

Dittiscombe Holiday Cottages

WALK TO SLAPTON VILLAGE, SLAPTON LEY NATURE RESERVE,
SLAPTON SANDS BEACH & TORCROSS VILLAGE
(OS LANDRANGER MAP 202 – TORBAY & SOUTH DARTMOOR
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The walk from Dittiscombe Holiday Cottages to the centre of Slapton (**red line**) should take approximately 50 minutes. Allow more time coming home as most of the walk is uphill. You will be walking on mostly little used roads which are usually quiet, and bridle paths, some of which may be muddy. On your return you could take the

blue line route through Pittaford Farm and buy some of their tasty free range eggs.

Using the **red line** on the map go straight over the crossroads to Higher Coltscombe Farm. Immediately after walking through the farm buildings look out for the sign on the left for Lower Coltscombe. Take this bridle path down to Lower Coltscombe and the hamlet of Start.

A little way after Start you get to Deer Bridge, and you can either:

a) take the road left into Slapton village (**red line**). Slapton has two pubs, The Queens Arms and The Tower, both of which have beer gardens, and accept dogs inside. There is a small shop in the village which stocks basic provisions and newspapers etc.
or

b) continue over the road and use the permissive footpath and nature trail through to Slapton Ley (**green line**). Eventually the trail will bring you back to the road (**red line**). If you would like to go to Slapton beach (dog-friendly, toilets) turn right using the pavement, go over the bridge by the road, and the beach is directly opposite.

At the bridge the path to your left and right is the South West Coast Path (SWCP). If you would like to go in the direction of Strete Gate and Dartmouth, turn left here. For Torcross village, Beesands, Hallsands and Start Point Lighthouse turn right.

Torcross village is famous for the memorial tank to soldiers lost in the D-Day landing practices during World War II. It is also renowned for great fish and chips at the Start Bay Inn where they have a family room and outdoor eating. There is also a village shop, a very good butchers selling local meat (Hannafords) and two cafes. If you continue walking through Torcross on the SWCP you will come to Beesands (The Cricket Inn has an excellent menu and is dog friendly), Hallsands ruins (the village that collapsed into the sea with storyboard and views), and eventually Start Point Lighthouse.