Discover Somerset's Accessible Coast

Explore the King Charles III England Coast Path with our leaflets and interactive virtual tours to help you plan the perfect trip.

We've selected routes and paths to suit different needs, with details on surfaces, gradients, and local facilities like parking and toilets.

Each path is graded for accessibility, and you can preview the terrain with 360° videos before you set off, using the menu to jump to key points on the route that might affect your walk.

Plan ahead
at www.somerset.gov.uk/access-for-all or scan the QR code for full details on accessibility levels, mobility vehicles and terrain.

Check mobility scooter ratings
at www.gov.uk/mobility-scooters-and-powered-wheelchairs-rules/classes



Choose the path that's right for you...

1. **For all**
smooth, firm all weather surfaces at least 1.5m wide. Gentle slopes no more than 10% (1 in 10).

2. **For many**
good surfaces at least 1.2m wide with occasional softer or uneven ground. Slopes up to 12.5% (1 in 8). Class 2 scooters.

3. **For some**
more varied mixed surfaces at least 1.1m wide, including grass, stony tracks and soft or uneven ground. Slopes up to 20% (1 in 5). Heavy duty Class 3 scooters.

4. **For the adventurous**
narrow paths (800 mm+) with rough or muddy ground, and possible steep slopes up to 25% (1 in 4). You may need to go around pinch points or steep cross slopes. Use a Class 3 scooter designed to cope with this more rugged terrain and battery demand.

5. **For walkers**
very narrow paths (<800 mm), unstable surfaces like shingle, and barriers such as steps or stiles.

Stay safe and follow the Countryside Code

Check your equipment:
Make sure your mobility aids are suitable for the paths and trails you plan to use.

Stick to the path:
Avoid cliff edges and unstable ground.

Be tide-aware:
Watch for fast incoming tides and soft sand or mud on the shore.

Follow local signs:
Always read advisory notices and guidance.

Park responsibly:
Use designated parking areas only.

Control your dog:
Always keep dogs under control and in sight.

Clean up after pets:
Dispose of dog waste responsibly.

Leave no trace:
Put litter in bins or take it home with you.

Check tide times:
Before beach walks, check tide times to avoid getting cut off.

You can see the Countryside Code here **www.nationaltrail.co.uk/countrysidecode**

See local tide times here **www.bbc.co.uk/weather/coast-and-sea/tide-tables/12**

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Other leaflets in this series are:

- Somerset's Accessible Coast
- Minehead to Blue Anchor
- Watchet
- East Quantoxhead and Kilve
- Apex Park and Burnham-on-Sea

Tell us what you think...

If you have used this leaflet and / or the online resources we would love to hear your feedback. Is there anything you'd like to see added? Or perhaps something you think we need to change.

We have created a short form online that you can access from the web page below or you can scan the QR code here to go direct to the form.

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Brean Down



A guide to accessibility on and around the King Charles III England Coast Path in Somerset

Note: scooters rated 'Not in a class' are not permitted on pavements or Public Rights of Way

In an Emergency Dial 999 or 112 and ask for the coastguard

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Brean Down



The Coast Path travels the full length of Brean Down; a natural pier standing 97m high and offering stunning views of the surrounding coast and countryside. The northern path is surfaced and is suitable for mobility vehicles to travel to the end of the Down, while the southern path is only partially accessible; it includes steps that cannot always be avoided.

Both paths lead to Brean Down fort at the end of the peninsula, one of the Palmerston Forts built in 1862 to protect the country from the growing strength of France under Napoleon III.

To the east on the northern path is a series of machine gun emplacements once used for target practice in the bay, and turning south here you can make out the banks and ditches of an Iron Age Hill Fort dating to 1200 BC. On the slopes of the southern path are the remains of a Celtic field system - look for a series of small rectangular 'fields' crossing the path.

Just east of top of the steps and accessible from both paths is a WWII range marker, a concrete arrow set in the ground that was used by planes flying above to orientate them themselves to the Bridgwater Bay bombing range.



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KEY

Route categories:

- 1 Green
- 2 Purple — 2+ Purple/white dashed
- 3 Orange — 3+ Orange/white dashed
- 4 Blue — 4+ Blueh/white dashed
- 5 Pink

\+ indicates that in winter, or after heavy rain, the route will be more challenging.

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For details of the advice and information symbols used here visit Somerset's Accessible Coast online at **www.somerset.gov.uk/access-for-all**

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