

Blackpool Sands & Strete Circular Walk

Region – Torbay

County/Area – Devon

Length – 3,4 miles / 5.5 kms

Duration – 2 hours

Ascent – 476 feet

Grade – Moderate

Start – Car Park, Blackpool Sands

Postcode TQ6 0RG (approximate location only)

Walk Route Description

The first part of the route follows quiet country lanes high above the beach, giving tremendous views from Start Point, Torcross and Slapton Ley to the south right across to the Daymark at Froward Point in the north. For an easier walk take the bus to Strete and walk back along the Coast Path.

Route

- From the bottom of the road leading down to the Blackpool Sands car park from the A379 at Blackpool Hill, turn right into the main seafront car park, turning right again to follow the footpath out of the car park and back up to the main road.
- Cross the road and follow the South West Coast Path (Acorn Waymarker) into the field on the left of Blackpool Valley Road. (Opposite the post box).
- Continue along the path beside the main road, crossing the stream (footbridge) and entering a small road (Norns Lane).
- Leave the Coast Path here, continuing past the drive on your right and the footpath on your left.
- Continue past the farm buildings at Southwood and continue along Norns Lane to the T-junction at Horns Cross.
- Turn left and follow the road into Strete.
- Continue past the church and the restaurant and following Totnes Road beyond, to the main road.
- At the main road leading into Strete, turn left.
- Cross over the stile into the field on your right and pick up the South West Coast Path.
- Cross the stream and continue ahead into the next field.
- Turning right here to go through the right-hand hedge and into a high plateau field.
- Follow the hedge along the top of this field, turning left beyond and descending steeply to the next stream.
- Cross the bridge and bear right as you climb the far hillside to come out on the main road.
- Cross the road and continue along the Coast Path as it follows the hedge to left and then cuts the top left-hand corner to come out on a lane.

- Turn right on the lane and walk about 200 metres, to where a footpath drops through the field on your right.
- Continue along this path, descending towards the main road.
- Turn left on the road retrace your steps from here back to the car park at Blackpool Sands.