

Get Walking . . .

Join us for a free, gentle stroll
on Sunday, July 5, 10.30am

Totland Bay 4.1 miles

Description: A hilly walk with rewarding views of spectacular coastal scenery, The Needles, Hurst Castle, Fort Albert and Tennyson's Monument.

Start: Totland Bay Turf Walk, park along Cliff Road. Bus 7 or 12 to Totland War memorial and walk to the end of Madeira Road. **Set off time:** 10.30am.

Access information:
Some hilly stretches. 110 steps. 2 stiles.

Refreshments: Café by pier, Pitch and Putt cafe, Needles Park, Warren farm tea rooms in season.

Toilets: Totland Bay esplanade, Needles Park.

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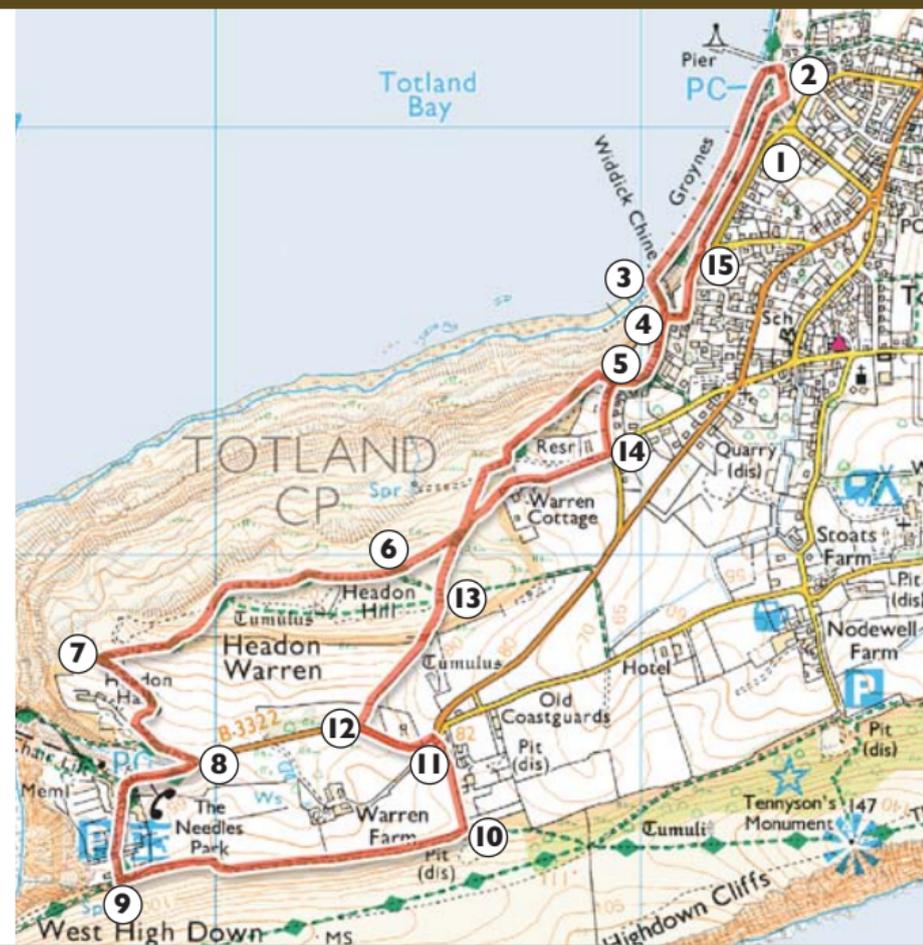


Route: The walk starts at Turf Walk — this is an open green area with seats, facing to sea with a pier and Hurst Castle in the distance (1). Go to the far right hand corner of the green and find a metal and wooden bridge crossing the road. Go a further 50 yards (2) and then descend the concrete steps to the seafront by the pier. Turn left and follow the sea wall passing The Waterfront pub/restaurant and then a disused lifeboat station (3). Turn left and climb the wooden steps and continue to the road (4). Turn right following the pavement around a bend and then turn right on the footpath towards Alum Bay (5).

Follow the winding path uphill, passing gardens, and then through a copse to an open area. Continue straight on uphill, passing an information board and seat. Keep on the path to reach the top of the hill at a Bronze Age barrow, with information board (6). Turn right and follow the path towards The Needles. At a seat and Coast Path sign (7), descend on the rough path between heather and gorse. Follow the path by a field fence. At a path junction go left, passing another information board and the path descends past a pitch and putt course. When the path

reaches a tarmac lane, go left on the coastal path to reach the main road (8). Here turn right and follow the roadside path into the Needles Park. Follow the road uphill passing amusements and visitor attractions to find the car park booth. Take the narrow National Trust road to the left. At a road bend, go left (9) up steps to a footpath gate. Continue on the footpath near the bottom field edge and then turn left at a gate (10) towards a white house. Follow the footpath to reach the main road (11).

Turn left and follow the road verge around a bend, and then turn right onto T16 footpath at a stile (12) by a 6 bar gate. Follow the field path uphill to reach a stile with a National Trust omega sign. Continue uphill to reach a wooden footpath sign (13). Here go left for ten yards and then immediately right to descend through access land amongst the gorse. On reaching a crossing path, turn right downhill. The sunken path, on the right, follows the edge of a bungalow plot. At a drive, turn left and reach Cliff Road (14). Turn left and follow the road downhill and round a S-bend to rejoin Turf Walk (15). Follow the green back to the starting point.



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