

COASTAL RAMBLE: OXWICH BAY – PORT EYNON



A walk with spectacular views of Port Eynon Bay and clifftop scenery

This is another dramatic section of the Coast Path, this time following the great headland around Oxwich Point, with more spectacular cliff and coastal scenery overlooking Port Eynon Bay, before heading westwards above the cove known as The Slade, to the pretty beach below the village of Horton which is followed to the little resort of Port Eynon.

The Walk in detail

Alight from the bus at the crossroads stop at the in the centre of the village (GR 500864). To access the Coast Path, turn L at crossroads and walk 200m to reach the sea front with the Oxwich Bay Hotel (right). From the hotel the path heads into woodland with the historic church of St Illtyd's to the left.

Walk past the church, to where the path climbs steeply, with about 200 steps, reaching a high plateau with fine views above Oxwich Point. You then soon descend equally steeply and with more steps until you are now just above the coastline itself.

The path continues to hug the coast with its craggy rocks and pools, for 3 kilometres though you must look out for a significant diversion of the path inland below Slade (GR 487856) owing to severe coastal erosion at this point. The rough coastline eventually gives way to a fine sandy beach flanked by the attractive village of Horton. Coast Path signs can be elusive here, but keep on heading west and south-west, just above the beach and Port Eynon is reached 1 kilometre further on.

The walk ends at the sea front in the village of Port Eynon (GR 468852), where there are a number of places to enjoy food and drink and public toilets, as well as a popular Youth Hostel.

Your bus back to Swansea leaves from the bus stop 50 metres up the road from the roundabout.

Useful Information

Start point: Oxwich Cross (GR 500864)

End point: Port Eynon (GR 468852)

Map: O.S. Explorer 164 or Landranger 159

Distance: 7.5 kilometres

Time: 2½-3 hours

Terrain: Moderate to hard with steep sections.

Refreshments: Oxwich Bay
Port Eynon

Toilets: Oxwich Bay
Horton
Port Eynon

Trains: Swansea 20 kilometres

Bus stops: Oxwich Bay
Lower Horton
Port Eynon

Buses: Outward: 116 or 118 from Swansea connecting to 117
114 on Sundays in high season direct
Return: 114, 115, 117 or 118

Tickets: Gower Day Rider for day's unlimited travel (adult, 16 & under & family options available).