

# Burton Bradstock to West Bay



## Clifftop South West Coast Path

### Start Point One

- From Hive Beach bus stop go up the adjacent road towards Hive Beach. Here there is a National Trust car park, toilets and café.
- Go back up road from the beach and head left across the overflow car park to the South West Coast Path signpost at a gap in the hedge.
- Continue through the gate across fields to a road coming up from the village centre.

- Turn right along the South West Coast Path and cliff top for 1 km, and then go steeply down to the river mouth.
- Turn right through a gate and walk along to a path junction. Turn left over the footbridge and keeping left to the riverside, walk through Burton Freshwater caravan site, along the shingle, to the path up the cliff side.
- Walk along the cliff top path for about 2 km dropping down then up again, before a steep path down to the beach and car park at West Bay. Walk through West Bay to the bus stop at the harbour by The George.

### Start Point Two

- Alight the bus in the village centre, at the Anchor Inn from the Bridport direction or at the Three Horseshoes pub from the Weymouth direction. Start the walk from the Anchor Inn.
- Take the road south towards the coast. If starting from the Anchor Inn, it would be advisable to take a short detour right via Church Street and Donkey Lane to avoid walking along the narrow, busy part of the main road here.
- Go along the pavement until the left hand bend in the main road, and then take the minor road (Cliff Road) up the hill, to arrive at the South West Coast Path by the cliff top. This is where it joins the route from Hive Beach.

Golden cliffs of sandstone and limestone that tell us a tropical sea existed here 170 million years ago. A mighty beach finds its western end at West Bay – Chesil Beach, 15 miles long, was born from landslides that eroded after the last ice age around 20,000 years ago.

### Walk Facts

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| <b>Start point</b>  | Hive Beach bus stop or Anchor Inn, Burton Bradstock |
| <b>Distance</b>     | 3.2 miles / 5km                                     |
| <b>Walking Time</b> | 70 min not including stops                          |
| <b>Difficulty</b>   | Moderate  |

