South West Coast Path

NATIONAL TRAIL

The South West Coast Path is renowned as one of the world's best walks. Its journey around the edge of the Westcountry is like no other as it passes through five Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, seventeen Heritage Coasts, a National Park, two World Heritage Sites, a UNESCO Geopark and Britain's first UNESCO Biosphere reserve.

The contrasting landscapes of wild, rugged beauty, bustling seaside resorts, idyllic fishing villages, woodland, pastures and sandy beaches along the coast from Minehead to the shores of Poole Harbour, are truly inspirational and every day walking the path brings stunning new experiences.

Whether you are planning a 630 mile adventure along the entire path or an afternoon stroll, the official South West Coast Path website has all the information you need.

www.southwestcoastpath.com

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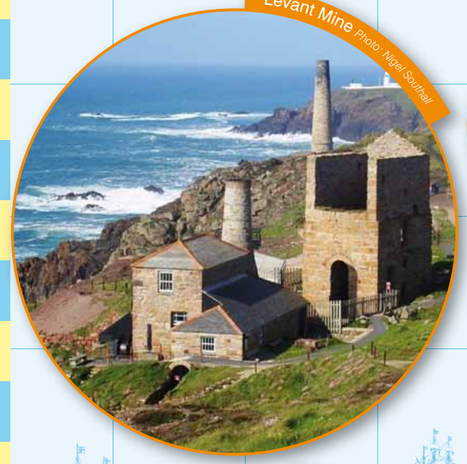
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Minehead:
The start (or finish) of the South West Coast Path

Great Hangman (1043ft):
The highest point on the Coast Path.

Culbone:
England's smallest parish church.

Golden Cap:
The highest point on the south coast of England.

South Haven Point:
The Start (or finish) of the South West Coast Path. Between here and Minehead the path climbs and ascends over 115,000 feet – almost 4 times the height of Everest.

Morewenstow:
This 10 mile section of coast has had over 150 shipwrecks.

Tintagel:
Home of King Arthur.

From Minehead to here is the equivalent height gain and loss as walking up from sea level to the summit of Mount Everest and back.

St Ives to Sennen Cove:
22 miles without passing through a village – the wildest and most remote section of the path.

Cape Cornwall:
England's only cape. The point at which the Atlantic currents split and flow south up the English Channel or north into the Bristol Channel and Irish Sea.

Poldhu:
First ever transatlantic radio signals sent from here in 1901.

Falmouth:
The third largest natural harbour in the world.

The Lizard:
Great Britain's most southerly point.

The Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site:
Between Orcombe Point, Exmouth and Old Harry's Rocks near Swanage, 185 million years of the Earth's history are packed into 95 miles of coast – a chance to walk through time.

From Minehead to here is the equivalent height gain and loss as walking up from sea level to the summit of Mount Everest and back twice.

From Minehead to here is the equivalent height gain and loss as walking up from sea level to the summit of Mount Everest and back three times.

SOUTH WEST COAST PATH
MINEHEAD 551 MILES
POOLE 49 MILES

MINEHEAD 630mls
COAST PATH

Miles
0 10 20 30 40 50

Distance in miles from Poole Harbour. Distance in miles from Minehead.

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