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Morte Point walk: seals and smugglers

This route takes you out onto Morte Point, with impressive views towards Woolacombe beach and Baggly Point, where you may also see Atlantic grey seals who play close to the shore. The walk is dedicated to National Trust co-founder Octavia Hill. Morte Point was an early gift to the National Trust from Rosalie Chichester (who resided at Arlington Court) and now, close to 120 years later, it is timely to reflect on the foresight of those individuals who helped to shape the coast and countryside we enjoy today.

! 'Stegosaurus' rocks

Be careful on these rocks, as they can be sharp and slippery.



Information

Address: Morte Point near Woolacombe, North Devon, EX34 7DT

OS map: Explorer 139; Landranger 180

Activity: Walking

Easy: Follows the South West Coast Path, with some sections uneven, rocky and steep.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome under close control.

Full trail: Miles: 2.2 (km: 3.52)

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins - 2 hours

Terrain

Follows the South West Coast Path, with some sections uneven, rocky and steep.

Total steps: 4

Start point: Morte Point village car park, grid ref SS458453

1. From Morte Point 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.
2. Continue straight on, taking the left-hand broad grass track downhill. Turn left after 440yd (400m) to join a footpath which links to the coast path. The path will now take you around Morte Point.
3. When you reach the fingerpost, follow the direction which says 'Morte Point ½ mile.'
4. Continue up a gentle slope, keeping the old derelict wall on the left until you reach the point where you entered Morte Point and retrace your steps back to the car park.

End point: Morte Point village car park, grid ref SS458453