

THINGS TO SEE & DO

LOCAL WALKS & TRAILS

There are some fantastic walks in this Area of Outstanding Beauty, some that start from the marina or just across the river in Dartmouth. The following information is provided by the South Devon AONB.

Further details about these and other walks are available on their website - www.southdevonaonb.org.uk If you have the appropriate app, you can download full details of the walks to a smart phone by pointing your phone at the relevant QR code below. Make sure you wear sturdy footwear for both these walks.



Castles and cliffs, seals and skylarks, on a coastal circular walk rich in views, history and natural abundance.

Start: Darthaven Marina car park Distance: 5 miles (circular walk) Grade: Moderate to strenuous

Terrain: Coast path with some uneven sections

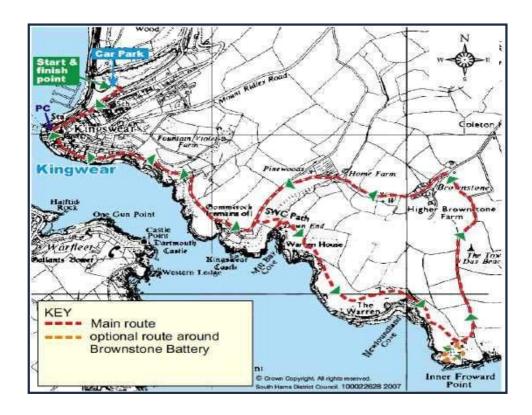
and long flights of steps; 2 steep descents; 1

steep ascent.

Obstacles & Steep Gradients: 2 Stiles; 4 flights of steps; 2 steep descents; 1 steep

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Directions

- From Darthaven Marina, turn right out of the car park along the road, then bear right again towards Lower Ferry.
- 2. At Kingswear Village Hall, turn left up Church Hill (The Ship Inn). At top of hill, at hairpin bend, turn right along Castle Road (not Beacon Lane).
- **3.** After 0.5 mile, turn right down wooden steps, signposted Froward Point 1¼ m.
- 4. Just past Mill Bay Cove, turn right onto private drive, and then left after 30m, up steps and through woods. Pass above Newfoundland Cove to Brownstone Battery. (To explore the Battery, drop down the path to the right by the Coast watch station. Turn left by the first searchlight post, then left again following the 'acorn' waymarker.
- 5. Fork left once more to wind back up to the Coast watch lookout).

- 5.Bear left onto the track signed 'HG Brownstone'. Past the Day Mark, fork left onto a green lane signed for Kingswear.
- 6.Turn left at Brownstone and follow the footpath through the farm and past Crocker's Cottage crossing a small stream on large stones. The footpath joins a private road. Bear left where the road forks and then left again.
- 7.Follow Castle Road to Church Hill. Turn left down Alma Steps. Retrace your steps past the Steam Railway and fork left past the bus shelter to the Marina car park.

Kingswear to Greenway

One of the area's truly great walks, this day-long ramble follows the wooded banks of the broad and beautiful river Dart, on a route crammed with gems and jewels of human and natural history.

Start: Darthaven Marina Car Park Distance: 9 miles (circular walk) Grade: Moderate to strenuous

Terrain: Footpaths, fairly even, occasionally muddy through fields in wet weather; surfaced

roads.

Obstacles & Steep Gradients: 10 stiles (3 can be bypassed); 3 flights of steps; 4 steep ascents; 2 steep descents. This route is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

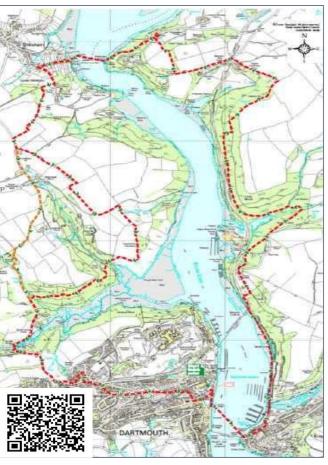
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Directions

- 1. From Darthaven Marina, by the railway level crossing follow yellow marked footpath alongside railway line. Head North with the river on your left at the Higher Ferry slipway, turn right over the level crossing and up the road. Just beyond the public toilets, bear right up ramp and steps to climb through woods.
- At the Higher Ferry slipway, turn right over the level crossing and up road. Just beyond public toilets, bear right up ramp and steps to climb through woods.
- 3. At tarmac road at top, turn left along drive Signed Greenway Ferry and Maypool'. At main road take footpath opposite and take steps down through woods. Take care crossing this road as traffic can be very heavy. At the tarmac drive take footpath opposite which leads into Long Wood.

- 4. At t- junction in woods, turn left and follow track through woods above river. Track eventually curves to right and uphill. Turn left along terrace path.
- After steep climb, turn left over stile and follow path. Part way down hill, cross into field to right over stile and continue down along hedge line.
- 6. At field exit turn left, signed 'Greenway Gardens ¾m'. Pass through gate and down track past houses. Turn left at road.
- 7. Continue along road and through gate. By Greenway Estate information turn panel turn right through gate. Once over brow of hill bear left down field edge path. At bottom turn right along Greenway Drive.
- **8**. By the lodge house turn left down road to quay. Cross river via ferry. *Alternatively, retrace your steps to the Marina. There is a Café at Greenway House but entrance charges may apply*
- 9. Walk up road through Dittisham. After 350m, turn sharp left along Rectory Lane.
- 10. Turn right after 250m up track along public footpath. After a further 100m, turn left over stile and follow path up along field edges.

- 11. Turn left at the road. (Alternative easier route from here: continue along road past Bozomzeal then turn right and follow waymarkers through fields and round edge of wood. Turn left down green lane to rejoin main route at the bottom).
- 12. Main route: After 250m, turn left, signed 'Permissive Path Old Mill Creek'. Follow well used track initially then follow waymarkers along field edge.



- 13. Where path meets green lane, turn left. After 200m, turn right down path which leads towards river. After crossing a stile cut diagonally down across next field, and through woods.
- **14**. At bottom of steps bear left, and then left again where you join a further track.
- **15**. At Old Mill Creek cross over bridge and follow road up out of valley.
- **16**. At t- junction in Townstal, turn right along Archway Drive and then first left onto Townstal Crescent.
- 17. Cross main road at pedestrian crossing and turn left downhill. Turn first right along Church Rd and downhill.
- **18**. Cross at next junction down Mount Boone. Fork right down Townstal Hill. At Vicarage Hill turn left down the narrow lane.
- 19. Turn right down steps of Brown's Hill and bear left. At the bottom, head towards the church tower. When you meet the road turn left. Cross into Royal Avenue Gardens and onto South Embankment. Just past Station Restaurant turn left onto pontoon. Take passenger ferry to Kingswear.