

Maidencombe Circular Walk

Region – River Exe & Babbacombe

County/Area – Devon

Length – 3.3 miles / 5.2 kms

Duration – 2 hours

Ascent – 351 feet

Grade – Moderate

Start – Car Park – Watcombe Beach

Postcode TQ1 4SH (approximate location only)

Walk Route Description

This is a moderate walk with a few short stretches of steep ascent and descent, including steps. This adventurous route passes through woodland dotted with glimpses of the red rocks of a one-time equatorial desert landscape. The whole area is rich in wildlife - look out for seals and dolphins.

Route

- From the start point, (Watcombe Beach car park) go over the stile and follow the steep path down towards Watcombe Beach to join the South West Coast Path.
- Turn left on the Coast Path, towards Maidencombe, and follow the woodland path through the Valley of Rocks and up some steep steps.
- When the path forks, take the right-hand fork and continue along the Coast Path, descending steeply through trees and then following the hedge above the cliffs.
- Ignore the path inland and continue along the Coast Path into Maidencombe.
- Detouring down a steep path and steps to the right will take you to Maidencombe Beach,

Note: Alternatively, there are refreshments available in the picturesque thatched village of Maidencombe.

- Turn left onto this track and follow it steeply uphill.
- Towards the top turn left on the path heading through fields back to Maidencombe.
- Turn left on Steep Hill and drop downhill through Maidencombe, carrying on out of the village along Rock House Lane, passing the orchard.
- Carry on ahead to climb steeply up to the country track leading across fields and through woodland, back to the Valley of Rocks.
- Fork right and retrace your steps along the Coast Path and the Musgrave Trail
- This time, taking the right-hand fork in the Valley of Rocks, and return to the Watcombe Beach car park and the start point.