

English Riviera Global Geopark Circular Walks

Paignton Harbour & Roundham Head

An Epic Adventure...
400 million years in the making.

This 1 mile circular walk takes in some of the true splendour of the English Riviera; with spectacular views, tales of shipwrecks, stunning marine life and incredible geology.

If you would like more information about this circular trail, or other English Riviera Circular Walks please visit the walks section of the www.englishriviera.co.uk

The English Riviera is a designated Global Geopark, which recognises the Bay's superb geology, rich biodiversity and heritage. The Saltern Cove trail is a great way to explore and discover more about the bay's geology – pick up a leaflet from The Seashore Centre at Goodrington. For more information about the Geopark please visit www.englishrivierageopark.org.uk



Bottlenose Dolphins

Look out to sea - you might spot a pod of visiting bottlenose dolphins. The family groups feed and play in our sheltered waters. You may also spot groups of harbour porpoise with their smaller fin.



Rockpool Magic

Wet your toes and explore the rockpools at Fairy Cove and Goodrington Sands. You may spot devil crabs, pipefish, sea squirts and limpets. Remember to check tide times and follow the Seashore Code.



Peregrine Falcon

Look up - you may catch a glimpse of the fastest animal on the planet, the peregrine falcon. When swooping on its prey it can reach an amazing speed of 270 mph.



Time beneath your toes

Beneath your feet is Permian red sandstone rock. This was formed around 270 million years ago when we were much closer to the equator and on the same latitude as the Sahara desert is today.



A turbulent past

On a stormy night in 1804 HMS Venerable ran aground off Roundham Head. Only 3 men were lost – the rest of the 555 crew climbed to safety up the ship's mast which was propped up against the cliffs.



This photo was taken from Goodrington Sands looking towards Roundham Head in the late 19th century, before the promenade was built in the 1920s.