



The Obelisk Walk

A walk with some steep hills and stunning views over Swanage, Studland and Poole Harbour from the Purbeck Hills.

Distance: 5 miles
Ascent: 170m (approx)
Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage BH19 1PW
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61164° N, Longitude: -1.96351° W **(OS)** SZ 02678 79104

Safety Tips: Stay on marked paths, especially near cliff edges. Wear suitable footwear – paths can be uneven and slippery. Keep children and dogs under close supervision near the cliffs. Check the weather forecast before your walk. Mobile phone coverage can be patchy along the coast

Directions

1. Start of walk

Lat, long: 50.61164, -1.96351 - OS: SZ 02678 79104

Start from the Car park in Victoria Avenue, exit the car park and turn left onto Victoria Avenue and continue along Victoria Avenue past two T junctions.

2. T Junction

Lat, long: 50.61332, -1.97121 - OS: SZ 02134 79290

Turn right at junction and go past farm building.

3. Junction with narrow road.

Lat, long: 50.61372, -1.97173 - OS: SZ 02096 79335

Turn right and follow narrow road north and towards the Purbeck Hills.

4. Stile

Lat, long: 50.61620, -1.97165 - OS: SZ 02102 79610

At stile on left side, go over stile and follow path across open field to your right over next stile and then through bushes to small bridge.

5. Bridge

Lat, long: 50.61756, -1.97307 - OS: SZ 02001 79761

Cross the bridge and continue north across the field.

6. T junction

Lat, long: 50.62210, -1.97169 - OS: SZ 02099 80266

At the T Junction go straight ahead past the brick works and continue up the hill until you reach Ulwell Road junction.

7. T Junction

Lat, long: 50.62710, -1.96994 - OS: SZ 02223 80823

Go across Ulwell Road and left into layby on the right side of the road next to small stream.

8. Metal Swing Gate

Lat, long: 50.62803, -1.97091 - OS: SZ 02154 80926

At the metal swing gate go through the gate and follow path up the hill.

9. Start of steep climb

Lat, long: 50.62890, -1.97117 - OS: SZ 02135 81023

At cross roads in paths continue straight ahead and go up steep hill until you reach the stile at the top.

10. The Obelisk

Lat, long: 50.63138, -1.96982 - OS: SZ 02231 81298

At the Obelisk turn right and follow the track up the hill until you reach the next wooden gate.

11. Wooden Gate

Lat, long: 50.63114, -1.96569 - OS: SZ 02523 81272

At the wooden gate continue straight ahead along the top of the Purbeck Hills.

12. Gate and earth mounds

Lat, long: 50.63146, -1.94518 - OS: SZ 03974 81308

When you come to a gate with large earth mounds to the right, turn right and follow narrow path down the hill.

13. Stile

Lat, long: 50.63063, -1.94525 - OS: SZ 03969 81216

Go over the stile and follow path down the side of the hill until you come to the lower track, turn left and follow the track down to another stile.

14. Stile

Lat, long: 50.62925, -1.94736 - OS: SZ 03819 81062

Go over the stile and follow the narrow path down the edge of the fields until you come to stone steps.

15. Stone Steps

Lat, long: 50.62348, -1.95325 - OS: SZ 03403 80421

At the stone steps you can either go straight ahead and up second set of steps to return to Swanage via Ulwell Road and the sea front or turn left and follow path and wooden steps down to the beach, turning right at the bottom and following beach back towards the town.

16. Victoria Avenue Junction

Lat, long: 50.61207, -1.95773 - OS: SZ 03087 79152

At T junction with Victoria Avenue, turn left and follow road back to car park and the start of walk.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap

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