

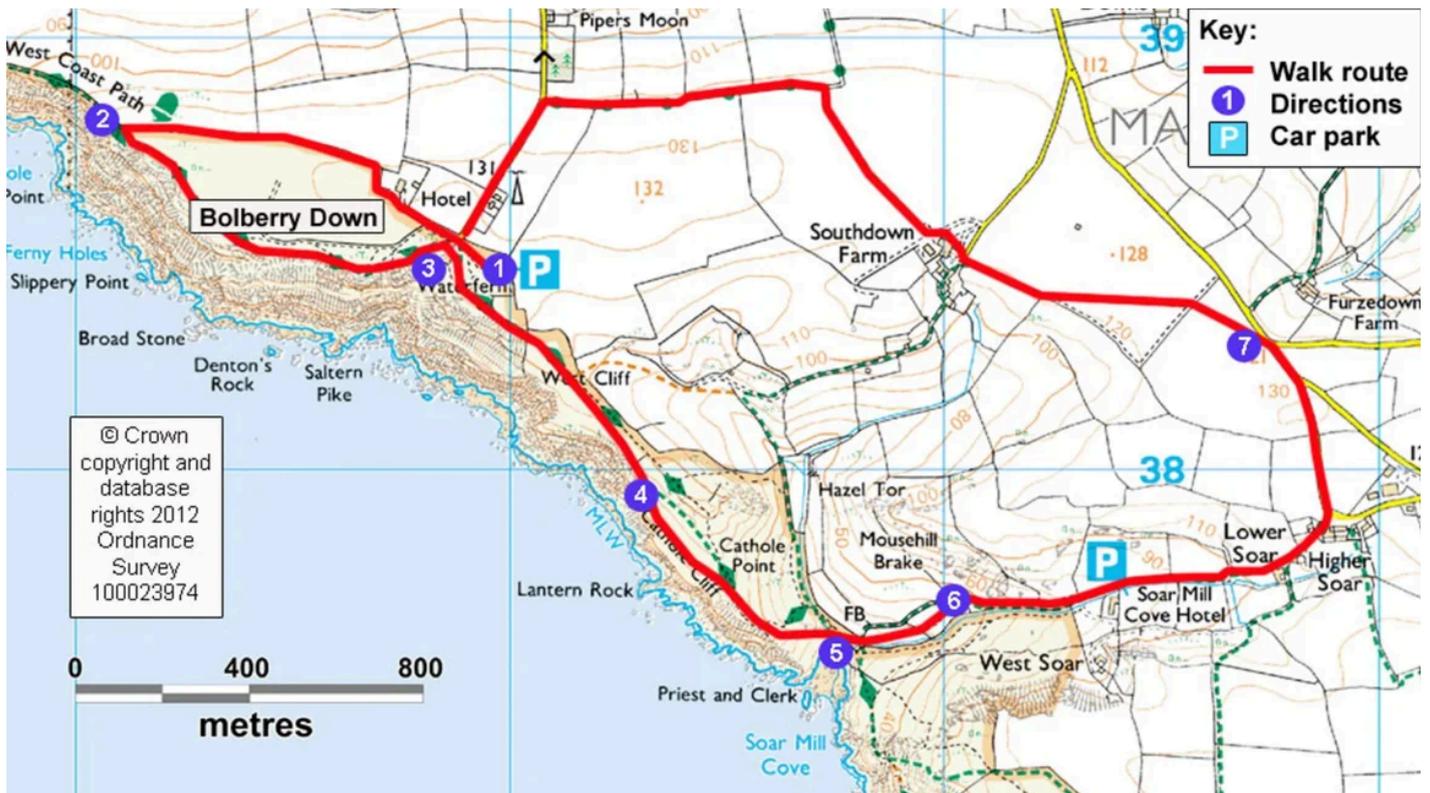
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Bolberry Down and Soar Mill Cove walk

Discover a circular walk that takes in some of the most scenic coastline of South Devon. Find out more about the history of the area and enjoy far-reaching views out to sea and along the coast. Much of the area is listed as being of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its insects, bird and plant life. Don't forget to bring your binoculars to make the most of your visit.

⚠ Please be aware of livestock

Be aware that you may encounter livestock, which can include sheep and cattle, on this route. Please follow the guidance of onsite signage and take any dog waste away with you.



Information

Address: Bolberry Down car park, Bolberry Down and Soar Mill Cove, Salcombe, Devon. Grid ref SX688385

Activity: Walking

Easy: Coastal path trail through fields and along cliff edges. For further information see Terrain.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 4.5 (km: 7.2)

Short trail: Miles: 4 (km: 6.4)

Duration: 2 hours - 3 hours

Terrain

Coastal path along cliffs and through fields. Moderate climbs, uneven paths and can be muddy in winter.

Total stages: 7

Start point: Bolberry Down car park, grid ref SX688385

1. Walk along the road, signposted Hope Cove, towards Thirty-Three restaurant. Go through the gate on the left and take the path along the field boundary. Follow the field edge, you will soon pass a row of upright stones which are called orthostats; the first of several you'll see along the route. To the west are views over Bigbury Bay and Burgh Island. This is where author Agatha Christie set two of her mysteries.
2. Join the coast path above Fernyhole Point. For a 45-minute detour to the Iron Age cliff fort at Bolt Tail, turn right through the stone gateway, otherwise turn left to follow the path across Bolberry Down. Continue along the cliffs, taking the lower route where the paths forks. Follow the path around the cliff and back towards the car park.
3. At the car park, follow the coast path out onto West Cliff towards the ridge of Cathole Cliff, with the Warren beyond.
4. Continue down the spine of Cathole Cliff. Near the end of Cathole Cliff, descend the zig-zag path to the valley bottom. Turn right and follow the path to Soar Mill Cove, passing an inscribed gatepost; a piece of shipwreck timber.
5. After taking a break at the cove, leave the beach to the east and cross the footbridge. Turn left up the slope.
6. You will merge into a lane. Follow the lane past the Soar Mill Cove Hotel. Continue up the lane into Lower Soar, and bear left along the road. At the second junction, climb the ladder stile on your left into the fields of Southdown Farm.

7. Cross two fields and turn right at the far hedge towards the farm. Go over a stile and onto a track. Go over a second stile and follow the path around the back of the barns. Go through a gate and onto another track. Take the path on the right along the field edge and eventually turn left into Jacob's Lane. Follow this ancient lane to reach the road, turn left and return to the car park where you started.

End point: Bolberry Down car park, grid ref SX688385
