

## 8. Samphire Hoe Country Park near Dover



### Route information

The full circuit is 2 miles (3km) with two distinct sections. The sea wall can be followed for up to 1 mile (1.6km) on smooth concrete. The section through the middle of the Hoe is also 1 mile (1.6km) long. It has a good path surface and includes some steep gradients, but there are a number of rest points along the way.

## How to get to Samphire Hoe

**Road:** Access from tunnel signposted from A20(T), 1 mile west of Dover.  
Download free map from: [www.streetmap.co.uk](http://www.streetmap.co.uk) - type "Samphire Hoe"

### Route description

**START 1** From the car park, take the path signposted "West Shore via the Hoe", passing through a chicane.

**A** Cross the bridge and climb the slope.

Continue on this path, which can be steep in places, for another 800m until you descend to the sea wall.

**B** Turn left here and follow the sea wall to point C.

To get a better view of the sea, you can access a higher terrace on the sea wall via the ramp which is about 50m after Point B. Remain on this terrace for about 1 mile (1.6km) until another ramp allows you to descend back to the lower level, just before Point C.

**C** Turn left and follow the ramp which zigzags back up to the car park.

Samphire Hoe is owned by Eurotunnel and managed in partnership with White Cliffs Countryside Project.



### Points of interest

**1** Looking east towards Dover, the furthest cliff is known today as Shakespeare's Cliff. It was thought to have inspired the passage in King Lear, "there is a cliff, whose high and bending head looks fearfully in the confined deep..."

**2** Looking towards the sea, the grassland is one of the areas that was sown with wild grass and flower seeds to help stabilise the soil.

**3** On stormy days, waves can curl over the whole width of the wall. The terracing allows the water to run off and back out to sea. In rough weather, the sea wall may be closed to the public.



Information



Refreshments



Adapted toilets  
At car park  
(RADAR key).



Uphill  
gradient  
(see walk 3)



Downhill  
gradient  
(see walk 3)



Rest area



Car park  
4 designated spaces.  
Tarmac.

**Please note** - There is a programme of guided walks and activities at Samphire Hoe - all are welcome. The Hoe is a great place to see and enjoy the Dover-Folkestone Heritage Coast, which forms part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. If you require any further information about Samphire Hoe, please call **01304 225649**