

Visitor information

- Call 0870 042 0092 to hear Archaeologist Dr Martin Gillard describe the findings from their 2006 dig (call charges apply www.telecomsworldplc.co.uk)
- The Heritage Centre on the Beer slipway tells you all about Beer, its people and its underwater life.
- Beer Quarry Caves offers underground tours from Easter to end of October
- Pecorama offers excellent views across Lyme Bay
- Refreshments, pubs, shops and galleries are all in Beer
- 'Ordnance Survey Explorer 115 & 116' maps detail access information here

Countryside Code



- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

For further details visit:
www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Walk this way...

This leaflet is one of a series of promoted walks in the East Devon AONB designed with accessibility in mind. More information on this and other walks is available from www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk

Contact (01395) 224749 or visit the Walking for Health Initiative walk finder at www.whi.org.uk

See www.devon.gov.uk/transport/public_rights_of_way for gradient information on all Rights of Way.



A 1790 land slip created the Pinnacles (Harriet Pottinger)



Become a landscape detective! Call 0870 042 0092 to hear Archaeologist Dr Martin Gillard describe the findings from their 2006 dig. (illustration Neil Rogers)

Beer Head

Distance
1 1/2 - 4 1/2
Miles

Accessibility at heart - by providing you with the appropriate information on barriers or other route characteristics, this leaflet allows you to decide on a walk that best meets your needs.

Walk in the footsteps of Jack Rattenbury, the 19th Century Beer smuggler known as Rob Roy of the West! The striking chalk outcrop of Beer Head has many a story to tell and offers breathtaking coastal views.



The fishing village of Beer is protected by Beer Head from prevailing south westerly winds (EDDC Economic Development)



Look out for the Small Blue in chalk grassland (Jim Asher/Butterfly Conservation Society)

Left: Join us on board for the best views (Devon County Council)

How to get there



Beer is well serviced by the CoastlinX53, Stagecoach 52 and CoastHopper 899 buses. For public transport information use Traveline 0870 608 2608.



In summer months open top buses and land trains link Seaton to Beer.

Beer Head pay and display parking is signposted.

Take your first steps to a healthier way of life...




Walk ^{this} way



Distance
1½ - 4½
 Miles

Beer Head

Route characteristics

-  Natural surface, minimum width 1 metre, varying gradients, gates on route
-  No stiles, up to 5 steps in a flight with a handrail on both sides
-  More difficult terrain in none of the above categories

Talking points

- 1 Beer Head**
 Archaeological digs in 2006 discovered a Napoleonic look-out and gun emplacement here, the footings have been uncovered for you to see today.
- 2 Underhooken**
 A cave-like opening half way up the cliff is the end of a passage rumoured to have once been connected to the main workings of the Beer Quarry Caves, nearly one mile inland!
- 3 Prehistoric field systems**
 This is a farmed landscape since before the Bronze Age. Modern sonar has been used to map out ancient field systems of Beer's earliest settlers. Some of the banks and features are still used by and cared for by today's farmers.
- 4 Beer**
 The name has nothing to do with smuggling liquor! Beer originated from the old English word 'Beare', meaning wood or grove. Look at the village architecture and see how it is very much entwined with the underlying geology – Beer freestone and flint.



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Key to symbols

-  Slope
-  Parking
-  Toilets
-  Viewpoint
-  Take care traffic
-  Livestock

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