6.5 miles / 10.5km | 4 hours | Easy to Moderate



On your walk...

The Castles & Coast Way is well waymarked and easy to follow. The castle symbol for the route is found on waymarks and fingerposts along the route and the England Coast Path section is marked with the Acorn.



Other standard waymarks are shown here:

Footpath Bridleway Permissive path

Stay safe and follow the Countryside Code on your walk and always follow guidance on local advisory signs. You can see the Countryside Code at www.gov.uk/countryside-code.



Dogs are welcome on these walks but always keep your dog under close control near livestock and wildlife, especially ground nesting birds, and always clean up after your dog and dispose of dog waste in an appropriate bin.

For more information about this walk or to download a .gpx file, scan the QR code or visit nationaltrail.co.uk/short-routes/castles-coast



All information correct at the time of publication

WALK KEY INFORMATION & FACILITIES



Distance: 6.5 miles/10.5km

Duration: 4 hours

Map: OS Explorer 140: Quantock Hills & Bridgwater

Grade: Easy to Moderate



Access:

This route is described as Easy to Moderate for its length and terrain, though it is mostly flat. It includes a mix of stiles and gates with footpaths, farmland and tracks, country lanes and pavements.



Getting here:

By car to the car park for Coleridge Cottage, Lime St, Nether Stowey, Bridgwater TA5 1NQ

There is a second free car park off Castle Street by the library but keep left as you turn in as the parking area to the right is private.



Facilities:

There are shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants in Nether Stowey and Stogursey, as well as a good selection of B&Bs. There are public toilets at the Castle Street car park in Nether Stowey.

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DIRECTIONS

The walk begins at Nether Stowey Castle, south of the village on Castle Hill. Once you have explored the area, head down Castle Hill to The Cross **1**. Turn right onto St Mary Street and into the recreation ground on your right just before the main road. Follow the path along the hedge to the next gate and out to the main road.

Cross the A39 carefully and go through the gate to the right of the church drive. After a short distance turn left onto the track to Budley Farm **2**, go through the gate, past the farm buildings and turn right onto a track until you reach a kissing gate. Turn left and go uphill through another gate to the top of Pinnacle Hill **3**.

Go downhill and through a gate onto a track which takes you to Peadon Farm **4**. Turn right and follow the signs through the farmyard. After the farm buildings take the path to the left and through the gate at the end. Turn left and follow the field edge path through two kissing gates, uphill and through a third gate to the top of Tet Hill **5**.

Go down the hill, through the next field, across the farm track and over some rough ground to a footbridge. After the bridge cross the field to the waymark post. Turn right and leave the field at the next gate, go right again and you will see the moat and ruin of Stogursey Castle **6**.

Go past the castle and keep left, through the gate, and join Castle Street. Continue on the road to Stogursey High Street (to visit the church **7** turn right here). Cross the road and turn left along the High Street.

At the School **8**, cross the road and go down School Lane and through a kissing gate. Turn left and follow the field edge path through two more gates. Turn left again and stay on this path, crossing the track and going through the next two fields with the hedge on your right. At the next gate keep the copse on your left for a short distance, then go through a gate and across a sleeper bridge.

Follow the field edge with the stream on your left. At a track turn left, then right through two gates. Continue with the stream on your right and at the next gate cross the track and head uphill to the next gate, and then down and through two more gates. Aim for the corner of the hedge **9** facing you and follow it to the gate in the corner of the field. Cross the next field to another gate, then turn right and cross two more fields to reach A39. Cross the road with care, turn right and after a short distance turn left and take the path downhill past the village hall. Turn left on to Lime Street with Coleridge Cottage **10** on your right. This marks the end of your walk.