

Coastal Walk – 3.5 miles

Sharpitor to Bolt Head, South Devon

A beautiful walk in spectacular scenery at the mouth of the Salcombe estuary with plenty of wildlife and archaeology both ancient and fairly recent to enjoy. Salcombe is a sheltered estuary suitable for sailing. This area is also very popular with walkers because of the beautiful views along the coast

Getting there:

Road: A381 to Salcombe and then local roads

Car parks: at SX713376 and SX729375

Foot: part of South West Coast Path, footpaths from Salcombe and Malborough

Bus: 164 Totnes- Kingsbridge; 606 Kingsbridge- Salcombe

Rail: Totnes, Ivybridge

For public transport information visit www.traveline.org.uk

Maps and start grid ref: OS Landranger 202 gr SX729375, Explorer 20 E&W

Facilities available: car park toilets at Overbeck's, pubs, shops, cafes available in Salcombe

Terrain: steep walking conditions, walking boots advised

Distance: 3.5 miles

Accessibility: Height gain of approximately 60 m over the walk. Cliffs are dangerous- children should be supervised

Points of interest: Follow the path from the car park at Overbecks on the south west coast path to the mouth of the estuary. Continue on this path looking out for the following features:

- 1 Viewpoint at Sharpitor where you can see across the estuary
- 2 Ruined building which was used to house engineering equipment for the first England to France telegraph cable
- 3 Just off the path can be seen Bolt Head lookout which was used in World War II
- 4 Continue along the coast path until reaching an area called the Warren- archaeological mounds and old field boundaries can be seen
- 5 Starehole Barn- old barn that was an intricate part of the original mixed farm unit- a farm with animals and arable farming
- 6 Overbeck's – National Trust house and garden known for tender plants due to warm climate

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National Trust properties nearby: coastal properties, Greenway, Overbeck's, Saltram House, and Coteton Fishacre

