

Coastal Walk – 3 miles

Woodhuish Farm, Scabbacombe

Close to the historic fishing town of Brixham this dramatic coastal walk offers a range of landscape features and habitats including beaches at Mansands and Scabbacombe as well as cliff tops and rolling farmland with scattered woods and scrub.

Getting there:

Road: From Brixham or Kingswear follow signs to Coleton Fishacre Gardens from the B3205 but turn left to Woodhuish Farm before the Gardens

Car parks: Man Sands after Woodhuish Farm; Scabbacombe before Woodhuish Farm

Foot: South West Coast Path plus link paths from Kingswear, Hillhead and Brixham

Bus: (B=bus stop) Regular Stagecoach service from Kingswear to Brixham stopping off at the turn off to Coleton Fishacre Gardens on B3205 and Hillhead Caravan Park. For public transport information visit www.traveline.org.uk

Maps and start grid ref: OS Landranger 202 gr SX913530, Explorer OL20

Facilities available: Facilities shops, pubs and toilets available in Brixham and Kingswear

Terrain: Moderate walking conditions, some steep climbs, walking boots advised

Distance: 3 miles

Accessibility: Height gain of 130m over the walk. If on the beach beware of strong currents, don't swim at low tides and do not use inflatables. Cliffs are dangerous- children should be supervised

Points of interest: Follow the path from car park down Woodhuish Lane to Man Sands. Turn right and follow coast path past coasguard cottages. Continue on this path looking out for the following features:

- 1 Wetland area- National Trust is allowing natural process to re-profile the beach and the lower valley which now floods- many ducks and waders now use this area all year
- 2 Limekiln, boathouse and coastguard cottages (not National Trust)
- 3 Long Sands Cliff- spectacular views – note Staddon Shales and Meadfoot Slates rocks which regularly 'slump' onto the beach. Grazing is very important on the coast to help maintain the wild flower habitats which could easily become scrub in a short time
- 4 Scabbacombe Beach- secluded and may be used by nudists

- 5 Woodhuish Cider Press (and Farm). Old cider mill in barn like building. Cirl buntings regularly seen round the farm

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National Trust properties nearby: Coleton Fishacre Garden, Greenway

