

## **LOCAL WALKS**

There are lots of local walks available via the internet. Some links are:

[www.southwestcoastpath.com/day-walks](http://www.southwestcoastpath.com/day-walks)

[www.walkingindevon.co.uk/torbay.php](http://www.walkingindevon.co.uk/torbay.php)

[www.ifootpath.com](http://www.ifootpath.com)

Here's a few of our favourites:

### **Cockington Circular Walk**

(56 mins / 2.8 miles)

Cross the traffic lights outside onto Old Mill Road. Continue on this road past the shops & up the hill until you reach Chelston Hall Surgery where you follow the road to the right (Greenway Road).

Turn left where signposted to Cockington via St Matthews Road.

Turn right at the end and continue on St Matthews Road then left into Herbert Road.

Turn right where signed to Seaway Lane then turn left at the end onto Vicarage Hill.

This road takes you into Cockington Village.

There's Cockington Hall & grounds (craft centre, church, grounds & café), the Drum Inn & various gift & tea shops.

*This is the point when we'd stop to have a cream tea or a pint!*

(20 mins - 1 mile)

Alternate route back - from the village centre, walk down Cockington Lane (the other side of Rose Cottage than the one you came down earlier).

To the left just after the houses is a gate onto a streamside woodland path rather than taking the road.

At the end, continue over both roundabouts on Cockington Lane.

This brings you onto the sea front.

Turn left towards Torquay, and left again after the Grand Hotel to come back out on Avenue Road.

(36 mins - 1.8 miles)

If you wanted to extend the walk, go up the hill in Cockington centre, past the old forge. On the right, turn into Cockington Court grounds before you get to the carpark. Just after the little cottage and the gates, turn left and under the bridge. There are pretty ponds with ducks to the left of the T junction or go to the right and there is a whole wood to explore.

### **Rock End Walk**

(70 mins / 2 miles)

Drive to Daddy Hole Plain (TQ1 2LJ) and park in free car park.

Head along the South West Coast Path toward Torquay. Please note, there are some steep steps along the way.

You will come out through the entrance to the Imperial Hotel car park.

Turn left onto Parkhill Road down towards the Harbour.

*This is the point where we'd have a spot of lunch at a café on the harbour.*

Walk round the harbour via the Millennium bridge & turn right onto The Strand towards the clock tower. At Mallock clock tower, head left up Torwood Street.

Turn right up Parkhill Road at the traffic lights & bear left onto Meadfoot Road.

Keep on this road, past Meadfoot Lane until you reach the crossroads.

Turn right onto Parkhill Road again and left into Daddyhole Road.

*For a slightly longer walk, begin at The 25, and start the circular walk at the clock tower in the harbour.*

### **Berry Head Nature Reserve to Brixham**

(30 mins / 1.5 miles) **TQ5 9AP**

After a great breakfast or lunch at the Guardhouse Café and a wander round the head, walk back out of the fortified walls and pick up signs to the right for Brixham and the South West Coastal Path.

Follow the road through the woods (please note if it's been wet lately, it could be a little muddy) then past the Berry Head Hotel.

Walk through Shoalstone Outdoor Pool carpark (maybe stop off for a swim?) to re-join the coastal path.

Keep following in the same direction to get to Brixham harbour and town.

There's plenty to do in Brixham while you're there, then walk back the way you came.

### **Circular Walk to Babbacombe/St Marychurch**

(100 mins / 5 miles)

This isn't the most picturesque walk as much of it is residential streets, and most of it's up hill on the way there. However, if it's a nice day, it's a shame to use the car when you can walk to Babbacombe and it's so worth it.

Turn right out of our carpark, and right again at the traffic lights up Mill Lane. At the top, turn left onto South Street and up the main road past the police station and cross the road past the climbing centre on your left. Follow Upton Road signed for Teignmouth, then round to the right towards the coach station.

At the roundabout, turn left onto Lymington Road, with the coach station on your left and at the next roundabout, carry straight on up Upton Hill. Carry on up the hill up Forest Road.

Continue on this road for a while until you get to the end and then turn left onto St Marychurch Road. You will soon pass Waitrose on your left.

After the traffic lights this becomes Manor Road.

Just after the big blue sign for St Marychurch, you might like to visit [Tessier Gardens](#) on your right.

Continuing on Manor Road, at the end you can turn left at the traffic lights for [Bygones](#) Victorian Museum & [St Marychurch](#) (the inspiration for Agatha Christie's St Marymead in Miss Marple) or right to continue to Babbacombe.

Turn right onto Babbacombe Road (A379), then fork left into Babbacombe Downs Road.

Just down here you'll find [Babbacombe Model Village](#) on your left, [Babbacombe Cliff Railway](#) in front of you, which leads to [Oddicombe Beach](#), a nice café, the South West coastal path, and the Cary Arms.

Continue right for a walk along the promenade, bars, [Hanburys](#) chip shop, [Babbacombe theatre](#) and shopping.

Alternate route back – with your back to the theatre, turn left away from the sea down Babbacombe Downs Road and turn left onto Babbacombe Road (A379). Continue on this road for some time – which eventually becomes Torwood Street. You will pass Torquay Museum just before reaching the Torquay Harbour & town centre. Turn right on the seafront along the promenade and through Torre Abbey gardens to head back to The 25.

***If you'd like your own printed copy of these instructions let us know.***

*If we could improve the descriptions above, or they are not clear, please give us feedback so we can amend them for future guests...thanks.*