

Watcombe Beach Walk

Distance: 1 miles

Type: Easy (with steps and some hills)

Start facing the Happy Apple. Turn left and take the first right down Rowley Road. Carry straight on to the main road and then turn left and cross the road at the roundabout. You have now reached Petitor Road. Continue down Petitor Road passing the Golf club on your left. When you get to the end of this road you will notice a metal kissing gate at the bottom. Pass through this on to the coastal path. You will notice that at this point you have several choices. You can either go down the hill to the right or the left or stay on the level and follow the path round to the left passing the houses on the left. Our route takes us to the left. (If you go down to the right you come to the old path to Little [Oddicombe beach](#) that is now closed due to rock fall – Down to the left takes you to Petitor beach which is a naturalist beach). Follow the stony path around the houses to the left (be warned it can get muddy in bad weather) You will notice the greens and fairways of the golf club to your left watch out for stray balls!



Once you've passed the golf course, take the left hand fork down the steps and follow the winding path through the trees.

Just on the brow of the hill you will find the path forks, follow the signs for the coast path to Watcombe – and turn right up the steps. At the top of this hill on the left is a good local spot for flying kites or having a picnic, depending on how windy it is! There is also a bench here for a break with a great view out to long quarry, Hopes Nose and the Orestone rock. If you happen to be out on a Sunday morning you should see the dinghies from Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing club out on the water. You can also see down to Babbacombe and Oddicombe beach and The Cary Arms on the hill.

From the picnic spot continue on into the wooded tunnel that marks the beginning of the woods. The path now takes you slightly down hill and you can see the woods expanding down the hill to your right.

When you reach the next glimpse of the sea, you are presented with the opportunity to go right or straight on. You can go either way but we suggest following the coast path to the right as it offers the best views. (We will meet the other path later on as it offers a less challenging walk with less hills.) Follow the steps down, round the corner onto another winding path beneath the trees. The path begins to descend at this point with occasional steps and beautiful sea views.





Keep walking through the open clearing of the trees. Come out from the trees and continue up the hill. At the top of this incline you will re join the path that we left earlier on.

Keep going down the hill and you will see the dark red walls surrounding [Watcombe beach](#) to your right. Keep going straight on on to the wide path. Do not be tempted by the enticing trail to the right (They are hazardous!) There is no quick way down. Come to the road and go down the hill to the beach. If you carry on up and then immediately right, you are back on the coast path that

takes you first to Maidencombe (in about a mile – nice pub for lunch [The Thatched Tavern](#)) and from then on along to Shaldon and Teignmouth. But were going down the hill to the beach – there are public toilets open from 9 – 6 in the summer. There is a step descent down to the beach either by a road or via steps.



Watcombe is one of the few beaches that does allow dogs in the summer. There is a café on the beach that offers a good variety of well priced drinks and snacks.

Foraging: Elderberries, nettles, rose hips, ground elder, dandelions, wild strawberries, primroses blackberries.

