

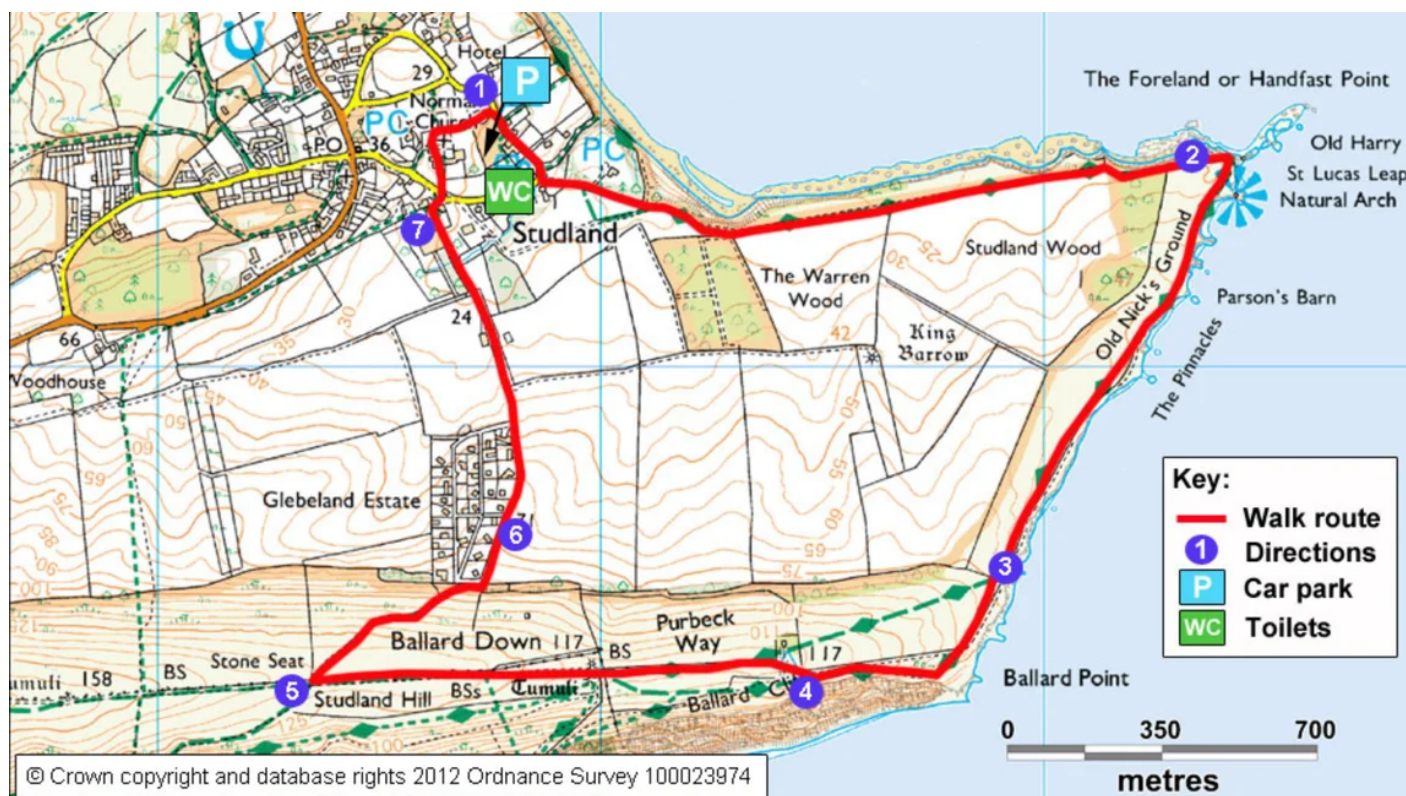
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Old Harry Rocks walk

Take in breathtaking views of the Jurassic coast and unique rock formations on this circular coastal trail from South Beach in Studland, with Celtic earthworks and plenty of wildlife to enjoy along the way.

⚠ Beware of cliff edges

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Information

Address: South Beach car park, Studland, Dorset

OS map: SZ038824

Activity: Walking

Moderate: This is a fairly gentle walk, normally with good conditions underfoot. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Well behaved dogs are welcome in the outside seating area of Knoll Beach Café where there are shelters, water bowls, dog ties and some shade.

Full trail: Miles: 3.5 (km: 5.6)

Duration: 1 hour - 2 hours

Terrain

This is a fairly gentle walk, normally with good conditions underfoot. One steady climb up Ballard Down. Beware of sheer cliff edges on and approaching Old Harry.

Total steps: 8

Start point: South Beach car park, Studland, Dorset grid ref: SZ038824

1. From the car park walk down the road past the Bankes Arms pub and turn left by the public toilets on to the path signed for Old Harry.
2. From Old Harry follow the coast path up a gentle rise, keeping well back from the sheer cliff edge.
3. At the first gate, keep to the cliff top path. There's a good variety of chalk grassland flowers in the short turf, but you'll need to go down on hands and knees to best enjoy them. Look back to enjoy a fine view of the Pinnacle stack.
4. Go through a farm gate and head straight on past earthworks and along Ballard Down.
5. When you get to a junction with a sign on your left for Swanage and a stone bench on your right, turn right down the hill towards Studland.
6. Follow the road down through the Glebeland estate.
7. Go straight on at the crossroads, following the sign for the church.
8. At the end of the lane, go through the gate into the churchyard. Pass the church on your right then turn immediately right and follow the footpath back to your starting point.

End point: South Beach car park, Studland, Dorset grid ref: SZ038824