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Morte Point and Bull Point circular coastal walk

Once notorious for smugglers and wreckers, this stretch of coastline is a great place to enjoy the dramatic scenery of rocky headlands, secluded coves and sandy bays. As you walk from Morte Point towards the lighthouse at Bull Point, look out for seals and take in the coastal heathland and maritime grasslands, which are great habitats for birds and other wildlife.



Information

Address: Mortehoe near Woolacombe, North Devon

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OS map: Explorer 139 Activity: Walking

Challenging: Steep, rocky coastal paths. For further

details, see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but must be kept

under close control at all times.

Full trail: Miles: 6 (km: 9.6)
Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours 30 mins - 3 hours

Terrain

The walk is on rocky coastal footpaths with high cliffs and steep valleys. Paths can be muddy and slippery in wet weather.

Total steps: 6

Start point: Mortehoe village car park, grid ref SS458453

- From Mortehoe village car park, turn left past the village shop. Take the lane on the right, between the church and The Ship Aground pub, signposted Coast Path.
 Continue onto the National Trust path to Morte Point, keeping to the right of the cemetery and entering through the official gates onto Morte Point itself.
- Continue straight on, taking the broad grass track downhill. Turn left after 220yd (200m) to join a footpath that links to the coast path. The path will now take you around Morte Point.
- 3. Follow the coast path through to Bull Point and the lighthouse, passing Rockham Bay and its sandy beach. Take the gravel path on the left round the back of the lighthouse and rejoin the coast path.
- 4. Continue uphill until the path starts to descend steeply down the steps to the secluded rocky bay of Bennett's Mouth. Before the bridle gate, take a sharp right onto the path signposted Mortehoe. Follow the path, keeping the stream on your left.
- 5. Pass through a bridle gate and continue to a signpost. Keep to the lower footpath until you come to a bridge on your left. Don't cross the bridge, but instead follow the path uphill until you reach the tarmac path at the top. Turn left to head back towards

 Mortehoe
- 6. Follow the lane to a metal gate, go through it and continue on the road back to Mortehoe village car park.

End point: Mortehoe village car park, grid ref SS458453