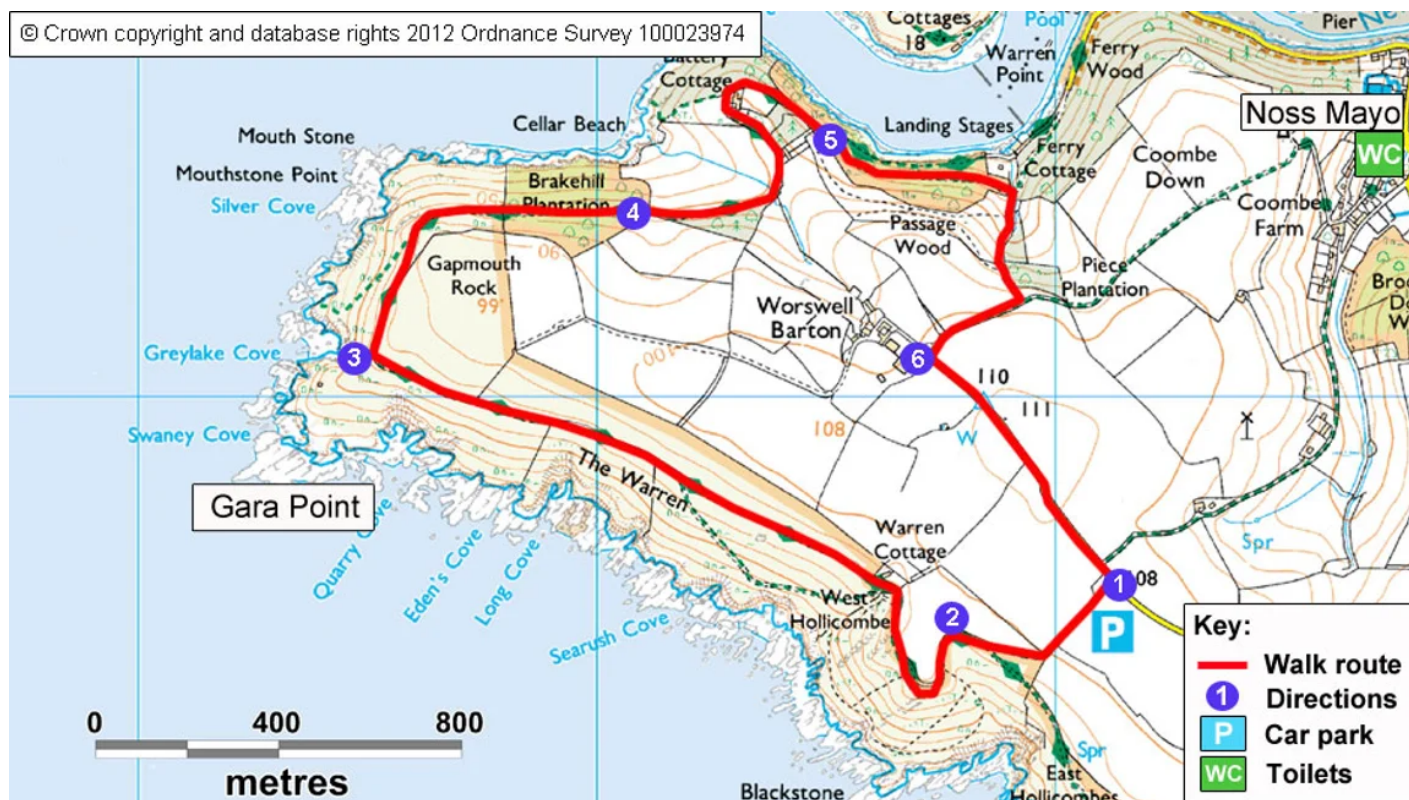


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Gara Point walk

A strenuous but rewarding circular walk round the wilder side of the Yealm estuary, from Gara Point to Noss Mayo, taking in a combination of Victorian history and wildlife along the way.



Information

Address: National Trust car park at Warren, Hannaford Road, Devon PL8 1EL. Grid ref: SX541465.

OS map: Landranger 201

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Easy initially, then steep ascent, steps and stiles. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome, but must be kept on a lead, as the walk passes through grazing areas for cattle and sheep.

Full trail: Miles: 3.5 (km: 5.6)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 3 hours

Terrain

Easy-going to begin with, but with a steep ascent, steps and stiles in the later sections.

Total steps: 5

Start point: National Trust car park at Warren, Hannaford Road, Devon PL8 1EL. Grid ref: SX541465.

1. From the car park take the track until it joins the coast path, then turn right. You're now walking along Revelstoke Drive (also known as Nine Mile). Looking east you'll see the Gunrow signal station, while directly below you is Blackstone Point, a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Continue west along the path, enjoying views over Wembury Bay towards Plymouth Sound, and pass through two gates beside Warren Cottage. If you want to explore secluded Warren beach, and perhaps spot a seal, take the steep path on the left after the second gate (recommended for agile walkers only), otherwise stay on the coast path.
2. Follow the path until you're above Gara Point. Continue around the headland, passing paths leading down to Gara Point, and an alternative route to Cellars Beach via Greylake Cove. The panoramic view extends from Rame Head in the west, past the Mewstone, Wembury Point, St Werburgh Church, Season Point at the mouth of the Yealm and east to Newton Ferrers.
3. Follow the path through Brakehill Plantation, Continue on past the former coastguard cottages. To visit the old fishing cove of Cellars beach (recommended for agile walkers only), take the path on the left just after you reach Battery Cottage.
4. Continue along the road into Passage Wood (the path left leads down through woods and along the riverbank to the ferry and village). Turn right at the signposted path to Stoke (for a longer walk, keep on the road to Noss Mayo and the seasonal ferry) and climb the very steep hill, pausing occasionally to take in the views up the River Yealm to Warren Point and Newton Ferrers. Part-way up the hill go through the gate on your left and into Piece Plantation. Go over a small bridge and up some steps to reach a stile.
5. Turn right, following the track to Worswell Farm (left leads to Noss Mayo). At the junction turn left and follow the lane, with its views of the coast and Dartmoor, until you reach the car park.

End point: National Trust car park at Warren, Hannaford Road, Devon PL8 1EL. Grid ref:
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