



Explorer

Discover South Devon National Landscape

A guide on where to go and
what to see in the South
Devon National Landscape

Including Events
April - October 2025



Explore and Enjoy

Welcome to our 2025 Explorer packed full of ideas to get out and enjoy the South Devon National Landscape.



As well as the events guide for April – October you will find ideas for days out, new routes and activities to try as well as tips on where to sample the best local food and drink.

You can also find out more about what makes the 'National Landscape' so special and gain more insight into the exciting project work that will be delivered this year thanks to our funders.



Caption - Our Patron Jonathan Dimbleby with Farmer Cathy Case at Mount Folly Farm, Bigbury

Cover - Life on the Edge event at East Soar Farm

South Devon National Landscape



South Devon
National
Landscape

15% of the land in England is within a National Landscape and there are 46 National Landscapes to fall in love with!

66% of people in England live within half an hour's journey time of a National Landscape - if that's you then why not make 2025 the year you delve into the **'natural beauty'** of South Devon National Landscape.

The lush green valleys and picturesque estuaries create a peaceful, unspoiled environment. Charming coastal settlements like Salcombe and Dartmouth add a touch of charm to the rugged beauty. Whether you're a fan of rugged coastal walks, quiet river valleys, or seeking out local food and drink, South Devon offers an array of opportunities to explore and enjoy:

- Download a walk from the website - there are over 40 to choose from
- Join an event - ranging from walks and talks to crafts and theatre.
- Visit one of our heritage sites - castles and ruins
- Sample some local produce - visit a farmers market, farm shop or café.
- Sign up to volunteer and make a real difference.

Management Plan Review 2025 - 2030

Every five years, we create a new Management Plan to help guide the work and activities of all organisations, groups and individuals with a responsibility or interest in the area.

This statutory document defines what makes it special, identifies the key issues facing this special place, and sets out our vision and priorities for conserving and enhancing its natural beauty for the next 5 years.

You can become involved by filling in our online questionnaire and telling us what you value most.

www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/management-plan-2025-2030

**First time or
91st time, you're
always welcome**

<https://national-landscapes.org.uk>

Explore like the wind



With 60 miles (96km) of the South West Coast Path in the South Devon National Landscape and hundreds of miles of rights of way criss-crossing the area, one of the best ways of exploring is on foot.

The South Devon National Landscape website has over 35 walks you can download for free. There is a huge variety to choose from; some suitable for seasoned walkers, others for those who like an extended stroll. They range in length from 2 to 12 miles and include details of facilities and access as well as information on wildlife, archaeology and history. You can also join a guided walk - see our events section P21-34.



Geocaches in the National Landscape

20 geocaches have been placed along established walks in the National Landscape; however, prepare to go off the beaten track to hunt for the treasure! Keep an eye on the Geocaching page on our website for five special Life on the Edge Bee geocaches that will be hidden at the end of the summer.

www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/geocaching



Walking the Coast Path

Britain's longest trail. The South West Coast Path extends to 630 miles of which 60 are in the South Devon National Landscape from Berry Head in Brixham to Jennycliff in Plymouth. The path is well waymarked and a variety of guides cover the section. You can also download day walks from www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk or guides are available from local information centres. A great way of experiencing some of the most spectacular views the area has to offer.

Other trails



The Dart Valley Trail links Dartmouth to Totnes and Greenway to Kingswear, offering 17 miles (27km) of glorious walking linked handily to buses,

ferries and steam trains. This means you can walk all parts of the trail

- Circle the lower Dart from Dartmouth to Dittisham and Greenway to Kingswear using the ferries (9m, 14km)
- Use the Dartmouth - Dittisham ferries and walk just one side of the route (4.5m, 7km)
- Walk from Totnes to Dittisham (8-9m, 14km) and catch the ferry to Dartmouth then a cruise boat back.



The Avon Estuary Walk links Bigbury-on-Sea to Bantham, via Aveton Gifford, making a 9 mile (14km) walk if you use the River Avon ferry. The ferry has restricted operating hours, so try to check the times beforehand and include the ferry crossing early in your walk, so that you aren't rushing later on (see p9).



The Greenway walk links the National Trust's Greenway Estate to areas of nearby Paignton offering visitors a 'green' way to arrive! The 7 mile (11km) trail can be joined in Broadsands, Galmpton and Churston and offers the best views of Torbay's coastline and spectacular Dart Estuary in one walk.



Further information

**South West Coast Path
National Trail**

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk

The Ramblers Association
www.ramblers.org.uk

Dartmoor National Park
www.dartmoor.gov.uk

Devon County Council
www.devon.gov.uk/prow

Out and About

Car free and care free ...



Buses

For bus routes and timetable enquiries, please call traveline or refer to the website for up to date information.

www.travelinesw.com

or download the Traveline app

0871 200 22 33

Calls from landlines cost 12p per minute.

Bus timetables available from local information centres.



Park and Ride

Dartmouth

A3122 Dartmouth outskirts
TQ6 9LW. For up-to-date operating times and prices, go to
www.southhams.gov.uk

On dates when the seasonal Park and Ride service is not operating:

- Reduced parking fees apply.
- Stagecoach South West's 92 bus service will pull into the Park and Ride car park. Bus tickets will need to be purchased on board.

Salcombe

A381 Salcombe outskirts.
TQ8 8EL. For up-to-date operating times and prices, go to:
www.salcombetowncouncil.gov.uk

When there is no seasonal service from this car park it is possible to walk into town or there is the Tally Ho 164 bus service that runs daily and can be used for journeys to and from the town (limited service on Sundays and Public Holidays). Check Salcombe Town Council website for bus stop locations for this service.



Cycling

Cycling in South Devon provides access to some of the best bits of the area, but the hills can be a bit challenging! There are a number of e-bike hire centres across the National Landscape which can help with our inclines – search online if you fancy trying one out.

Routes to try

Totnes is a good base to cycle from.

Totnes to Dartington

This is a lovely route for families with young children alongside the river. It runs for two miles alongside the River Dart and by Queens Marsh and Bidwell Brook on the Dartington Hall Estate. Refreshments are available in Totnes or at The Cider Press Centre.

Totnes to Ashprington

Part of the Dart Valley Trail, this hilly route is along ancient lanes, water meadow, marshland and quiet woods. There are lovely views of the River Dart. Approximately 6 miles round trip.



Trains

For mainline enquiries about times and fares contact 03457 484950 or go to www.nationalrail.co.uk

Steam railways

A lovely way to appreciate the varied landscape of the area. Steam trains run along the spectacular coast from Paignton to Kingswear for Dartmouth via the passenger ferry. Call Paignton station 01803 555872 or visit www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk for details of times and fares. Combined river excursions are also available – the Round Robin which takes you from Paignton – Totnes by bus, down the river Dart from Totnes – Dartmouth and then back on the steam train from Kingswear to Paignton.



Out and About

On the water ...



Crossing the water

With five estuaries in the National Landscape, ferries are an important and enjoyable way to get around.

If you're walking the South West Coast Path they form an essential link across the estuaries. As they're dependent on tides and weather it's best to check the ferry services timetable before travelling. For further details speak to an information centre (page 36).



Sense of adventure?

You'll be spoilt for choice in the National Landscape. Speak to an information centre (page 36) or search the internet for one of the many activity providers offering a range of experiences.



Canoeing

- All year round activity
- Guided canoeing exploring the waterways
- Canoe safaris
- Have fun on a canoe big enough for the whole family or smaller ones for a few of you.

Active water sports

Hire equipment or book up some lessons for professional coaching

- Kite surfing
- Kite buggying
- Coaststeering
- Stand up paddleboarding
- Surfing
- Sea kayaking
- Diving



By boat

- Enrol for some lessons in Dittisham or Salcombe
- Take a guided trip to see some wildlife or local scenery
- If you fancy time on the water take a cruise down the Kingsbridge–Salcombe Estuary, or up the Dart Estuary to Totnes.

Ferry timetable

Ferry timetables may change, for example due to adverse weather or public holidays. Check journey with operator before travel.



	Yealm Estuary	Erme Estuary	Avon Estuary	Salcombe - Kingsbridge Estuary		
Type of Ferry	Passenger ferry / water taxi	No ferry service	Passenger ferry	Salcombe - East Portlemouth passenger ferry	Kingsbridge - Salcombe passenger ferry	Salcombe - South Sands passenger ferry
Operating Period	1st April - 30th Sept	The Erme can usually be waded across one hour either side of low tide	1st April - 30th Sept	All year	After Easter - October	29th March - 1st November
Operating Times	Daily, usually 10am - dusk. Service may be restricted outside of school holidays or bad weather		Daily 10am - 12pm and 2 - 4pm	Daily 8.30am - 5pm. 6.30pm finish in peak season	Varies with tides, also occasional sailings during Nov - Dec and harbour creeks & coastal cruises	Summer 9.45am - 5.30pm daily (6pm in August)
Routes	Between Noss Mayo (wide slip) Newton Ferrers (Yealm Hotel Steps) & Warren Point (coast path to Wembury)	Cross between Wonwell slipway and Mothecombe slipway	Bantham slipway to Cockleridge Ham (Bigbury-on-Sea)	Salcombe Jubilee Pier ferry steps to East Portlemouth Jetty	Kingsbridge Steamer Steps or Crabsell Quay to Salcombe Jubilee Pier	Salcombe centre (Whitestrand) to South Sands beach
Contacts	07399 067942 info@ycet.co.uk for advance bookings	At low tide the water should not come much higher than an adults knee	www.banthamestate.co.uk/getting-here/ferry 01548 560897	01548 842061 / 07769 319375	07967 597527 www.kingsbridge.salcombeferry.com	www.southsandsferry.co.uk

	Dart Estuary							
Type of Ferry	Lower Dartmouth vehicle ferry	Higher Dartmouth vehicle ferry	Dartmouth Castle passenger ferry	Dartmouth - Greenway passenger ferry	Dittisham - Greenway passenger ferry	Dartmouth - Dittisham & Noss passenger ferry	Dartmouth - Totnes passenger cruises	Kingswear - Dartmouth passenger ferry
Operating Period	All year	All year	April - October	From 1st March	All year	All year	April - October	All year
Operating Times	Daily 7am - 10.55pm (8am Sunday)	Daily 6.30am - 10.45pm Dartmouth Side (8am Sunday)	Daily from 10am on demand	Daily see website for times	Daily 9am - 5pm (peak season). Ring bell for service	Daily, 10am - 5pm (peak) plus on demand stop at Noss Marina	Available on the website	Daily 7.30am - 6.55pm (9am Sunday)
Routes	Kingswear to Dartmouth South Embankment	Dartmouth North Embankment to Kingswear	Dartmouth South Embankment to Dartmouth Castle	Dartmouth South Embankment to Greenway	Dittisham to Greenway Quay	Dittisham to Dartmouth Double Steps	Totnes Steamer Quay to Dartmouth South Embankment	Dartmouth South Embankment to Kingswear
Contacts	www.southhams.gov.uk/dartmouthlowerferry	www.dkfb.co.uk	www.dartmouthcastleferry.co.uk	www.greenwayferry.co.uk 01803 882811		www.dittishamferries.co.uk 07907 528201 / 07818 001108	www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk 01803 555872	

A walk for each month

The perfect way to see more of this special landscape



April Spring awakening

Step into Spring with the **Dartmouth Greenway round walk**. Wander the ancient woodlands with their carpet of spring flowers.

9.5 miles, moderate to strenuous.



May Bluebell stroll

Unwind with this calm and gentle stroll from **Kingsbridge to West Alvington**. Carpets of bluebells and sweeping estuary views – a perfect way to soak up the sights and sounds of South Devon this May!

2 miles, easy.



June Celebrate the summer solstice

Make the most of the long summer days with this adventurous walk, exploring Kingston's wild and rugged coastline,

featuring dramatic cliffs and expansive views out to sea.

5.5 miles, strenuous.



July Nature's abundance

Immerse yourself in this wildlife-rich landscape with this delightful walk from **Torcross to Stokenham**, returning via Widdicombe. Perfect for nature lovers, it skirts around Slapton Ley Nature Reserve where the woodland, marsh and reedbed habitats provide a haven for local wildlife.

6 miles, moderate.



August Golden hour sunset stroll

See the Brixham and Kingswear peninsular soaked in golden hues and capture breathtaking views of the sun setting over the horizon.

3 miles, moderate.



September Nature's harvest

Embrace the season with this characterful walk, **Little Dartmouth and Dartmouth Castle**, with hedgerows brimming with blackberries, sloes, and elderberries. A blend of rolling countryside, historic landmarks and rocky coastline.

3.5 miles, Moderate.



October Autumn woodlands

Soak in the Autumn colours with this wonderful stroll featuring great views of Start Bay, green lanes, glorious beaches, and plenty of history and wildlife along the way! Choose between two circular walks, or tie together for a longer loop.

4.5 miles, Moderate.



www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/walks

Heritage



There are lots of opportunities in the National Landscape to explore the past. You can do this on your own or with the help of others like the National Trust or English Heritage.



The Kingsbridge Cookworthy Museum

opened in 1972. The galleries are full of permanent displays and special exhibitions.

www.kingsbridgemuseum.org.uk

Dartmouth Museum is a small, fascinating museum in an atmospheric old merchant's house on the Butterwalk.

www.dartmouthmuseum.org

Salcombe Maritime Museum -

A treasure trove of models, paintings, photographs and artefacts tell the story of Salcombe's links with ships and the sea from ancient times to the Second World War.

www.salcombemuseum.org.uk

Start Point lighthouse was built in 1836 to protect shipping off Start Point in south Devon. The Lighthouse, sited at the very end of the headland, has guided vessels in passage along the English Channel for over 150 years. Details of tours at www.startpointdevon.co.uk

Lupton House is a Grade II* listed building set in beautiful parkland. The Lupton Trust was formed in 2008 to bring the House and gardens back into use for the benefit of the community. www.discoverlupton.com



Blackdown Rings

was originally an Iron Age hillfort, probably built sometime after 400 BC. It was defended by a

massive earth and stone rampart topped with a timber palisade, and a deep outer ditch.

The site is owned by the **Arundel Charity**, there is a small car park and paths around the monument.

The National Trust

owns and manages much of the coastline in the National Landscape in addition to woods and gardens. All are open for walking. www.nationaltrust.org.uk



English Heritage

has four exciting castles to visit in South Devon at Bayard's Cove and Dartmouth Castle in Dartmouth, Totnes Castle and Berry Pomeroy Castle near Totnes. www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/region/southwest

Heritage Open Days 2025, 12th - 21st September.

Every year places across the country open their doors for FREE in England's largest festival of history and culture. It's a chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences, celebrating heritage, community and history. www.heritageopendays.org.uk



Uncover more of South Devon's history and heritage whilst enjoying stunning views of the coast with our narrated walk series 'walking through time'. Scan the QR code and scroll down to listen along, or download one of our self-guided trail leaflets.



Life on The Edge



We are now one year into our Life on the Edge project and it is buzzing!

Over 2000 people have been involved so far, in all kinds of amazing activities ranging from guided walks, practical conservation tasks, arts activities, seed collecting, meadow making and much more! There is another exciting programme of activities already underway for Year 2, you can find out more about the events, volunteer tasks and surveys, walks and fun days in the event listings in the back of this booklet.

On the ground, the project is already making a difference over 20 hectares of species-rich grassland restored and created in some of our hotspots, and new meadows and wildflower strips planted in community sites around Torbay. We have been working with farmers and landowners to carry out surveys this summer and further enhancement works next winter. Local communities are getting involved too, with Pocket Meadow projects and Parish Pollinator plans being delivered.



Core to the Life on the Edge project is investing in people, and providing opportunities for people to learn new skills. We are very proud to be able to provide paid work and training for new people entering the world of conservation work. We currently have 1 Comms intern, 2 part time trainees and 3 Apprentices working with us. There will be more opportunities throughout the project, with another 6 apprenticeships, 4 interns and 8 trainees over the next four years. We are also running volunteer programmes across the project areas.

We could not do any of this without the support of our amazing partners at Buglife, Doorstep Arts and National Trust, volunteers, staff team and funders, including the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and more locally, Devon Environment Foundation and South West Coast Path Association –

So a BIG THANK YOU!



Keep up to date by signing up to our newsletter, The Bees Knees – email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk



Here's a snapshot of what's going on

Make your time count!

Join our volunteer survey programme to help search out the invertebrates along our coastline, helping us to build a better picture of their distribution. See the events listings for details. There are also monthly volunteer tasks if you fancy getting your hands dirty!

LotE touring theatre

We are working with Doorstep Arts on a very exciting arts project due to hit South Devon in Summer 2025! We have commissioned NDP circus who will be creating a new piece of performance based on the life cycle of the Devon Red-legged robberfly – keep an eye on our socials, the website or sign up for our newsletter to keep up to date!

Small Wonders!

Take a closer look at some of the small things that make South Devon's coastline special! We have worked with artists to release Small Wonders in 3 of our hotspots around the South Devon



Coast – head out and see if you can find them for yourself. They can all be found on the South West Coast Path so why not take a wander and explore whilst you are there!

Reaching Out

We have programmes running with Devon Mind, Torbay Communities, Dementia-friendly Parishes around the Yealm, Kingsbridge Care Hub, Baywide PCN, Brixham Friends Centre, Torbay NHS sensory team, Activities 115 and Brixham WI.



We are planning a series of activities with Devon Young Carers, helping these young people spend time in the outdoors, learning new skills and meeting new friends. We are also delivering education sessions in schools and with the University of Exeter.

If you are involved with a group who might like to work with us – get in touch!

Supporting action

We have two grant schemes which can help communities and landowners carry out LotE projects where they live or work. Our Conservation grants are up to £5000 and are for carrying out projects on the ground which benefit our target species. Our Community grants are up to £2000 and are for activities and projects which engage people in LotE activities. If you would like to find out more about the grants, see our website or drop us an email to sound out your idea!



For more information visit www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge

Or get in touch lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Farming matters ...



Farming in Protected Landscapes

During the 4th year of the programme the local assessment panel has approved a further 38 projects with grant funding of just over £1 million which will be delivered by the end of March 2025.



Through the programme, farmers and land managers can be supported to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses. It's a programme of funding for one-off projects covering these areas of work, rather than an agri-environment scheme.

The selection of projects this year has included:

- **Water Vole reintroduction to the Start catchment -**

The water vole is a priority species in the UK's Biodiversity Action Plan and is a keystone species for many wetland predators.

More info: www.thehabitatgroup.uk/river-gara-water-vole-reintroduction-project



- **South Devon Food Hub - Pedestrian trailer and commercial kitchen to allow "farm to fork" engagement** - A Farm to Fork project, allowing schools and the public to engage in the process of creating food. <https://southdevonfoodhub.co.uk>
- **Stone walling landscape feature, and habitat creation** - Supporting Devon Rural Skills Trust through the provision of 3 stone walling sites for the trainees and volunteers to practice the heritage skill.
- **No fence collars on the coast** - Allowing grazing without fences by hardy breeds that are suited to the location

Stop press – it has been announced FiPL has been extended until March 2026!

South Devon Connectivity Farm Facilitation Group

We've held a range of workshops and visits during the year and welcomed several new members. The programme has included our 'Farming Champions' series with visits both within and beyond the area to see best practice and learn from others. Workshops have included:

- Reducing your carbon footprint
- An update on Environmental Land Management schemes
- Orchard management

Estuaries update



South Devon National Landscape is currently involved with two saltmarsh 'restoration' projects, one a few years in along the shores of the Dart Estuary and one recently started along the Yealm Estuary shores.



The intention of each is to carefully survey and assess the ecological health of the saltmarshes and where desirable to work with nature to conserve, enhance and/or restore them.

Saltmarshes are one of several wildlife communities that are a feature of estuaries and help support their rich and special environments that hugely benefit us all – from their incredible trapping and locking away of our carbon and nutrient excesses to their use as nurseries for many fish species. Our South Devon saltmarshes reflect the nature and form of our estuaries – typically as narrow margins at the fringe of the upper tidal shore where it is too dry for seaweeds and too salty for other land plants. We might not always recognise them but we would very much miss them if they were gone!

Many of our saltmarshes are doing just fine – spreading along the shore where and when the conditions allow and contracting as the trees along the bank naturally spread and overshadow them. However, some have suffered the effects of a past history of disturbance and ignorant misuse (before we realised just how important they are), such as excessive boat wake and storage or launching.

Within the Dart Estuary, the Dart Saltmarsh Project partners are trialling the use and placement of woodland brash bundles, bound by sisal rope and staked into the mud around and within saltmarsh gullies. This helps slow the flow of water and encourages the build up of sediment behind to a tidal height to support new saltmarsh. And a visit to Longmarsh, Totnes will reward you to a brand new boardwalk around the saltmarsh there, together with a new interpretation panel.

Within the Yealm Estuary, we have carried out health-check type surveys of the estuary's saltmarshes to assess their condition and potential for enhancement. We will be following these up with a detailed botanical survey of the special salt tolerant plants that are the real builders of the saltmarsh communities.



News snippets

For more information see the 'Our work' section on our website.

Access for all

We were thrilled to have additional funds last year to allocate to access projects thanks to Defra. With this investment we hope that wheelchair users and others will be able to enjoy more of what the area has to offer.

These included

- Provision of accessible picnic benches to 11 parishes.
- Purchase of a Trampler for use by the National Trust at Collaton Fishacre near Kingswear
- Financing a boardwalk at Blackpool Sands near Dartmouth enabling wheelchair users to get up close and personal with the shore.
- Path improvements at Berry Head

We will have more funds available in the 2025 so please contact us with any ideas.



Jonathan Dimbleby meets local farmers

We hosted our Patron broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby recently, when he met local farmers Cathy Case and Geoff Sayers. During his visit, they shared their experiences with farming in the area, focusing on the challenges and rewards of managing land within a protected landscape. Both Cathy and Geoff highlighted the importance of the **Farming in Protected Landscapes** grant programme, and discussed how it has helped them manage successful businesses while maintaining the natural beauty of the protected landscape.



Rebecca Smith MP at Newton Downs Farm with Jake Harris

Showing our new MPs around

Both Rebecca Smith Conservative MP for South West Devon (above) and Caroline Voaden Liberal Democrat MP for South Devon (below) accepted our invitation to meet and find out more about our work.

After our meetings Rebecca met with Leah and Jake Harris at Newton Downs Farm and John Mildmay White at Flete whilst Caroline went to Coleridge Farm and to met the Rogers at Croft Farm. These visits were an opportunity to discuss how we could assist their businesses in becoming more environmentally friendly and sustainable whilst proving profitable for their businesses.



Caroline Voaden MP at Coleridge Farm with Jack

Taste the landscape



South Devon National Landscape is a paradise for food lovers.

With its stunning coastline and fertile countryside, the region boasts fresh, locally-sourced ingredients. Seafood lovers can indulge in catch-of-the-day delights like oysters, mussels, and crab, often served with a splash of local cider. The area's pastures produce top-quality dairy, cheese, and meats, while farmers' markets showcase vibrant, seasonal produce. A thriving cider industry offers refreshing drinks, complemented by traditional ales.

Farm shop/ cafés – we have an array of farm shops and cafés where you can sample and buy a fantastic selection of local food and drink including Daynes Farm Shop, Aune Valley Café, Heron Valley, Stokeley Farm Shop, The Ring Feeder, a great way to enjoy the flavours at your leisure often with a great view! www.visitsouthdevon.co.uk/food-and-drink/attractions/farm-shops-and-markets

Dartmouth Food Festival

24th - 26th October 2025

The festival has grown from humble beginnings in 2004 into a first class feast of entertainment featuring workshops, seminars, tastings, competitions, demonstrations and over 100 hand-picked exhibitors.

www.dartmouthfoodfestival.com

Farmers' Markets

Shopping at the farmers market means

- Buying fresh, seasonal produce that's only travelled a short distance
- Meeting the people who've grown, raised or made the products
- Finding specialist and unusual produce and crafts
- Enjoying the markets friendly atmosphere
- Benefiting the local economy and being part of the community.

Kingsbridge – Kingsbridge Farmers and Local Producers Market is on 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays each month on the Quay from 9am - 1pm.

www.kingsbridgefarmersmarket.co.uk

Dartmouth – Held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am - 2pm in the old Market Square. Hosted by The Coastal Kitchen.

www.coastalkitchendevon.com

Wembury – 9.30am - 12pm, Wembury Village Hall. 1st Saturday of the month. Range of food, drink and local crafts. See Wembury Farmers Facebook page.

In addition there are good markets in Dartmouth on Fridays, and Totnes on Fridays & Saturdays, with a selection of local produce from the National Landscape on sale. There is also a Sunday Food and Craft Market in Totnes every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Tips for shopping & eating out

- When shopping try to make a point of sourcing local produce to really experience what wonderful food this area has to offer.
- If you eat out locally enquire where the ingredients are sourced from - it helps highlight to businesses that consumers care about traceability and quality local food. Encourage them to seek out more local suppliers.
- Whenever you purchase food and drink from the National Landscape you are helping to sustain the local economy and landscape.



There is so much going on in the South Devon National Landscape that we can't possibly fit it all in here! There are lots more events and full details of all the ones printed in this programme on our website. Check it out and get exploring!

www.southdevon-nl.org.uk

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Beaches



Event start points



Downloadable trail start/finish points

www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/walks



Ferries



Low tide crossing point



Information Centres



South Devon National Landscape

The OS map, Explorer OL20 covers the whole of the National Landscape area and has details of all rights of way.



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Events



Your guide to events in the National Landscape for 2025

This programme features walks, talks and events organised by the National Landscape and other organisations that help us to enjoy, look after and manage the area.

We hope that you'll find lots of ideas for days out and ways to enjoy our stunning National Landscape, as well as events which will help you understand more about looking after, and living, in a protected landscape.



When attending these events, please remember:

- Wear sensible footwear and clothing.
- Some events are held on uneven or slippery ground, or rocky beaches; please take extra care.
- If not stated, please check with the organiser if dogs are allowed on the event.
- Refreshments suggested in this programme are optional and only included in the price of events if stated.
- Where this programme lists activities run by another organisation or company, the responsibility for that event lies with them.



Life on the Edge – We're off!

There are lots of great events coming up this Spring and Summer – look out for the LotE logo in the programme. We will be celebrating in style at our LotE goes Wild event on Saturday 5th July which will be a festival of all that we have achieved so far. There will be lots going on including performances, crafts, displays, bug hunts, have a go activities, wildflower walks, refreshments and more – see page 30 for more details.

You can get up close to some of the stars of our story on our survey days throughout the summer, or if you would like to get out and explore the LotE hotspots for yourself, pick a sunny day and hopefully you will get to see some of our amazing insects on the wing. You can download free walking guides on our website.

There is also a series of led walks telling tales of the coast each month throughout the summer as well as lots more ways to discover more about the project.

Get all of this information and more on our website www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge or contact lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk



Rockpool rambles, seashore safaris, snorkel safaris and more!

Various dates April – Oct.

See website for details

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join Devon Wildlife Trust for exciting seashore adventures including rockpooling, seashore crafts, shore safaris, surveys and more.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

See website for more

details and to book - www.wemburymarinecentre.org

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 0HP



Free pond dipping, bat walks, nature rambles, conservation tasks, rocky shore explorations and more!

Various dates April – Oct.

See website for details

Slapton Ley Field Centre

Join the team at Slapton Ley Field Centre for free events for all ages.

All events are bookable – see www.eventbrite.com/o/slaption-ley-field-centre-education-team-76179105913

for dates and more information.

Meet at Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve TQ7 2PN

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Small Wonders

March – October 2025

South Devon National Landscape

Take a closer look at some of the small things make South Devon's coastline special!

We have worked with artists to release Small Wonders in 3 of our hotspots around the South Devon Coast – why not head out and see if you can find them for yourself.

They can all be found on the South West Coast Path so why not take a wander and explore whilst you are there! You can find out more about our Small Wonders programme on our website www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/life-on-the-edge.

Creating a Buzz – Willow Carder bees by Vivienne Turner and the local community

Bolberry Down, South Huish, TQ7 3DY. [what3words](#) [///twinkling.fits.growth](#)

Little Acorns welly walks

Every Wednesday

9.30am – 11.30am

National Trust

Discover the magic of changing seasons with your little ones at Coletton Fishacre. Explore the garden in the quiet moments before we open to the public and take part in lots of creative activities on a welly walk. Come dressed for messy outdoor play – whatever the weather. Little Acorn sessions are suitable for children under 5 years old. Welly walks, activities and admission are all free.

Meet at the café, Coletton Fishacre, Kingswear, TQ6 0EQ

The Aquanaut –

Poem by Tom Stockley

Horsley Cove, East Prawle.

[what3words](#) [///resources.speakers.thinking](#)

The Silver-studded Blue – sculpture by Burn The Curtain

Pudcombe Cove, Coletton

Fishacre, Kingswear.

[what3words](#) [///mixing.warm.tickling](#)



Slapton Sands Beach Clean

Saturday 29th March

9.30am – 12pm

Field Studies Council

Join us to help clean up Slapton Sands, as part of the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean citizen science event. Free parking and free whippy ice-cream, tea or coffee from the Start Bay Inn for all participants! Dogs welcome, all equipment provided. Free.

Meet at Slapton Sands

Memorial car park, TQ7 2TQ

North Sands rockpooling

Wed 10th April 12pm – 2pm
South Devon National Landscape

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, to explore and discover the marine life below South Sands on one of the best low tides of the year. Fish out of water, a glimpse of seagrass, 'tubularians', tidal canyon ... just expect the unexpected! Please don't bring any long handled nets, but maybe a snack to keep you going and wear wellies or beach shoes that can get wet. The walk will involve clambering over rocks to get into the next bay, no dogs please. Free. *Meet near the car park entrance, North Sands, Salcombe. TQ8 8LD*



Explore the shore – Elberry Cove

Sat 12th April 12pm – 3pm
Ian Blackwell and Guy Baker

A fun exploration of the woods and the shore for all the family – all ages welcome.

Oil beetle recording at Bolberry Down

Sat 12th April 10am – 12pm
South Devon National Landscape

Help us to spot some of our rare beetles which will be out at this time – the Short-necked and Black Oil Beetles have been spotted at Bolberry Down – help us to record this year's count. This session will be aimed at beginners with help provided to learn to carry out your own surveys. All equipment plus tea and biscuits provided! No dogs please. **Booking essential**, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Meet at Bolberry Down car park, Malborough, TQ7 3DY. what3words ///twinkling.fits.growth



Meet the bees – online webinar

Tues 15th April 6.30pm- 8pm
South Devon National Landscape and John Walters

Discover more about the rare and special bees that make up 11 of our 30 target invertebrates for Life on the Edge. This webinar is aimed at beginners or people who want to know more about the bees, their lifecycle and what we can do to try to improve habitats for them in the future. It will follow with a site visit on 1st June for those interested. **Booking essential**, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Online via Zoom



A short (1 mile) walk through old woodland, collecting some wild garlic. At the beach where we will learn about what lives in our local rock-pools and have a camp-fire on the beach. Dogs on leads welcome. **Booking essential** email info@thedadsnetwork.org Free (donations welcome). *Meet at St Marys Church, Churston Ferrers Church, near Brixham. TQ5 0JE*

Guided wildlife canoe tour

Friday 18th April 9am – 11am
Singing Paddles

A guided canoe tour exploring the Salcombe / Kingsbridge estuary. There are caves to be discovered, more deserted beaches, many more

challenges and a host of wildlife to meet. Bring snacks, hot drinks provided. **Booking essential**, see www.singingpaddles.co.uk Adults £35, children £15.

Meet at Newbridge, Bowcombe Creek near Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Easter eggcase hunt!

Sat 20th April 10am – 12pm
Devon Wildlife Trust

Easter eggs with a difference! Join the team to try and spot eggcases of fish and shellfish on the beach All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org £5 per family.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, PL9 0HP

Survey skills – a beginner's introduction!



Fri 25th April 10am – 3pm
South Devon National Landscape

Join us to learn how you can help record the insects and wildflowers along the South Devon coast as part of our on-going LotE project. The morning will be spent introducing simple tools and techniques and the afternoon out on site putting it into practise. This free workshop is aimed at beginners and is open to anyone 14 years +. Bring your smartphone if you have one, all other equipment will be provided, plus tea and biscuits! No dogs please. **Booking essential**, email lotel@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Meet at Wembury War Memorial village hall, Barton Close, Wembury PL9 0LF

Exploring the coast – Birds of Bolberry



Tues 29th April 11am – 1pm
South Devon National Landscape

Bolberry Down offers an easy access, largely flat walk and yet offers amazing views and wildlife spotting opportunities! Bring a drink / snack and dress for the weather. Dogs on leads are welcome. The walk will be around 3.5km (2.2 miles) including one long but gentle incline / decline. We are running a minibus for people who don't have their own transport, with a pick-up in Kingsbridge at 10.30am. **Booking essential** – see www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape. Free.

Meet at Bolberry Down National Trust car park, TQ7 3DY.

What3Words: ///breezes.reception.chilled



Extreme rockpool safari

Sun 27th April 11am – 1pm.
Other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers to discover more about the creatures living all over the reef at Wembury beach. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £7.50 per person

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Community litter pick

Mon 28th April 10am – 11.30am
National Trust

Join us the on the last Monday of each month to help keep Wembury safe, clean and tidy.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events Free
 Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Shoresearch Survey at South Milton Sands

Wednesday 30th April, 1-3pm
National Trust

Explore your local coast, learn more about the wildlife found there and add to our understanding of this important habitat. You will be trained to identify and record the marine life found on our local shores. Please note, this event is aimed at people who would be interested in becoming National Trust Shoresearch Survey Volunteers. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/south-milton-sands/events Free.

Meet at South Milton sands TQ7 3JY



LotE Monthly volunteer task – Peas for bees!

Sat 26th April 10am – 1pm
South Devon National Landscape

Join us to plant out everlasting peas, which are a vital food plant for some of our rarest insects found at Prawle Point. The Long-horned and Six-banded nomad bees will thank you for it come Summer! They are open to anyone to come along, all tools provided plus tea and biscuits!

Booking essential, email lotel@southdevon-nl.org.uk. Free

Meet at East Prawle car park (National Trust), East Prawle, TQ7 2BX. what3words ///cherished.catch.globe



Oil beetle recording at Wembury Barton Farm

Friday 2nd May 1pm- 4pm
South Devon National Landscape

Help us to spot some of our rare beetles which will be out at this time – Black Oil Beetles are a good indicator of the quality of grassland habitats due to their dependence on solitary mining bees. Over the course of LotE we hope to observe populations rising around Wembury Barton Farm – help us to record this year's count. This session will be aimed at beginners with help provided to learn to carry out your own surveys. All equipment plus tea and biscuits provided! No dogs please. **Booking essential**, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Meet at Wembury Barton Farm, Wembury, PL9 0EE. *what3words* *///owns.colleague.soups*



Coastal guided walk near Coletton Fishacre

Friday 2nd May
10.30am – 12.30pm
National Trust

Put your best foot forward and join the National Trust Walking Volunteers for a free guided walk near Coletton Fishacre. Join the team on the first Friday of each month near Coletton Fishacre, with walks

ranging from accessible and beginner friendly to longer heart pumping hikes. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for rugged coast paths.

Meeting points, duration and difficulty ratings vary for each month so please check the website in advance.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coletton-fishacre

Farming champions - Coleridge Farm with the Darke family

Wed 7th May 6pm – 8pm
South Devon National Landscape

Find out more about family farming in South Devon National Landscape with this series of walks led by the farmers. At Coleridge Farm there are four generations involved, and the focus is mainly on dairy with a small flock of pedigree sheep. The farm also has milk and meat vending machines. Hear about how the land is managed and the environmental improvements they have made recently through the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme. Short walk on uneven ground, may be muddy! No dogs please. Free

Meet at Coleridge Farm, Chillington, Kingsbridge TQ7 2JG, follow the parking signs

Dawn Chorus Walk

Monday 5th May 6am – 9am
National Trust and Dr Ken Neal

Join us for a dawn chorus walk with ecologist Dr Ken Neal to learn more about the birds that live on our coastline.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events
 Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Point, Wembury. PL9 0BX

Farm walk – Southdown Farm

Thurs 15th May
6.30pm – 8.30pm
National Trust

Join a National Trust ranger for a guided tour of this important and stunning coastal farm. Learn how the Trust and the tenants have been working hard to improve the value of the farm for wildlife and how they are working as a partner in South Devon National Landscape's Life on the Edge project. Uneven footpaths, around 2-3 miles. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/east-soar/events

Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Southdown Farm, Malborough, Kingsbridge TQ7 3DU





Wildflower workshop

Sat 17th May

9am – 1pm

National Trust and
Dr Ken Neal

Learn how to ID wildflowers and then help us to survey the site. Wembury Point is rich in wildflower and home to one of our wildflower donor fields, part of the Life on the Edge project. Spend 2 hours at this beautiful site learning different ID techniques and then put your newly found skills to the test for the rest of the morning. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Point,
Wembury. PL9 0BX



Guided wildlife

canoe tour

Sunday 18th May 9am – 11am

Singing Paddles

A guided canoe tour exploring the Salcombe / Kingsbridge estuary. There are caves to be discovered, more deserted beaches, many more challenges and a host of wildlife to meet.

Bring snacks, hot drinks provided. **Booking essential**, see www.singingpaddles.co.uk Adults £35, children £15.

Meet at Newbridge, Bowcombe Creek near Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Tots and toddlers

rockpool safari

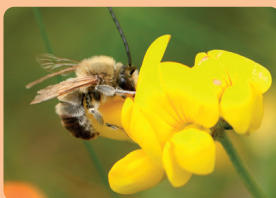
Sat 24th May 10am – 11am.

Other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers for a mini rockpool session aimed at preschool children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre,
Wembury PL9 0HP



Long-horned bee

monitoring –

Specialist workshop

Mon 26th May 10.30am - 3.30pm

South Devon National Landscape

Join us to learn how to monitor Long-horned bee populations and how to catch and photograph nomad bees in specimen tubes for identification. This workshop is aimed at people with existing survey skills who want to help with specialist recording and monitoring. All equipment provided, please bring packed lunch, plenty to drink and dress for the weather. No dogs please. **Booking essential**, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Meet at East Prawle car park (National Trust), East Prawle,
TQ7 2BX. [what3words /// ///cherished.catch.globe](http://what3words.com/cherished.catch.globe)



LotE monthly volunteer task – meadow management and surveys



Sunday 18th May 10am-
12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

South Devon National
Landscape

Help us map which plants and flowers are growing in the meadows at this farm in our Wembury hotspot and then help us remove some of the ones which we don't want to encourage! They are open to anyone to come along, all tools provided plus tea and biscuits! Come for one session or bring your dinner and stay all day!

Booking essential, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk. Free

Meet at Wembury Barton Farm, Wembury, PL9 0EE.
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Community litter pick

Mon 26th May 10am – 11.30am

National Trust

Join us the on the last Monday of each month to help keep Wembury safe, clean and tidy.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre,
Wembury PL9 0HP

Exploring the coast – Wild Start Point

Tues 27th May, 11-1pm

**South Devon National
Landscape**

On this walk we'll be hearing about a variety of wonderful habitats that this landscape offers for wildlife – both coastal and terrestrial. There are normally a good number of grey seals to watch from Peartree Point – fingers crossed! Bring a drink / snack and dress for the weather. Dogs on leads welcome. This is a moderate walk of around 4km (2.5 miles) with some narrow paths close to edges. We are running a minibus for people who don't have their own transport, with a pick-up in Kingsbridge at 10.15am. **Booking essential** – see www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape. Free

Meet at Start Point car park, TQ7 2ET. what3words:
///carefully.fairy.exacts



Bat walk

Thurs 29th May 8pm – 9.30pm
Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

Join the Rangers for a unique opportunity to catch a glimpse of one of Britain's largest bats and listen to their otherworldly echolocation calls via our bat detectors. You will also learn more about their ecology, the reasons for their decline and what the Trust is doing to help this species. **Booking essential**, www.countryside-trust.org.uk/whats-on

£10 per person

Meet at Berry Head car park
(charges apply), Brixham.
TQ5 9AW



Rockpool safari

Thurs 29th May 1pm – 2.30pm.
Other dates available online
Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWYT staff and volunteers to explore the rockpools of Wembury beach. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per person

Meet at Wembury Marine
Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Shoresearch Survey at South Milton Sands

Mon 6th June, 10am – 12pm
National Trust

Explore your local coast, learn more about the wildlife found there and add to our understanding of this

important habitat. You will be trained to identify and record the marine life found on our local shores. Please note, this event is aimed at people who would be interested in becoming National Trust Shoresearch Survey Volunteers. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/south-milton-sands/events Free

Meet at South Milton sands
TQ7 3JY

Guided walks on the coast near Coleton Fishacre

Fri 6th June 10.30am – 12.30pm
National Trust

Put your best foot forward and join the National Trust Walking Volunteers for a free guided walk near Coleton Fishacre. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for rugged coast paths.

Meeting points, duration and difficulty ratings vary for each month so please check the website in advance.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre

Snorkel safari

Sat 7th June 10am – 12.30pm.
Other dates available online
Devon Wildlife Trust

Join our fully trained BSAC instructors for a snorkel safari around Wembury Bay. Suitable for beginners or more advanced snorkellers. Full kit provided. Children must be 8+ to take part.

Booking essential, see www.wemburymarinecentre.org/events. £30 per person.

Meet at Wembury Marine
Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

LotE Monthly volunteer task – Seed harvesting demo and workshop

Sat 7th June 10am–12pm

South Devon National Landscape

Find out more about our exciting seed donor scheme and how we are working with partners to create meadows to grow and harvest our own South Devon coastal grassland meadow mix! See our LotE seed harvester collect the perfect combination of grasses and plants for our rare and special species. They are open to anyone to come along, all tools provided plus tea and biscuits! **Booking essential**, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk. Free

Meet at South Down Farm, Malborough, TQ7 3DU.
what3words ///smarting.croaking.deranged



Glow worm survey - Holbeton and The Erme

Wed 11th June
9pm – 11pm

South Devon National Landscape

Help us hunt down these elusive beetles and learn more about their lifecycle and habitat. We will show you the kind of place you might find them and how you can carry on searching around our coast and record your findings! Bring a torch and smartphone if you have one. We will be walking in the dark, so please make sure you are dressed appropriately and confident to walk on uneven surfaces. No dogs please.

Booking essential, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Meet at Holbeton Village Hall, Brent Hill, Holbeton
PL8 1LW



Brixham 'penguin' walk!

Monday 9th June
8.15am – 11.30am

Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust
and Mike Langman

Enjoy breakfast at the Guardhouse Cafe and a wildlife stroll around Berry Head led by wildlife expert Mike Langman. Learn about the south coast's largest Guillemot colony that should be bustling with life.

We'll have a close look at the colony, its history and future, plus the amazing adaptations enabling the Guillemot, also known locally as the 'Brixham Penguin', to survive at sea and on the cliffs. **Booking essential**, www.countryside-trust.org.uk/whats-on/
£35 per person

Meet at Berry Head (car park charges apply), Brixham. TQ5 9AW



Big day out on the farm!

Sunday 8th June 2pm – 5pm

South Devon National Landscape and National Trust

Join us to discover more about our Life on the Edge project on Open Farm Sunday! There will be lots to do for all the family – bug hunting, crafts, storytelling,

talks, and a chance to explore this nature friendly farm. See www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/events for more details nearer the time. Short walk from the car park to the farm.

Refreshments available, no dogs please. Free (car park charges).

Meet at East Soar National Trust car park. TQ7 3DR. *what3words: ///clinking.onion.gems*



Farming champions - Mount Folly Farm with the Case and Tucker family

Wed 18th June 6pm – 8pm

South Devon National Landscape

Find out more about family farming in South Devon National Landscape with this series of walks led by the farmers. Look around this extensive organic farm with Cathy and Gordon Case who together with their family grow veg for Riverford

and thanks to the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme have recently started a micro dairy selling milk butter and ice cream directly from the farm. The farm has diversified into tourism - not surprising considering the stunning views they enjoy. Short



walk on uneven ground, may be muddy! No dogs please. Free
Meet at Mount Folly Farm Bigbury on Sea. Park in the campsite field opposite the farm entrance. TQ7 4AR

Tots and toddlers rockpool safari

Sunday 15th June 2pm – 3pm.

Other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers for a mini rockpool session aimed at preschool children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for details and to [book](#) - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Bat walk

Thurs 19th June 8.30pm - 10pm

Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

Join the Rangers for a unique opportunity to catch a glimpse of one of Britain's largest bats and listen to their otherworldly echolocation calls via our bat detectors. You will also learn more about their ecology, the reasons for their decline and what the Trust is doing to help this species. [Booking essential](#), www.countryside-trust.org.uk/whats-on. £10 per person

Meet at Berry Head car park (charges apply), Brixham. TQ5 9AW

Solstice glow worm survey – Mattiscombe



Sat 21st June 9pm – 11pm
South Devon National Landscape

Help us hunt down these elusive beetles, on the full moon of the longest day, and learn more about their lifecycle and habitat. We will show you where you might find them and how you can carry on searching around our coast and record your findings! Bring a torch and smartphone if you have one.



We will be walking in the dark, so please make sure you are dressed appropriately and confident to walk on uneven surfaces. No dogs please.

[Booking essential](#), email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

*Meet at Start Point car park Stokenham TQ7 2ET
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Wildflower walk – South Down Farm



Sunday 22nd June
10am-12.30pm

National Trust led by Dr Ken Neal

Walk with an expert to discover the botanical diversity and the importance of species rich grasslands for rare and endangered insects. Learn about the Trust's management of this wildlife friendly farm and how they are working as a partner in South Devon National Landscape's Life on the Edge project.

Uneven footpaths and some hills, around 2-3 miles.

[Booking essential](#), see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/east-soar/events

Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Southdown Farm, Marlborough, Kingsbridge TQ7 3DU

Exploring the coast – Farming for insects!



Tues 24th June 11am – 1pm
South Devon National Landscape

Join us to take in the rugged beauty of Bolt Head and find out how nature-friendly farming is helping to protect the futures of some of our rarest insects. Bring a drink / snack and dress for the weather. Dogs on leads are welcome. The walk will be around 3.7km (2.3 miles) and involves one steep flight of steps. We are running a minibus for people who don't have their own transport, with a pick-up in Kingsbridge at 10.30am.

Booking essential – see www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape. Free

Meet at East Soar National Trust car park. TQ7 3DR.
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Wildflower walk

Sat 28th June 2.30pm – 4.30pm

National Trust

Join Ranger Jess to learn more about the work that the National Trust have been doing for nature since acquiring Wembury Point. Jess will focus on the incredible array of wildflower and talk about the work the team have been doing with the National Landscape team to improve the coastline for our pollinators. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events
 Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Point, Wembury. PL9 0BX



Guided wildlife canoe tour

Sunday 29th June 9am – 11am
Singing Paddles

A guided canoe tour exploring the Salcombe / Kingsbridge estuary. There are caves to be discovered, more deserted beaches, many more challenges and a host of wildlife to meet. Bring snacks, hot drinks provided. **Booking essential**, see www.singingpaddles.co.uk
 Adults £35, children £15.

Meet at Newbridge, Bowcombe Creek near Kingsbridge. TQ7 2DH

Community litter pick

Mon 30th June 10am – 11.30am
National Trust

Join us the on the last Monday of each month to help keep Wembury safe, clean and tidy. **Booking essential**, see

Modbury NatureFest

Sat 28th June
2pm – 5pm
Modbury Wildlife Action Group

A day of fun, recreational, creative and educational activities to celebrate local nature - there will be plenty to do for all the family!

More information will be posted on Instagram, Next Door Modbury and in the Modbury Messenger but those interested please contact Charlotte Rathbone on cmrathbone@outlook.com or Caroline Bower on carolinebower@btinternet.com. This event is supported by Life on the Edge community grants

Meet at Modbury Pavilion and Recreation Ground, Chatwell Lane, Modbury PL21 0FS



www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events
 Free but donations welcome.
 Meet at Wembury Marine Centre. PL9 0HP



Farm walk – East Soar Farm

**Thursday 3rd July
6.30pm – 8.30pm**

National Trust

Join a National Trust ranger for a guided tour of this important and stunning coastal farm. Learn how the Trust and the tenants have been working hard to improve the value of the farm for wildlife and how they are working as a partner in South Devon National Landscape's Life on the Edge project. Uneven footpaths, around 2-3 miles.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/east-soar/events

Free but donations welcome.

*Meet at East Soar car park,
Malborough, Kingsbridge
TQ7 3DR*



Guided walks on the coast near Coleton Fishacre

Fri 4th July 10.30am – 12.30pm
National Trust

Put your best foot forward and join the National Trust Walking Volunteers for a free guided walk near Coleton Fishacre. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for rugged coast paths.

Meeting points, duration and difficulty ratings vary for each month so please check the website in advance.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre

LotE goes wild at Parkfield!

**Fri 4th July and
Sat 5th July**

**South Devon National
Landscape team and partners**

Join us for a weekend of free fun and activities to celebrate our full first year of Life on the Edge! There will be lots to do for all the family including bug hunts, bat walks, moth breakfast, drama, dance performances, storytelling and much more!

Get Ready for... **THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE DEVON RED LEGGED ROBBER FLY!**

Performed on and around a Mutated Apache Piper Aircraft Fuselage transformed into a giant fly!

NDP Circus presents a spectacular 45 minute performance, especially



commissioned for Life on the Edge, including dance, theatre and aerial circus to tell you a story about an insects journey from pupae to metamorphoses and its search for love!

See www.southdevon-nl.org.uk for more details nearer the time.

*Meet at Parkfield House,
Paignton, TQ3 2NH. [what3words
///drum.acted.bumpy](https://www.what3words.com////drum.acted.bumpy)*



Farming champions - Scobbiscombe Farm with the Walters family

Wed 9th July 6-8pm

South Devon National Landscape

Find out more about family farming in the South Devon National Landscape with this series of walks led by the farmers. The Walters family will show you around this traditional mixed coastal farm with sheep, cattle and crops in the South Hams extending to 440 acres.

They are National Trust tenants on this glorious section of coastline with far reaching views - on a clear day! They also rear free range Christmas turkeys and thanks to Farming in Protected Landscapes funding have a farming fit outdoor gym! Short walk on uneven ground, may be muddy! No dogs please. Free.

*Meet at Scobbiscombe Farm
Kingston. Park in the farmyard
TQ7 4EU.*



Life on the Edge Glow worm hunt!



South Devon National Landscape with John Walters

Friday 11th July 9pm - 11pm

Meet at Overbecks car park, Shapitor, Salcombe TQ8 8LW

Friday 18th July 9pm - 11pm

Meet at East Soar Farm, Malborough. TQ7 3DR

Enjoy the real nightlife of the South Devon and Life on the Edge! Join us for a special night hike looking for glow worms, some of our most magical creatures, with naturalist John Walters. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. The route will involve walking on uneven footpaths and a climb up to the headland and is NOT suitable for people with walking difficulties or children under 14. **Booking essential**, see www.southdevon-nl.org.uk/events. Cost £2 per person



Girl Bunting day

Wednesday 16th July

10am - 3.30pm

Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust and Mike Langman

Join local bird expert Mike Langman and the Ranger to watch and learn about the Girl Bunting – its lifestyle, history, demise and spectacular recovery. No dogs allowed.

Booking essential,

www.countryside-trust.org.uk/whats-on.

£40 per person

(suitable for 14+ years)

Meet at Berry Head (car park charges apply), Brixham. TQ5 9AW



Brush Harvester demonstration



Saturday 26th

July, 2-4pm

National Trust

Brush harvesting seed is a great way to restore and recreate wildflower grasslands. Learn more about brush harvesting with the Ranger team at Wembury and help us to sort the seed. **Booking essential**, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Point, Wembury. PL9 0BX

Exploring the coast – Kingsbridge Estuary Loop

Tues 22nd July, 11am - 1pm

South Devon National Landscape

Hugging the estuary foreshore, we'll enjoy this rich environment through different eyes.

This is no ordinary estuary! Bring a drink / snack and dress for the weather. Dogs on leads are welcome.

The walk will be around 4.7km (2.9 miles) and involves a few short sections of seaweed-covered shores that can be slippery. Uneven underfoot throughout, and one notable incline/decline. **Booking essential** – see

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www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape. Free

Meet outside Kingsbridge Information centre, TQ7 1HS.

What3Words: ///dots.scoots.comically



Butterflies and moths



Sun 27th July

10.30am – 12.30pm

South Devon National Landscape

Find out more about the butterflies and moths flying around the meadows on our coast and how you can help record them as part of the national Big Butterfly Count! Short walk (around 1.5 miles on fairly flat coastal path). We will provide all you need, dress for the weather! Sorry no dogs. **Booking essential** – see www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape.

Free
Meet at Bolberry Down National Trust car park, TQ7 3DY. What3Words: /// breezes.reception.chilled



Community litter pick

Mon 28th July 10am – 11.30am
National Trust

Join us the on the last Monday of each month to help keep Wembury safe, clean and tidy.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events

Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre. PL9 0HP

LotE @The Box



Tues 29th and
Thurs 31st July
2025 10am – 12pm
and 1pm – 3pm
South Devon
National Landscape

Come and find us at this amazing museum. The theme at The Box this summer is Surrealism, so we will be running activities all about some of our insects but in a way you have never seen them before! Activities on throughout the week. See www.theboxplymouth.com for more exciting activities over the Summer.

Meet at The Box, Tavistock Place, Plymouth PL4 8AX

Bat walk

Thurs 31st July 8pm – 9.30pm
Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

A unique opportunity to glimpse one of Britain's largest bats and listen to their otherworldly echo-location calls via our detectors. You will learn about their ecology, reasons for their decline and what the Trust is doing to help this species. **Booking essential**, www.countryside-trust.org.uk/whats-on. £10 per person

Meet at Berry Head car park (charges apply), Brixham TQ5 9AW

Moth breakfast & Berry Head walk

Tue 5th August 8am – 10am
South Devon National Landscape and
Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

Join us to open up the harmless moth traps we set the night before and discover what species have been flying round hunting for nectar in the dark! Aimed at beginners and open to anyone, hot drinks and pastries provided for breakfast. No dogs please. **Booking essential** – see www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape. Free (car park charges apply)

Meet at Berry Head car park, Brixham, TQ5 9AL.
what3words ///uproot.visa.quietest

Guided walks on the coast near Coleton Fishacre

Friday 1st August
10.30am – 12.30pm
National Trust

Put your best foot forward and join the National Trust Walking Volunteers for a free guided walk on the first Friday of each month near Coleton Fishacre. Walks range from accessible and beginner friendly to longer heart pumping hikes. Please wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for rugged coast paths.

Meeting points, duration and difficulty ratings vary for each month so please check the website in advance.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre

Tots and toddlers rockpool safari

Fri 8th August 11am – 12pm.
Other dates available online
Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWT staff and volunteers for a mini rockpool session aimed at preschool children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for details and to **book** - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP



Walking through time – Middle Soar

Sat 9th August 2pm – 4pm

South Devon National Landscape and Bill Horner, Devon County Council archaeologist

Find out more about the people and events that shaped this area of high coastal plateau around



Middle Soar – from Napoleonic signal stations to Middle age farmsteads! Approx 3 mile walk

on uneven coast path. Not suitable for children under 14, dogs on leads welcome.

Booking essential – www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape.

£2 per person (car park fees).

Meet at East Soar car park, Malborough TQ7 3DR

Snorkel safari

Sat 9th August 10am – 12.30pm.

Other dates available online

Devon Wildlife Trust

Join our fully trained BSAC instructors for a snorkel safari around Wembury Bay. Suitable for beginners or more advanced snorkellers. Full kit provided. Children must be 8+ to take part.

Booking essential, see www.wemburymarinecentre.org/events. £30 per person.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Slapton Ley

Festival of Nature

Sun 10th August 11am – 5pm

Field Studies Council

If you love the outdoors and the environment, this mini festival is for you – and what's more entry is free! Hands-on environmental activities will be put on by local charities, and there will be music, stories, demonstrations and talks throughout the day. Local sustainable stall holders will be selling their products, with food and drinks available to keep you refreshed. Dogs on leads welcome. Parking £5, entry free.

Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre, Sands Road, Slapton, Kingsbridge, UK, TQ7 2QP

Community litter pick

Mon 25th August 10am – 11.30am

National Trust

Join us the on the last Monday of each month to help keep Wembury safe, clean and tidy.

Booking essential, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/Devon/wembury/events Free but donations welcome.

Meet at Wembury Marine Centre. PL9 0HP



Avon estuary tidal road walk

Tues 26th August 2pm – 4pm

South Devon National Landscape

Join our estuaries officer, a marine biologist, to stroll down along the Estuary tidal road – discovering what makes estuaries so special and why we need to conserve them. We'll have a look at the mudflats and saltmarshes, the wildlife communities that they support and what they do for us all. Easy walking along the tidal road but it is used by traffic. Dogs on leads welcome. Free
Meet at the Timbers car park, Aveton Gifford TQ7 4JN



Exploring the coast – Storms and Shipwrecks



Tues 26th August 11am – 1.30pm

South Devon National Landscape

Discover how the power of the sea has changed the coastline and the perils of shipping around the wild and rugged part along Beesands and Hallsands. Bring a drink / snack and dress for the weather. Dogs on leads welcome. The walk will be around 8km (5 miles) and involves some steps and a steep section at the start. We are running a minibus for people who don't have their own transport, with a pick-up in Kingsbridge at 10.15am. **Booking essential** see www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape. Free
Meet at the beach slipway, Beesands. TQ7 2EN, What3Words storybook. recording.cube

Grasshoppers, crickets and butterflies!

Sunday 31st August 10.30am - 1.30pm

South Devon National Landscape

Discover what is jumping and taking flight in the farm fields around Bolt Head at this time of year. We hope to find some of our rare butterflies and crickets as well as many other species. Help us to spot them and learn how to record to carry out future surveys yourselves. This session involves walking out on the coast path and uneven ground. No dogs please. **Booking essential**, email lote@southdevon-nl.org.uk

Meet at East Soar National Trust car park. TQ7 3DR.
what3words: ///hissing.tinny.stays



Bat walk

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8pm – 9.30pm**

Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

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www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coleton-fishacre

Explore the shore – Ayrmer Cove

**Saturday 6th September
11am – 2pm**

Ian Blackwell and Guy Baker

A fun exploration of the woods and the shore for all the family – all ages welcome. A short (1 mile) walk through old woodland, collecting some wild garlic. At the beach where we will learn about what lives in our local rock-pools and have a camp-fire on the beach. Dogs on leads welcome. **Booking essential** email info@thedadsnetwork.org
Free (donations welcome)
Meet at National Trust Car Park, Ringmore TQ7 4HL

Farming Champions - Lower Yetson Farm with the Reddaway family

**Wed 3rd Sept
6.30pm – 8.30pm**

South Devon National Landscape

Find out more about family farming in South Devon National Landscape with this series of walks led by the farmers. The Reddaway family run a traditional mixed farm near to the beautiful village of Tuckenhay on the river Dart. Son Ollie runs the dairy herd, daughter Hannah who works part time as a structural surveyor, looks after the sheep flock, and mum and dad Rob and Anne manage the beef and cereal operations. Short walk on uneven ground, may be muddy! No dogs please. Free
Meet at Lower Yetson Farm, Ashprington, Totnes TQ9 7EG



Adult snorkel safari

**Thursday 11th September
10am – 12.30pm.**

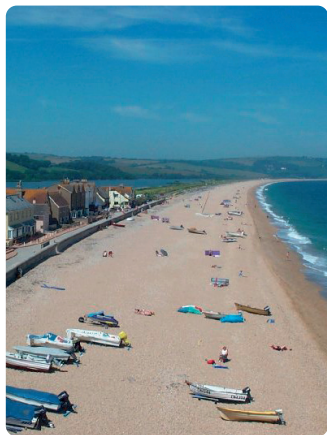
Other dates available online
Devon Wildlife Trust

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Meet at Wembury Marine Centre, Wembury. PL9 0HP

Slapton Sands beach clean

Saturday 20th September
9.30am – 12pm
Field Studies Council

Join us to help clean up Slapton Sands, as part of the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean citizen science event. Free parking and free whippy ice-cream, tea or coffee from the Start Bay Inn for all participants! Dogs welcome, all equipment provided. Free. Meet at *Slapton Sands Memorial car park, TQ7 2TQ*



Berry Head fun day and dog show

Sat 20th September 12pm–4pm
Torbay Coast and Countryside

Join us for an exciting day packed with activities for the whole family! Enjoy a variety of family games, a dog agility course, a lively dog show, and a professional demonstration on dog behaviour around livestock. See www.countryside-trust.org.uk/whats-on/ for more information. Free, entry fee for dog show.

Meet at *Berry Head Country Park (car park charges apply), Brixham. TQ5 9AW*

Rockpool safari

Sunday 21st September
11.30pm – 1pm
Other dates available online
Devon Wildlife Trust

Join the DWYT staff and volunteers to explore the rockpools of Wembury beach. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to [book](http://www.wemburymarinecentre.org) - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child.

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Rockpool safari

Sat 11th October 2pm – 3.30pm.
Other dates available online
Devon Wildlife Trust

Join us to explore the rockpools of Wembury beach. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details and to [book](http://www.wemburymarinecentre.org) - www.wemburymarinecentre.org. £5.50 per child.

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Keeping in touch

The website has details of all our news, events and ideas to get out and enjoy this fabulous National Landscape.



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www.southdevon-nl.org.uk

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