



Sounds Great

Jo Vaughan takes us on a beautiful walk on the Devon coast, close to one of the Club's most scenic sites



THIS HAS to be one of the most attractive walks I've found. It has everything – rolling countryside, a beach full of rockpools, the possibility of cream tea, clifftops, wild ponies and even a small harbour.

Starting at The Odd Wheel pub in Wembury, about three miles from the Club's Plymouth Sound site, the going is relatively easy, although there are a couple of steep climbs, one of which you can avoid by missing out instruction '8'.

Let's talk a bit more about that wonderful cream tea, available from the little café beside the beach. It was the best I've ever tasted – warm home-made scones,

locally-produced jam, clotted cream and a hot chocolate with marshmallows, provided instead of tea upon my request.

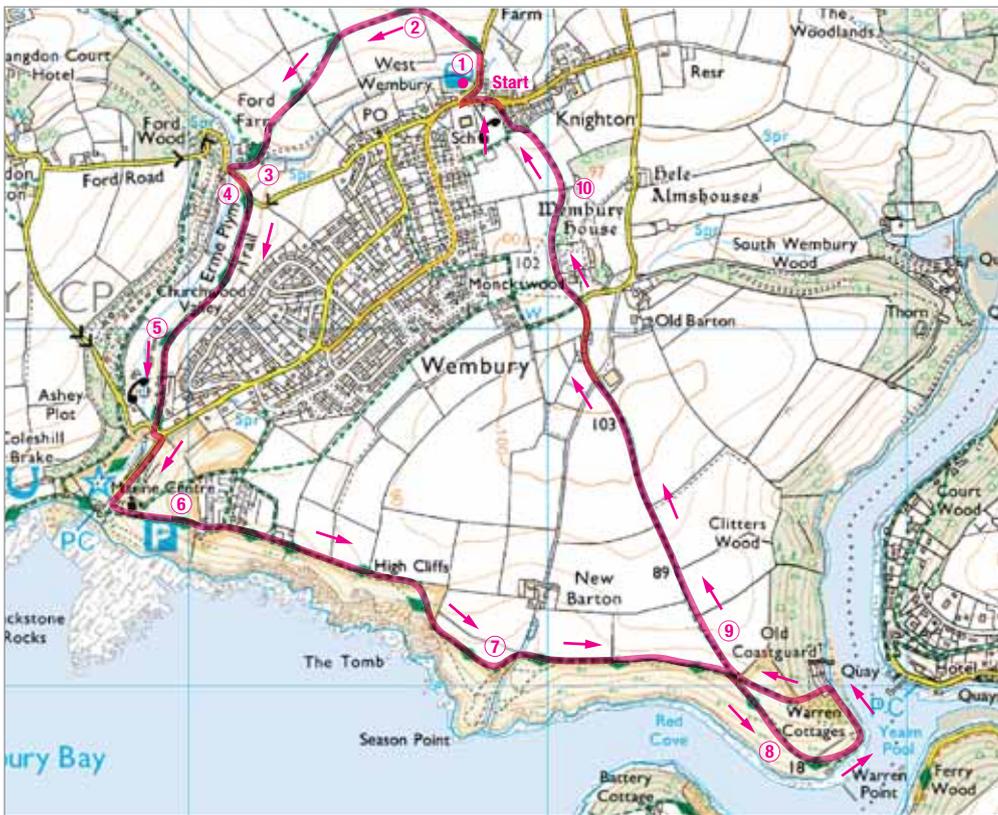
On a more serious note, please consider the driving instructions if you are in anything larger than a small car – the roads are narrow around this area, and, having ignored my own advice, I found that my little VW camper only just squeezed down the lanes.

DIRECTIONS

1 From the pub's front door, veer slightly left to walk down Traine Road. Go round a left-hand bend and then as you start to go uphill, past a 30mph speed sign, >>



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turn left onto a public footpath marked 'No 17 – Ford ½ mile, Langdon 1½', crossing the V-stile as you go. Follow the clearly-trodden footpath across the field.

2 At another public footpath sign, veer left to follow its direction across the next field. Follow the yellow arrow diagonally across the next field, walking directly towards the sea, which you can see between the valley's flanks. Go through the gap in the hedge and continue following the yellow arrow, this time keeping to the left side of the field as it sharply descends.

3 Go over the V-stile and continue ahead again, first passing through the field,

ignoring a narrow alley to the left that passes through a clump of trees. Very soon, veer left into a second small alley, where you will immediately find a fence and a stile. Cross this and continue.

4 Where the path branches, continue ahead by keeping to the left. Go down the lane through the houses. At the T-junction turn left up the lane, but keep your eye open for a public footpath sign on the right. Turn here, but immediately veer left over a V-stile marked 'Permitting Footpath – Coast to Coast Erme-Plym Trail'. Pass through four sets of wooden staggered fences and continue, eventually going down a wider path.

5 Veer right at a tarmac lane and then cross the larger lane ahead, following the 'Erme-Plym Trail' sign, immediately passing a 'Welcome to Wembury Beach National Trust' sign. The lane branches – keep right. At the bottom of the lane, stop at the café and beach if you like, but we continue our walk by going past the marine centre and keeping left into the car park. Immediately turn left again up some steps, past a sign that reads 'River Yealm Ferry Service'. Continue along the stony path.

6 Where the footpath branches, just past the church, keep right and continue along the coastline until you get to a T-junction in front of a stone wall. Turn right. At the crossroads continue straight ahead, following the yellow arrow, still keeping along the coastline. Go ahead at the next path sign and walk over the next hill.

7 Go through the kissing gate and continue ahead, over open grassland where ponies sometimes graze. Go through three kissing gates, and at the crossroads where there's a seat and a public footpath sign you can either take the shortcut by turning left through the two wooden gates and continue from instruction '9', or you can turn right down the more major track (with grass growing down the centre) signposted 'Coast Path – Warren Point Seasonal Ferry ¼ mile'.

8 On the longer route, continue through the gate and down to the harbour, still following the yellow arrows that are now marked 'Ferry'. Pass through another gate, and at the National Trust Warren Point sign keep left, ignoring the steps that lead to the ferry platoon. Immediately turn left again up three wooden steps to return to the top of the hill via more wooden steps. Continue ahead up the main path until you get to a sign stating 'Wembury Village 2½ miles'. Continue ahead. Having returned to the crossroads mentioned at number 7, turn right through the gates, following the sign to Wembury Village.

9 Continue up the lane. Go through the wooden gate and go straight ahead in the same direction down the tarmac lane. At the junction ahead of you there are four stone steps and a public footpath sign atop the wall – continue ahead again here, leaving the lane, following the sign 'Public Footpath 25 Knighton ½ mile'. Almost immediately keep right to follow the right side of the field.

10 Go through the two metal kissing gates and continue ahead through the centre of the allotment plots. At the end of the field, next to a signpost, continue straight ahead (signed 'Wembury Village') down some steps. Having passed a couple of houses, turn right, following the yellow arrow, past a disused kissing gate by the fence. When you reach the road, opposite the Londis shop, turn left and along the road and return to your vehicle.



INFORMATION

Club site: Plymouth Sound Caravan Club Site, Bovisand Lane, Down Thomas, Plymouth PL9 0AE. Call 01752 862325. Open 26 March to 4 October

Distance: 4 miles/6.4km (or slightly less if taking shortcut)

Terrain: Good footpaths, some lanes

Number of stiles: 4

Essential equipment: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL20 – South Devon, Brixham to Newton Ferrers

Level of difficulty: moderate

Refreshments: Wembury beach

Toilets: Wembury beach

Directions and parking: If you are in a motor caravan, plan your route to Wembury from the site via Staddiscombe as some roads are prohibitively narrow. The Odd Wheel Pub is at the junction of Knighton Road and Traine Road. Park on the road as close as you can to the pub.

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