The Gower and Swansea Bay section of the Wales Coast Path extends from Swansea Port and the SA1 Waterfront in the east, around Swansea Bay and the Gower Peninsula, to Loughor in the west.

The Coast Path around the spectacular coast of Gower, the UK’s first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is one of the highlights of the Wales Coast Path.

Planning your walk

The Coast Path around Gower between Mumbles and Crofty is 38 miles long. Therefore you should allow at least 2 days to walk the whole path (unless you are extremely fit!). If you want to do a similar coastal experience by just walking sections of it or using one of the published circular walks mentioned below.

Much of the Coast Path involves walking over rough terrain, steep slopes and a small number of stiles. However, there are sections that are accessible for wheelchair users and the less-able (e.g. Swansea Bay Promenade), and some that can be enjoyed by cyclists and horse riders.

There are a number of published circular walks based on the Coast Path and the routes of these are shown on this leaflet.

For further information on these walks please contact or visit the tourist information centres below or download them from our website:

- Swansea Tourist Information Centre: www.visitswanseabay.com
  E-mail: tourism@swansea.gov.uk
  Tel: (01792) 468321

- Mumbles Tourist Information Centre: www.mumblesinfo.org.uk
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For more information on Swansea Bay, Mumbles and Gower go to:

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Public transport

The Coast Path can be accessed using Swansea and Gowerton railway stations.

For information on trains:

- www.nationalrail.co.uk

For information on buses around the coast:

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Finding your way
The Coast Path route is waymarked using the white dragon-shell logo and coast path way marks. However, you may wish to use alternative routes along the coast across beaches or along other paths, of which there are many.

Roads: Most of the Coast Path follows quiet public paths. However, there are some sections of road walking with no pavement. Take care when using these sections as drivers may not be aware of your presence.

Clothing: You are advised to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the conditions you expect to find on the Coast Path and the time of year.

Emergencies: If you find yourself in difficulty dial 999 (or 112 on a Mobile) and ask for the Coastguard. Mobile phone coverage is poor in some areas.

Countryside Code
Please keep dogs on a lead when near sheep, cattle or breeding birds. Leave gates as you find them, and take your litter home with you.

Safety
Cliffs: The Coast Path is close to the edge of the cliff in many places. KEEP TO THE PATH!
Tides: Some sections of the Coast Path are subject to high tides. In extreme instances you may have to wait until the tide recedes before continuing, whilst in others you will be able to use an alternative route. Check tide times by calling Swansea Coastguard (01792) 366334 or at www.mumblesinfo.org.uk (click on ‘tides’).