

Hope Cove to Salcombe Walk

Leaving the village of Hope Cove in the opposite direction offers a longer coastal journey of 7 ½ miles to Salcombe. Starting in Inner Hope, the path wends its way to the top of Bolt Tail providing impressive views all the way to Cornwall in the east (on a clear day). The path continues onwards to Bolberry Down which, during the Second World War, was used as a Royal Air Force base. The old concrete buildings can still be seen near the disused runway.

The path then brings you down into Soar Mill Cove, a small sandy beach suitable for bathing. A steep path then leads you up to splendid views to the west towards Bolt Head. As you head towards Bolt Head keep an eye out for Grey Seals basking on the rocks below. As you round Bolt Head, Devon's most southerly point, Prawle Point, can be seen in the distance before you descend into the valley behind Starehole Bay.

The path then joins Courtenay Way that marks the final part of your journey into Salcombe. As the coastal path finishes you pass Overbecks, a National Trust museum with impressive gardens containing many tropical plants. For those feeling the strain of the miles already walked, the South Sands Ferry is waiting to complete your trip into Salcombe town. Otherwise, the road winds its way around the edge of the Kingsbridge estuary for approximately 2 miles to take you into the town where a bus or taxi can return you to Hope Cove via Malborough in about 20 minutes.