

1. WALK FROM WHITESANDS TO ST DAVIDS



AT A GLANCE

WHERE: St Davids Head, Pembrokeshire

DISTANCE: 3.5 miles

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

START: Whitesands Bay car park

GRID REF: SM734272

POST CODE: SA62 6PS

MAP: OS Explorer OL35 North Pembrokeshire

1. Facing the beach, take the signposted coast path to the right of a telephone box. Proceed between fences; after 150 yards fork right. Continue heading uphill, following the coast path along the top of rugged cliffs, past a National Trust sign and over a footbridge.
2. At the end of the headland, the path turns right. Continue along the >

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coast path and soon views open up along the north coast of Pembrokeshire. When you've almost passed Carn Llidi (the hill on your right), look out for a rectangular walled enclosure on the right, below the left shoulder of Carn Llidi.

3. Head right, leaving the coast path, along a grassy track that heads up to the enclosure, and continue

Sea the sights The views of Ramsey Island and Whitesands Bay are spectacular from windswept St Davids Head

passing to the right of it, heading uphill. At the top, a wall joins on the left.

4. The sure-footed have the option of turning right up to the rocky summit of Carn Llidi, where the views are magnificent. Otherwise, >

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descend gently from the shoulder along a well-defined path, keeping the wall on your left. The path curves to the right around the base of the hill.

5. The path descends to a stile; don't climb it but turn right for a few yards and then bear left to continue below Carn Llidi, still keeping the wall on your left. On reaching a junction with a hard track, turn left and continue along the track, climb a stile beside a metal gate and head down to a farm.

6. Keep forward as signposted in the centre of the farm buildings (ignoring left fork). Continue down a curving hedge-lined track, later tarmacked, to reach a road. Turn right for the short distance along this road (the B4583), back to the car park.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Back in AD140, the Romans conducted a survey of the known world, where St Davids Head was known as the Promontory of the Eight Perils. From the head you can see Bishops and Clerks Rocks to the west, where a dozen or more ships have come a cropper.*
- *As you may expect in this part of the world, there was abundant prehistoric activity on Carn Llidi. This includes ancient field systems and enclosures, two burial chambers (probably Neolithic) and what's thought to be a capstone to a megalithic chamber.*