

Churchtown Farm

A walk through Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Churchtown Farm reserve, with fantastic views over the Lynher and across Plymouth Sound.



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Factoids:

- Churchtown Farm is home to a wealth of wildlife with a wide range of habitats including several arable fields sown with wild flowers
- Trematon Castle which you can see across the valley was built in the 11th Century on the orders of William the Conqueror.
- The first record of a ferry across the Lynher from Passage Point to St Antony is 1324, and it was operational until 1952, when improvements to roads and increased popularity of cars made it unviable.

STROLLS AND ROLLS

EASY ACCESS STILE-FREE ROUTES
IN THE TAMAR VALLEY

Grade surface and terrain:

Access For Many: This section is suitable for assisted wheelchairs and more robust, all-terrain type equipment. The paths in the western two fields are soil and short grass with one short steep stretch on the approach to the reserve entrance nearest to St Stephens. The rest of the route is along a rolled stone path, but it is a steady descent (between 1:8 and 1:10) down to the viewpoint overlooking the Lynher. The return is the same way, so it is a steady climb back up from the viewpoint.



Distance:

1 mile / 1.6km there and back with 100 ft / 30m of ascent and descent.

Nearest facilities: None on site. Nearest disabled public toilets are in the Belle Vue car park, Saltash, PL12 6ES. Saltash also has a wide range of pubs and cafés.

Parking: On street parking in the road outside Saltash Community School (Postcode: PL12 4AY, Grid Reference; SS 416 583, What3Words: sizes.twinkling.roost) or in St Stephens (Postcode: PL12 4AR, Grid Reference; SS 415 583, What3Words: committee.cooking.turns).

Please park considerably and avoid blocking access for residents.

Directions: Enter Churchtown Farm Community Nature Reserve through the Wearde Road entrance almost opposite the road leading to Saltash Community College. From here take the path heading diagonally up across the field. In the next field you can divert to the viewpoint in the centre of the field or continue alongside the top hedge to reach the reserve entrance close to the Church of St Stephen. From here, a rolled stone path continues westwards before descending quite steeply to the viewpoint overlooking the Lynher. Return the same way.



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