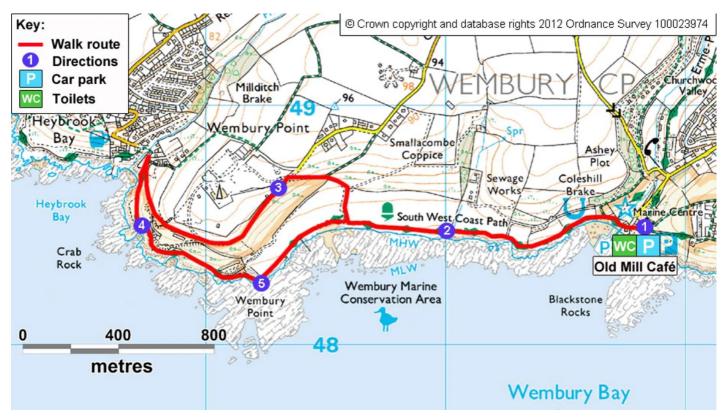


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Wembury Beach to Heybrook Bay circular walk

This moderate coastal walk passes through a wildlife-rich Site of Special Scientific Interest and the former HMS Cambridge base, before looping back to take in dramatic views of the Great Mewstone.



Information

Address: Wembury Beach National Trust car park, Wembury, Devon, PL9 OHR

OS map: Landranger 201

Activity: Walking

Moderate: The route is on generally flat coastal paths but with some steep climbs. For further details, see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Please keep dogs under close control around cattle and ponies and on a lead around sheep.

Full trail: Miles: 3.0 (km: 4.8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours

Terrain

The route is along sections of the South West Coast Path, including near cliff edges. It's fairly level but with some steep climbs. It can be muddy in places.

Total steps: 5

Start point: Wembury Beach National Trust car park, grid ref SX515485

- 1. From the car park entrance, turn down the slipway towards Wembury Beach, passing the Old Mill Café on your left. Take the coast path on the right, running behind the beach, and follow it west along the cliffs.
- 2. After about 15 minutes, turn right up the narrow track signposted to Spring Road. At the next fork, take the left-hand path, climbing through hawthorn, blackthorn and elder scrub.
- 3. The path emerges onto the old access road to HMS Cambridge, now narrowed and landscaped by the National Trust. Turn Left and follow the path.
- 4. Stay on this road to Heybrook Bay as the path drops down into the village. Take a sharp left at the coast path waymark and head east, past an old military boundary stone.
- 5. From Wembury Point, follow the coast path for a short detour to the beach and its 19th-century boathouse. Owned by the Calmadys of nearby Langdon Court, it once had a pitched roof and chimneys, and was used by day-trippers to the Mewstone. Continue back along the coast path to your starting point at Wembury Beach.

End point: Wembury Beach National Trust car park, grid ref SX515485