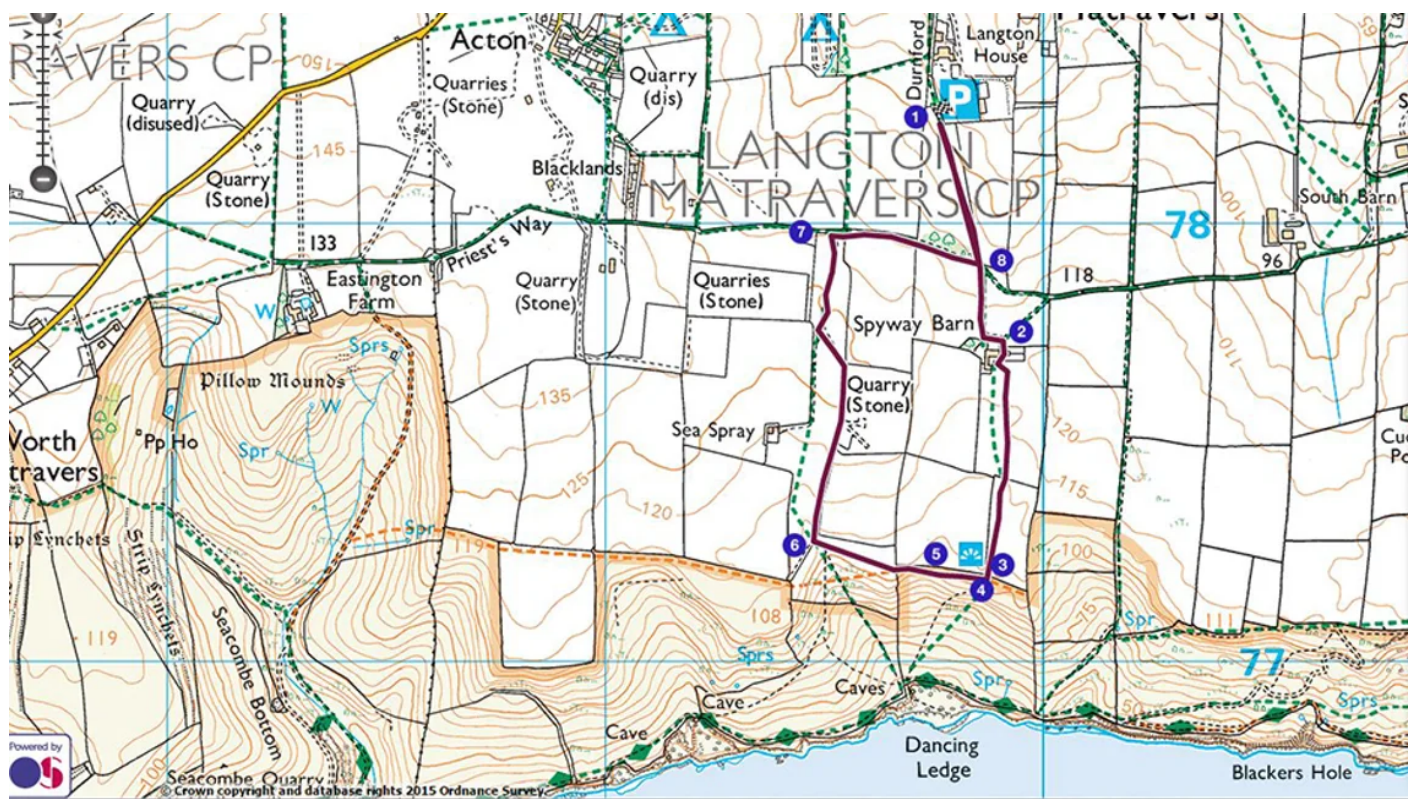


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Spyway sea saunter

This flat, circular walk on the south Purbeck coast takes you across rich grasslands with great sea views. There's an optional detour to the striking quarry formation known as the Dancing Ledge and a chance to see some sculpted animals and some real deer.



Information

Address: Langton Matravers, near Swanage, Dorset, BH19 3HG

OS map: Explorer OL15

Activity: Walking

Easy: An easy route on flat tracks and grassland.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but must be kept under close control.

Full trail: Miles: 1.5 (km: 2.4)

Access: Easy

Duration: 45 mins

Terrain

An easy route on flat tracks and grassland, with some uneven and muddy areas.

Total steps: 8

Start point: Spyway car park, grid ref SY997784

1. The walk starts at the kissing gate at the end of the car park and continues along the track ahead of you. You'll cross the ancient Priest's Way in Purbeck.
2. Continue along the track to the farm buildings. Between the cottages and the buildings, take time to stop off at the display barn to find out more about conservation in this area.
3. Now head into the grassland. Here, you may see sika or roe deer or hear the loud whistling call of the sika stags during the autumn breeding season. Taking in the views to the English Channel, keep going through the grassland until you reach a kissing gate and a distinctive sculpture.
4. Once through the kissing gate you're rewarded with coastal views and the chance to sit and savour this diverse landscape. From here, turn right and head west along the track at the top of the hill, keeping the dry stone wall to your right and the sea to your left.
5. Continue straight ahead through the gap in the wall.
6. Go through the kissing gate and turn right away from the sea, heading inland up the track.
7. When you reach the gates at the end of the field, stop to admire the views of the Purbeck Hills, Swanage Bay and the Isle of Wight. Go through the gate, turn right and continue along the Priest's Way.
8. Go through the next gate and turn immediately left back into the field where the car park is.

End point: Spyway car park, grid ref SY997784