

Coastal Walk – 1.5 miles

Snapes Point, south Devon

Short description: An easy walk in a gentle landscape beside the beautiful Kingsbridge Estuary. This area of coast is known as a ria as valleys were flooded as sea levels rose in peri-glacial conditions at the end of the last ice age. The deep water estuary is now used for sailing, safe mooring, other watersports and fishing

Getting there:

Road: A381 to Salcombe and then local roads

Car parks: at SX739401

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

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 SX739401, Explorer 20 E&W

Facilities available car parks, toilets, pubs, shops, cafes available in Salcombe

Terrain: gentle easy walking conditions

Distance: 1.5 miles

Accessibility: Height gain of 30m over the walk. The beach is not suitable for paddling or swimming

Points of interest: Follow the path from the car park down to the river. Continue on this path looking out for the following features:

- 1 Viewpoint over the estuary- the estuary is particularly sheltered at this point with safe moorings for boats- at low water in winter wader birds such as redshank, dunlin and turnstone will search for invertebrates on the shore
- 2 Tosnos Point- the field margins are managed for wildlife under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. The scheme targets farmland birds, especially curlew buntings, which like to feed for insects and seeds close to the hedges
- 3 Viewpoint over the town of Salcombe and Town Quay- at high water many boats use the quay to drop off and pick up people using the town. There are boat repair yards and chandlers close to the shore
- 4 Site of an old carriageway built in 1800 for the Salcombe- Kingsbridge railway

Return to car park towards via the path which passes the Snapes Manor

Property contact details: Tel 01548 562344

National Trust properties nearby: coastal properties, Greenway, Overbecks, Saltram House, and Coteton Fishacre

