

Hooken Cliffs Walk

Length - 4.1 miles (6.7 km)

Ascent 450ft

Grade - Moderate

Start - Fore Street, Beer

Post Code - EX12 3ET Fore Street

Walk Route Description

There are steep ascents and descents including a long flight of steps down. The path travels close to the cliff edge so take great care.

- Starting in Beer at the seaward end of Fore Street, where it meets the South West Coast Path and Sea Hill, above Beer beach, take the road uphill past the pub (Common Lane, signed towards Beer Head Caravan Park).
- Carry on past The Meadows, to the right, climbing steeply to where the South West Coast Path leaves along the lane on your left.
- Turn left onto the Coast Path and follow it along Little Lane, heading to the left with it around the front of the caravan site.
- Carry on ahead along the footpath, climbing steadily above the white cliffs at Beer Head and following the Coast Path to the right beyond the headland.
- When a path leaves on the right, fork left with the Coast Path to walk through the slumped undercliffs at Under Hooken.
- When the path splits, fork left to continue along the Coast Path as it drops through the Hooken Undercliff towards the beach. Stay with the Coast Path as it winds through the undercliffs and carries on between the holiday chalets.
- Reaching the field at the far end of the chalets, detour left to visit Branscombe Mouth, with its visitor centre and other facilities; but otherwise take the track bearing right through the field to the far left-hand corner.
- Emerging beside Great Seaside Farm, follow the track around to the right of it, continuing ahead along the lane. Turn left with the lane, climbing steeply into the woods, and at the top turn right through the trees. Coming out into an open field, bear right with the path through the field.
- Reaching the clifftop path (East Cliff), turn left, bearing right to follow it along the edge of Hooken Cliffs, above the undercliff.
- At the old coastguard station take the track heading away from it to the left and follow it through the field to the top of the caravan site. Reaching the road ahead (Common Hill), carry on down it, ignoring all side roads, to rejoin Common Lane.
- From here you can retrace your steps to the start of the walk.