

USEFUL INFORMATION

BEACHES

The South Hams coastline is lined with an array of vast sandy beaches and pebbled coves. All are perfect for a relaxing day, or as a starting point for exploring the South West Coast Path. You will find many of the larger beaches with amenities, along with a quaint village inn or beach café, but off the beaten track there are many secluded natural coves.

- **Bigbury on Sea** (8 miles by car) is well known for its sea tractor (*operates at high tide only*); providing access at high tide to Burgh Island, home to the Art Deco hotel, which has been used in the filming of Agatha Christie's "Poirot". The long beach is perfect for families and amenities include water sports tuition and equipment hire and there is also a café. Please note that dogs are restricted to certain areas during the summer season
- **Bantham** (1 mile by car) boasts a vast beach of very fine sand, backed by sand dunes and has lots of rock pools for exploring. The beach is ideal for all the family with a large car park, easy access, local pub and small shop, along with lifeguard cover (April – October). Bantham is popular all year round for surfing and kite flying, along with kayaking on the River Avon. Please note that dogs are restricted to certain areas during the summer season. There is a Gastro Bus located in the car park by the beach. Surfing lessons and equipment hire are available www.banthamsurfingacademy.co.uk Please visit www.banthamdevon.co.uk for the latest surfing information.
- **Thurlestone and South Milton Sands** (2 miles by car to the beach car park but easy to walk to along the coastal path. Left out of Merchants Garden, turn right in front of golf club and follow coastal path round to the left. If you have a lot to carry you can drive to a car park located behind the flats that you can see at the top of the hill from the garden) This is a beach with fine shingle and sand. There are good amenities, and it is a great location for wind surfing and for exploring the rock pools at low tide. The beach is owned by the National Trust and is very well maintained like many of the beaches in the areas. The Beach House restaurant (serves coffees and ice creams as well as breakfasts, lunches and dinners) is located up a small path half way down the beach

There are also a few smaller beaches along the Thurlestone coastline: -

- **Yarmer** is a small sandy beach, directly below the golf course. Please note there are no amenities on the beach but you can take picnics, BBQ trays / portable BBQ's to this beach. Left out of Merchants Garden, turn right just after the tennis courts and follow the footpath up to the 18th green and follow the footpath left across the golf course down to the beach. If you come across golfers please be courteous and stand still until they have played their shot
- **Leasfoot** is a sheltered sandy beach located by the golf course. A quiet traditional beach, ideal for a lazy day, beach games and rock pooling. Please note there are no amenities on the beach but you can take picnics, BBQ trays / portable BBQ's to this beach. Left out of Merchants Garden, turn right in front of the golf clubhouse and carry straight on to the beach

BOAT HIRE

- Salcombe Boat Hire - www.salcombeboathire.co.uk/boat_hire - self-drive 12ft - 16ft fibreglass boats - 15 minutes from Thurlestone - 01548 844475 - email maxine@salcombeboathire.co.uk
- Whitestrand Boat Hire, Salcombe - see www.whitestrandboathire.co.uk - 15 minutes from Thurlestone - 01548 843818. Email info@whitestrandboathire.co.uk

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Crabbing in Salcombe - 15 minutes from Thurlestone
- Pennywell Farm - www.pennywellfarm.co.uk - 01364 642023 - 35 minutes drive from the house and a great day out for the kids
- Woodlands Theme Park - www.woodlandspark.com - 01803 712598 - 25 minutes drive from the house. Also a great day out for the kids

CHURCH

- Church of All Saints, Thurlestone

CINEMA

- Kings Cinema, Kingsbridge - www.kingsbridge.merlincinemas.co.uk - 01548 856636

FISHING TRIPS

- Whitestrand Boat Hire, Salcombe - see www.whitestrandboathire.co.uk - 15 minutes from Thurlestone - 01548 843818 - email info@whitestrandboathire.co.uk
- Phoenix Charters, Salcombe - www.phoenixcharters.co.uk - 01548 842840 - email chris@phoenixcharters.co.uk

FOOD SHOPPING

- Post office, Thurlestone Village. This is a general store with a good but small range of products including newspapers
- There is a Co-Op at the garage in Malborough about 10 minutes drive towards Salcombe
- There is a large Tesco's and Morrison's in Kingsbridge which is around 15 minutes from Thurlestone
- Salcombe Fishmongers - 15 minutes from Thurlestone
- P.W. & J. Coleman Butchers, Salcombe - 15 minutes from Thurlestone

GARDEN CENTRE

- Avon Mill Garden Centre, Loddiswell - www.avonmill.com - 15 minutes from the house. Beautiful plants, stylish accessories for the home, cakes, coffees, breakfasts and lunches and 'Devon Cream Teas'

GOLF

- Thurlestone Golf Club - www.thurlestonegolfclub.co.uk - 01548 560715 to book tee times - a stunning cliff top course The Course offering rewarding and spectacular views with each hole providing a different challenge
- Bigbury Golf Club - www.bigburygolfclub.co.uk - 01548 810557 to book tee times - another cliff top course around 20 minutes by car from the house
- Dartmouth Golf & Country Club - www.thedartmouthhotel.co.uk/golf - 01803 712686 to book tee times - the course is around 30 minutes from the house

INDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

- Thurlestone Hotel in the village - the pool, gym, sauna and steam room cost £45 per person for the whole day - 01548 560382
- Quayside Leisure Centre, Kingsbridge - www.toneleisure.co.uk/quayside-leisure-centre/ Public pool 15 minutes from Thurlestone - 01548 857100

KAYAKING

- Sea Kayak Salcombe - www.seakayaksalcombe.co.uk - 20 minutes from Thurlestone - paddle the Salcombe area - email info@seakayaksalcombe.co.uk - 01548 843451
- Surfin Sam, South Milton Sands - www.surfinsam.co.uk - during the summer season and other popular times throughout the year, windsurfers, single / double kayaks, stand up paddle boards and wetsuits can be hired to make the most of this beautiful beach - email christine@surfinsam.co.uk - 07974 101374 (reception is poor so best to email)

PUBS & RESTAURANTS

- Thurlestone Hotel - www.thurlestone.co.uk - 01548 560381 - the Margaret Amelia restaurant, a more formal restaurant and where gentlemen are requested to wear jackets for dinner - great for Sunday lunch
- Village Inn, Thurlestone - www.thurlestone.co.uk/dining/the-village-inn/ - 01548 563525. Worth booking for evening meals even if it is early evening. Children welcome - great for popping in for lunchtime drinks and lunches
- Beach House, South Milton Beach - www.beachhousedevon.com - 01548 561144 - outside tables cannot be booked. If you want to dine inside you do need to book - it is easier to walk to than drive
- The Sloop Inn, Bantham - www.thesloop.co.uk - 01548 560489 - again worth booking as it gets busy with people coming off Bantham Beach
- Winking Prawn, North Sands - www.winkingprawn.co.uk - 01548 8942326. Located the other side of Salcombe - open for breakfasts, lunch and dinner - best to book for tables inside - they run a BBQ from 4.30pm to 8.30pm May to September
- Hope & Anchor, Hope Cove - www.hopeandanchor.co.uk - 01548 561294 - tables cannot be booked but the turnover of tables is quick
- The Oyster Shack, Bigbury - www.oystershack.co.uk - 01548 810876 - a seriously fishy number, in a good way! Offering seafood by the bucket-load
- Victoria Inn, Salcombe - www.victorianinn-salcombe.co.uk - 01548 842604 - a traditional comfortable pub with good food
- The Ferry Inn, Salcombe - www.theferryinnsalcombe.com - 01548 844000 - located right on the waters edge with stunning views
- The Kings Arms, Salcombe - www.kasalcombe.co.uk - 01548 842202 - good food, good beer and a warm, welcoming atmosphere
- Fortescue Inn, Salcombe - www.thefortsalcombe.com - 01548 842868 - a traditional seaside bar and restaurant
- Captain Flint's, Salcombe - www.captainflints.co.uk - 01548 842357 - fun informal restaurant specializing in pizzas, burgers, steaks, fish, pasta
- Salcombe Coffee Company - 01548 842319 - brunch, lunch or supper with great coffees
- South Sands Boutique Hotel, Salcombe - www.southsands.com - 01548 845900 - fabulous beachside bar and restaurant with great views over the estuary - alfresco dining available
- The Jetty, Salcombe - www.salcombe-harbour-hotel.co.uk/dining/jetty/ - 01548 844444 - located in the Salcombe Harbour Hotel & Spa - most of the time it is open to non residents but occasionally has functions which take out the whole restaurant
- Dick & Wills, Salcombe - www.dickandwills.co.uk - 01548 843408 - waterside bar and brasserie overlooking Salcombe estuary

RACING

- Exeter Racecourse - www.exeter.thejockeyclub.co.uk for fixture details. 50 minutes from Thurlestone - 0344 5793 005
- Newton Abbot Racecourse - www.newtonabbotracing.com/horseracing/fixtures for fixture details including evening meetings. 50 minutes from Thurlestone - 01626 353235
- Buckfastleigh Point-to-Point - www.p2phorseraces-dc.com/fixtures/ - 35 minutes from Thurlestone

SAILING

- Salcombe Dingy Sailing - hire / learn to sail - www.salcombedinghysailing.co.uk - 15 minutes from Thurlestone - Zoe on 07809 556457 or salcombedinghysailing@gmail.com
- Salcombe Yacht Club - www.salcombeyc.org.uk - 01548 842593
- Dittisham Sailing Club - 30 minutes from Thurlestone - www.dittishamsc.org.uk - email taylor1948@hotmail.com

SHOPPING

- You will find top of the range brands in Salcombe like Quba, Musto, Jack Wills, Henri Lloyd, Joules, Crew Clothing and White stuff along with local galleries and crafted homeware
- Shopping in Kingsbridge is good and well worth a visit. More information can be found at www.kingsbridge.2day.uk/section/LocalShopping

SURFING

- Bantham Surfing Academy, Bantham Beach - www.banthamsurfingacademy.co.uk - 01548 853803. They offer lessons and courses suitable for all surfing skill levels, from the absolute beginner through to improvement and practice coaching for more experienced surfers.

TAKE AWAYS / DELIVERY

- The take away menus for the following can be found in the left hand drawer of the dresser in the reading room
 - Kerala Indian, Kingsbridge - 01548 858855
 - Café Asia, Kingsbridge - 01548 857888
 - Pizza Planet, Kingsbridge - 01548 856655

TAXIS

- 07719 730428 (4 seat)
- 07783 802437 (4 seat)
- 01548 842914 (up to 8)
- 01548 560231 (up to 8)
- 07766 406129 (6 seat)
- 01548 856120 (up to 16)
- 01548 852545 (4 seat)
- 07542 626545 (4 seat)
- 07714 512516 (6 seat)

TENNIS

- Thurlestone Golf Club boasts two hard tennis courts and ten grass courts. Non-Members casual booking on the day - a court session lasts 1.5 hours and costs £6 for adults, £3 for junior's or £15 for a family. You book and pay through the Golf Club Professional shop on 01548 560715

VINEYARD

- Sharpham Estate, Totnes - www.sharpham.com - 01803 732203 - 35 minutes from Thurlestone - classic English wines are produced at Sharpham vineyard. Their tally of International Awards confirms their position as one of England's foremost quality wine producers. Well worth a visit to sample their fine English wines along with their award-winning range of English cheeses. The glorious resident alfresco Anchorstone café opening times can be seen at www.sharpham.com/cafe - for bookings and further information, email info@anchorstonecafe.co.uk

WALKS

- There are lots of fabulous walks along the South West Coastal Path. The more popular ones from Thurlestone are below but more information can be found in a book which is in the left hand drawer of the dresser in the reading room: -
 - To Bantham around the Golf course
 - To Hope Cove via the Beach House (South Milton Sands)
 - To Salcombe via the Beach House and Hope Cove. This walk is around 11 miles and truly spectacular