Suggested Walks 20

Salcombe to Batson Creek & Snapes Point

There are 2 alternatives for parking for this walk. Either park in Shadycombe Car Park in Salcombe (you will need 3 hrs £2.70 min) or park free up at the NT Car Park at Lincombe Cross.

From Shadycombe Car Park turn right into Gould Rd and walk round past Boat Park & lime kiln and alongside the creek to Batson. There are also a few car spaces alongside this road just before Batson particularly in 'off season'. Look out for herons, oystercatchers & dunlins on the Creek. Batson existed as a settlement from Saxon times, before Salcombe, which only grew up after the Norman Conquest.

Go round the head of the creek and up the lane signed 'No through road'. Continue along the lane until 'Private' sign for Snapes Manor. Head up to left, past NT sign for Snapes Point, & up path (very muddy) around the back of Snapes Manor, then joining the Green Lane up onto the main track. Turn right on this track signed to Snapes Point.

This track was originally laid in 1800's, being intended to carry an extension of the railway line from Kingsbridge to link with a bridge across Batson Creek to Salcombe.

Walk along track towards Snapes Point until sign on left pointing up to the viewpoint, climb steps and walk up to seat at top. The views over the Estuary are stunning. Walk over brow & follow arrow on post along path which drops down to follow field edges above the estuary. This path can be muddy. Look out for birds on the estuary, herons, egrets & other waders.

Follow the path to Tosnos Point where path climbs up the side of the field around small woodland. Go through gate & climb up this field towards point where fencing juts out on left hand side. Continue up to the left until seat & 2nd great viewpoint at top of the hill.

Go through gate and walk past NT Lincombe Car Park. This is the alternative starting point. Walk straight along road until Hall Cross sign down to Batson. Turn left and walk down, passing bank of snowdrops & primroses on right hand side. Walk through the pretty village, turn right at head of Batson Creek & walk along the road back to Shadycombe Car Park.

If starting walk from NT Car Park, instead turn left at the bottom & follow directions up the lane marked 'No through road' towards Snapes Manor.