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



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Other leaflets in this series are:

- Minehead to Blue Anchor
- Watchet
- East Quantoxhead and Kilve
- Apex Park and Burnham-on-Sea
- Brean Down

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.

Discover Somerset's Accessible Coast at **www.somerset.gov.uk/access-for-all**

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NATIONAL TRAILS

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KING CHARLES III ENGLAND COAST PATH NATIONAL TRAIL

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

Help and advice

There are organisations that can help you to get out and about and start enjoying the Somerset coast, whether you want to enjoy it alone or go out with a group.

Disabled Ramblers
The Disabled Ramblers is a small charity working across England and Wales to help make the countryside more accessible to people with limited mobility. It organises a programme of rambles for its members who use mobility scooters and has advice on scooters and safety. **Find out more at www.disabledramblers.co.uk**

Somerset Sports & Activity Partnership
SASP is dedicated to increasing the health and happiness of residents in Somerset through physical activity and sport. It organises regular Health Walks for all levels of fitness and its Walk Your Way section includes a series of filmed walks for all levels of mobility. Find out more at **www.sasp.co.uk**

Visit www.somerset.gov.uk/access-for-all for more information about support groups, mobility vehicle hire and advice and information to help you enjoy Somerset's Accessible Coast.



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Make the most of your visit

Somerset's Accessible Coast resources are designed to help everyone get the most out of a visit to the coast.

Our online resources help you plan your visit with virtual tours that identify any issues you might encounter.

Our location leaflets include maps that show how easy or difficult the paths are and guide you during your visit.

Not sure your mobility scooter is up to challenge? Would love to see more but need help with long distances or hills?

In some locations there are scooter hire outlets where you can find what you need to get out and start exploring. Attractions may also have mobility vehicles available for hire.



Getting to the coast...

Getting to the Somerset coast by road is easy; from the M5, exit at junction 22 for Burnham-on-Sea, 23 for Bridgwater and the Quantocks or 24 for Watchet, Blue Anchor and Minehead.

The closest rail stations are Highbridge & Burnham, Bridgwater and Taunton, which are operated by GWR **www.gwr.com**. Bus services to connect to coastal towns and villages are operated by First Bus **www.firstbus.co.uk/somerset.**
To plan a trip on public transport visit. **somerset.thinktravel.info**

Community transport

Somerset's community transport schemes offer transport for individuals or groups, including accessible and door-to-door services.

Find out more at:
www.somerset.gov.uk/community-transport

Parking

For information on council run car parks, including opening times, prices and Blue Badge status **visit www.somerset.gov.uk/car-parks.**

Private car parks on the coast are shown on the map overleaf and information links are included in our virtual tours.



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**

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



Finding your way

The King Charles III England Coast Path is well waymarked and easy to follow. The symbol of the National Trails, the acorn, is found on waymarks and fingerposts along the route.

Where your walk takes you away from the Coast Path it will be signed with standard waymarks. You can see examples of these below:

Footpath

Bridleway

Permissive path

King Charles III England Coast Path

- Featured Locations
- Tourist Information
- Toilets
- Parking
- Refreshments

To report any problems on the footpaths during your walk visit:
www.somerset.gov.uk/report-a-problem-with-a-public-right-of-way/