

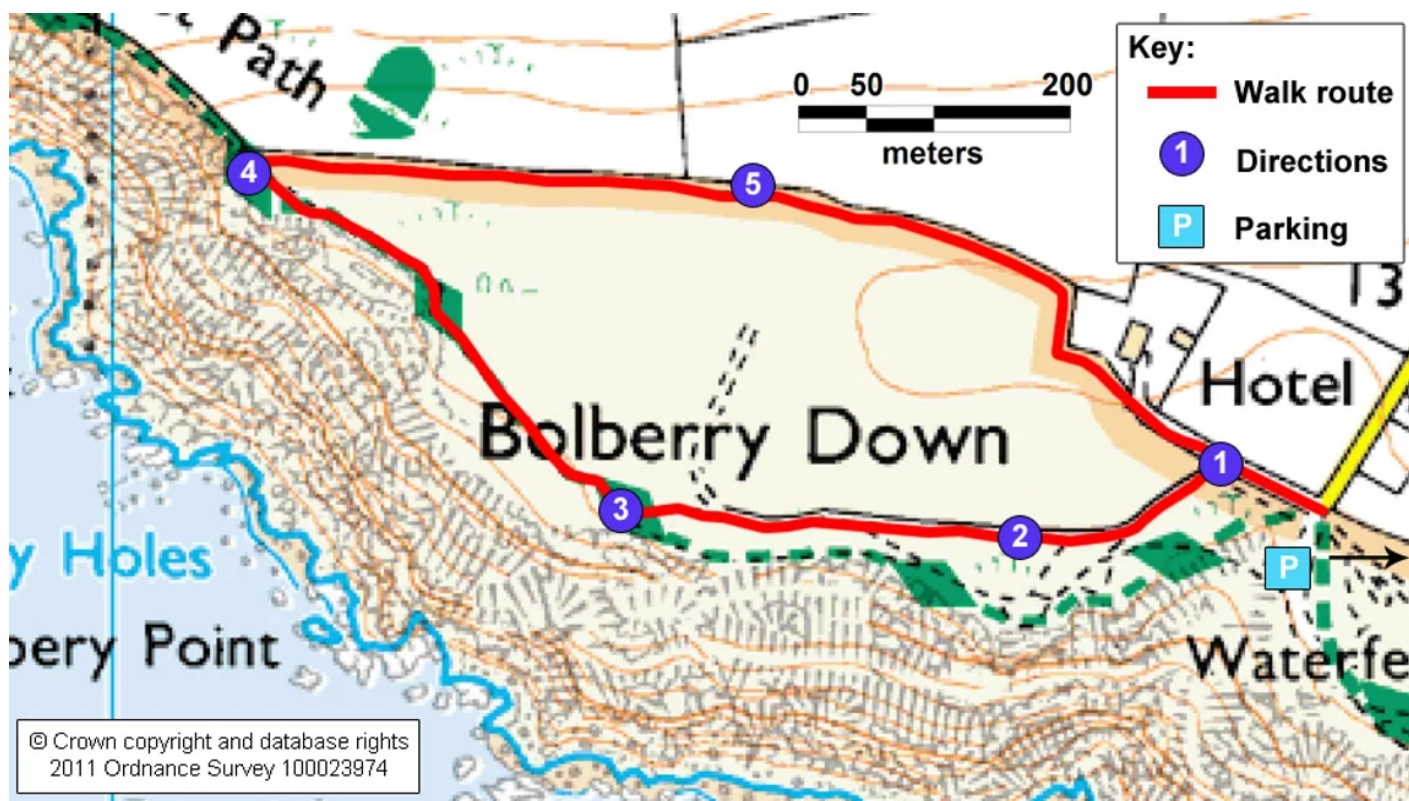
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Amble on the Down coastal walk

A circular route around the flat plateau of Bolberry Down, offering easy walking and far-reaching inland and sea views. Take your time, have a seat at the viewpoints and immerse yourself in this spectacular coastline.

Extend your walk

For a longer walk, you can combine this route with the Bolberry Down and Soar Mill Cove trail. This 5 mile (8km) walk also starts from the National Trust Car Park at Bolberry and can be found on our website.



Information

Address: Bolberry Down, near Malborough, South Devon, TQ7 3DY

OS map: Explorer OL20

Activity: Walking

Easy: The route is on tarmac, gravel and grass footpaths. For further details, see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome on leads.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Easy

Duration: 30 mins - 40 mins

Terrain

The first section of the walk, along the cliffs from Bolberry Down towards Bolt Tail, is on a tarmac trail. This then becomes a surfaced gravel path. The return leg is on a well-used grass path.

Total steps: 5

Start point: Bolberry Down National Trust car park, grid ref SX689384

1. From the car park, follow the easy access trail along the edge of the road towards Oceans Reach. When you come to a metal gate on the edge of Bolberry Down, bear left on the tarmac path that heads towards the sea.
2. Continue along this path between the pockets of gorse, making sure to take in the breathtaking views. In May, the seaward slopes here offer spectacular displays of spring squill and the rocks are dotted with thrift, stonecrop and kidney vetch.
3. The path gradually bears to the right and becomes hard standing gravel until the end of the down. As you break free from the corridor of gorse, views over Bigbury Bay and Burgh Island will open up in front of you.
4. When you reach a kissing gate set in a dry-stone wall, it's time to head back inland across Bolberry Down. Follow the path along the dry-stone wall boundary. While this part of the route isn't surfaced, it is level underfoot and well drained for most of the year.
5. Soon, the former Port Light Hotel will come into view, followed by the metal gate back to your starting point at the car park.

End point: Bolberry Down National Trust car park, grid ref SX689384