

The England Coast Path

The England Coast Path is a new National Trail that follows the entire coast of England. The path is being opened in sections but will, when completed, be the longest coastal path in the world at 2795 miles/4500kms in length.

But it is much more than just a path; it gives access to beaches, cliff-tops and most of the wonderful habitats around our coast, as well as former industrial and maritime areas that were significant in Britain's history.

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Useful websites


nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path-sw

someset.gov.uk/england-coast-path

visitsomeset.co.uk



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Coastal Walks in Somerset

The walks featured here were created to offer a series of walks that take in sections of the England Coast Path in Somerset. They offer a great introduction to Somerset's coast while also exploring the villages and towns inland. There are two types of walks; a series of circular routes for which we have produced maps and walking notes, and Storywalks, which are accessed using a smart phone and provide a great family day out.

To find out more

scan the above QR code or visit
someset.gov.uk/england-coast-path

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A series of walks that take in sections of the England Coast Path in Somerset

Getting here

Getting to Somerset is easy; from the M5 exit at junction 22 for Burnham-on-Sea, 23 for Bridgwater or 24 to travel along the coast to Minehead. The closest rail stations are Highbridge & Burnham, Bridgwater, and Taunton, where a 28 bus connects to the West Somerset Railway at Bishops Lydeard for trains through to Minehead.

The West Somerset Railway operates from March to December, though the level of service depends on the time of year. In peak season there are normally four trains a day making it a great experience to add to your walk.

For timetables visit

west-somerset-railway.co.uk/

For up-to-date local travel information visit

travelsomerset.co.uk/



Brean Down to Minehead

This 58 mile stretch of the England Coast Path takes you on an amazing journey from Brean Down at the end of the Mendips, past sandy beaches, coastal estuaries and salt marshes to rolling hills with forts and castles, villages with historic churches, and old seafaring towns with tales of shipwrecks, to end in Minehead - the gateway to Exmoor.

There's plenty to see and do along the way from searching for fossils on the Jurassic beaches between Lillstock and Blue Anchor to following in the footsteps of Wordsworth and Coleridge or going back in time on the old Steam railway.

And don't forget to sample our local produce while you're here. We're famous for our cream teas and cheeses, craft beers and gins, and you can't leave without sampling our cider!

Find out more at

nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path-sw
visitsomerset.co.uk



Stay safe and follow the Countryside Code

You can see the Countryside Code at **www.gov.uk/countryside-code**. Please follow it throughout your walk and remember:-

- Keep to the path and stay away from cliff edges
- Shores and estuaries may have fast incoming tides and sinking sand or mud
- Always follow guidance on local advisory signs
- If you arrive by car, park in designated areas
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight
- Clean up after your dog and dispose of dog waste responsibly
- Put litter in bins or take it home with you
- For walks on the beach check tide times at **tidetimes.org.uk** to ensure that you can complete your walk safely
- **In an emergency Dial 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard**



Coastal Walks Map

A series of Circular and Storywalks that take in sections of the England Coast Path in Somerset.



Storywalks

The England Coast Path Storywalks, shown on the map with the orange pin, are accessed on the internet using a smartphone or tablet. Storywalks can be read aloud to family and friends or accessed with audio narration on the Ordnance Survey Secret Stories App. They are designed to embellish your experience of the coast with interesting facts, myths, history and tales linked to locations.

Scan the QR code or go to someset.gov.uk/england-coast-path-storywalks/ to access these on the web or to download the Secret Stories app to access walks with audio narration.



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	Circular Walk
	Storywalk
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	Toilets
	Parking
	Refreshments



Circular walks

For the circular walks we've tried to include a range of styles, some take you off the beaten track to discover the wilder sections of our coast, while others visit towns and villages and offer the option to stop for a cream tea or pub lunch.

There are walks that provide the opportunity to explore some of Somerset's many attractions, including nature reserves, castles, hill forts, and churches. We've even included a few longer walks for those wanting to make a day of it.

Walking guides for these walks can be found at Somerset visitor centres or accessed online at nationaltrail.co.uk/trails/england-coast-path-south-west/circular-linear-walks/



Finding your way

The England Coast Path is well waymarked and easy to follow. The symbol of the National Trails, the acorn, is found on waymarks and fingerposts along the route.

Where your walk takes you away from the Coast Path it will be signed with standard waymarks. You can see examples of these below:

- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Permissive path



To report any problems on the footpaths during your walk visit: someset.gov.uk/report-a-problem-with-a-public-right-of-way/