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## Saltram boundary walk

On the edge of the Plym Estuary, the Saltram estate comprises a Georgian mansion surrounded by the remains of 18th-century landscaped parkland. Enjoy a circular walk following the perimeter, with views of the estuary and Blaxton saltmarsh.



### Information

Address: Saltram House, Plymouth, Devon, PL7 1UH

OS map: Landranger 201

Activity: Walking

Easy: This walk comprises mixed terrain, but none should be too challenging. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but please keep them on leads, especially around the car park area.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 30 mins - 40 mins

### Terrain

This walk includes a steep section with steps. The ground can get muddy, especially after wet weather, so walking boots are recommended.

### Total steps: 7

Start point: Saltram House car park. Grid ref: SX520556

1. From the car park, follow the entrance drive before turning right. Head up a corridor footpath signposted Merafield, between fields on rising ground.
2. Turn left at the top of the rise, following the edge of the field, which is often grazed by South Devon cattle in the summer. View the house and panorama of the Plym on your left.
3. At this point, cross the estate drive – be careful, as this is the main entrance and exit for the estate. Follow the boundary walk path down a flight of steps through woodland, with the A38 road close by on your right. Before leaving the wood, take a seat on one of the benches and enjoy the pleasant views towards the estuary.
4. Upon leaving the wood, the fenced path crosses pasture fields, and in front of you you'll see a vista of the Plym Valley, dominated by the A38 flyover and the houses of Estover in the background. On the horizon, partially obscured by trees, is the Triumphal Arch – a folly erected in 1783 by the Parker family.
5. At the drive, turn left. This is Longbridge Drive, and at this point it's fringed with woodland. In the spring, it becomes carpeted with snowdrops, daffodils and bluebells.
6. Opposite the sign for Snowdrop Wood Forest School, you can choose to take a short deviation down the woodland track to a bench overlooking the saltmarsh. This area is known as Blaxton Meadow. Originally embanked, it was reclaimed by the Parker family in the 1860s. Since 1986, restoration work has been carried out to return the land to saltmarsh, and it is now a haven for numerous wading birds.
7. If you took the deviation, return to the main path. Carry on along Longbridge Drive, up the steep rise, and back to the car park.

End point: Saltram House car park. Grid ref: SX520556