

Coleton Fishacre Circular Walk

Region – Torbay

County/Area – Devon

Length – 5.4 miles / 8.8 kms

Duration – 3 - 4 hours

Ascent – 530 feet

Grade – Challenging

Start – Car Park, Dartmouth Lower Ferry to Kingswear.

Postcode TQ6 0AA (approximate location only)

Walk Route Description

Following a fairly strenuous route with a certain amount of steep ascent and descent, this is nonetheless a rewarding walk with breathtaking views over the River Dart and its medieval defences, as well as out over the English Channel and across Start Bay.

Route

- The walk starts after crossing the River Dart by the Lower Ferry to Kingswear.
- Walk uphill to turn right through the archway onto the South West Coast Path. Climb Alma Steps and turn right at the top onto Beacon Road, following it around above the River Dart as it narrows to a small lane and then descends to Inverdart.
- Continue along the Coast Path and when the lane turns inland after about half a mile, turn right towards Inner Froward Point and descend steep timber steps to Warren Wood.
- Continue along the path to Mill Bay Cove, where another set of steep steps ascends to a nature reserve.
- Continue along the path through pinewoods for about a mile and a half.

Note: As the path levels out there are views out over Start Bay, before it curves around the back of Newfoundland Cove.

- Descend the steps on your right.
- Continue along this path around Inner Froward Point, forking right to stay low below the Coastwatch lookout station.
- Bear right ahead when a path returns uphill on the left.

Note: The path carries on around the coastline, passing Outer Froward Point before dropping to Old Mill Bay and then making its way past Kelly's Cove.

- Continue through the wooded area above Pudcombe Cove.
- Cross the stream before winding uphill towards the trees.
- Take the path to the left, heading inland towards the Coleton car parks, and follow it up to the road.
- At the road junction turn left, continuing towards Higher Brownstone. Ignore the lanes travelling downhill towards the coast.

- From Higher Brownstone Farm follow the path as it climbs up to Pinewoods and then curves around to pass the top of the steps to Mill Bay.
- Re-join the South West Coast Path and retrace your steps to the ferry at Kingswear.