

# About this walk

This walk takes in the England Coast Path with stunning views across West Somerset and over the channel to Wales, and the foothills of the Quantocks - the first place in England to be designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Nature lovers will be able to spot flowers including Pyramid and Bee Orchids, Wild Rose, and Bluebells as well as birds like Oyster Catchers, Turnstones, Dunlin and Peregrine Falcons.

This walk is tidal - please check tide times at [tidetimes.org.uk](http://tidetimes.org.uk) before setting off to ensure you can complete the coastal section at the end of this walk safely - Watchet is the closest recording station.

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## Useful websites

[nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path-sw](http://nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path-sw)  
[somerset.gov.uk/england-coast-path](http://somerset.gov.uk/england-coast-path)  
[visitsomerset.co.uk](http://visitsomerset.co.uk)

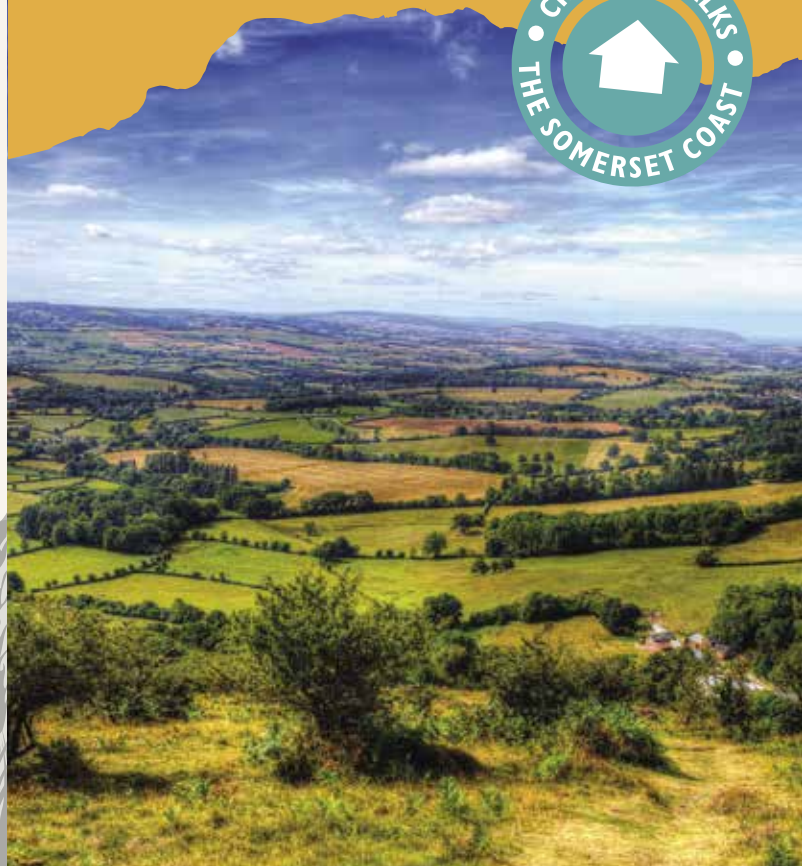


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ENGLAND  
COAST PATH  
NATIONAL TRAIL

# Quantocks & Coast Circular

9.5 miles / 15.5km | 5 hours | Moderate



# On your walk...

The England Coast Path is well waymarked and easy to follow. The acorn symbol of the National Trails is found on waymarks and fingerposts along the route.



Where your walk takes you away from the Coast Path it will be signed with the standard waymarks shown here:

Footpath Bridleway Permissive path

Stay safe and follow the Countryside Code on your walk and always follow guidance on local advisory signs. You can see the Countryside Code at [www.gov.uk/countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code).



Dogs are welcome on these walks but always keep your dog under close control near livestock and wildlife, especially ground nesting birds, and always clean up after your dog and dispose of dog waste in an appropriate bin.

For more information about this walk or to download a .gpx file, scan the QR code or visit [nationaltrail.co.uk/short-routes/quantocks-and-coast](http://nationaltrail.co.uk/short-routes/quantocks-and-coast)



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## WALK KEY INFORMATION & FACILITIES



**Distance:** 9.5 miles/15.5km

**Duration:** 5 hours

**Map:** OS Explorer 140: Quantock Hills & Bridgwater

**Grade:** Moderate



### Access:

This route is described as Moderate for its length and terrain. There are short hills, but much of the route is flat. It includes a mix of stiles and gates with footpaths, farm land, country lanes, paved paths and a section of rocky shore.

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### Getting here:

By car to Home Farm Holiday Centre, St Audries Bay, Williton, Taunton TA4 4DP. There is a pay and display car park here available for use by the public. Payment is by cash at the machine in the car park or by card at the site reception office.



### Facilities:

There are public toilets by the car park and a small shop in the main Holiday Centre.

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## DIRECTIONS

Leave the car park and turn left up the drive following the England Coast Path. Look for a waymark post on your right and follow the Coast Path all the way to the caravan park **1** turning right through a 2-in-1 gate to enter.

Go through the caravan park following the Coast Path signs until you reach Sea Lane. Turn left along the lane to reach a kissing gate on your right. Go through the gate, cross the bridge and continue until you reach a concrete drive, and then a kissing gate to the road.

Cross the road and go left for short distance then right down Watery Lane **2**. Walk along the track and through the gate, continuing until you reach a gap in the hedge on your left. The footpath crosses the field here and into the next field where you turn right. Continue through this field and the next and through two further gates to the farm buildings and a driveway. Follow the drive to join the road at High Bridge village **3**.

Turn left to reach the A39 and cross the road with care to the Williton sign opposite and a metal 2-in-1 gate **4**. Go through the gate and follow the path to a gate on your left signed for the Coleridge Way and West Somerset Coast Path – a feather quill and an ammonite fossil.

Go through this gate and up the hill staying on this field edge path through several gates and fields until you pass Stoodleigh Wood **5**. At the end of the next field take the gate on your right and walk along the hedge to Luckes Lane. Turn left up the lane and keep left where it joins the

road through West Quantoxhead, until you reach the A39. In the parkland opposite you can see the beautiful St Ethelreda's Church **6**. Turn right and walk on the grass verge in front of The Windmill Inn to reach the footpath that runs behind the hedge next to the road.

At the end of this path turn right up the driveway, and continue for about 150 metres, keeping left to go up the hill and through the gate. This path takes you along the edge of Staple Plantation, later revealing stunning, panoramic views and a welcome bench **7** to take a breather.

Stay on the path past a gateway **8** on your left, after which you will see a sign for a permissive path to the left. Leave the track here and follow the path through the trees for some distance, staying close to the boundary fence.

When you reach a signpost **9** to the A39, Minehead and Bridgwater, turn left through the gate and down towards the main road, but turn right just before reaching it onto a field edge path to another gate a little further along the A39. Cross the road carefully and go through the opposite gate. Turn right and then left and follow this headland path over the crossing of paths and through two fields to re-join the England Coast Path **10**.

Stay on the Coast Path following signs to Doniford until it slopes down to the beach at St Audries Bay. This section of path is unavailable at high tide so please check the tide times before you begin. Continue along the beach and past the waterfall **11**, and then turn left up the steps and path to return to your starting point at the top.