

Access Statement

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Introduction

Branscombe village is tucked away in a valley that runs down to a beach on the famous Jurassic Coast and is surrounded by picturesque countryside with miles of tranquil walking through woodland, farmland and beach. Branscombe's charming thatched houses, working forge and restored watermill add to the timeless magic of the place. Dogs on leads are welcome throughout Branscombe.

NB - Mobile phone reception is sporadic across the site, however in an emergency any mobile phone can be used as it will pick up any available signal.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

The car park is accessible off the road leading down into Branscombe and located beside the forge. It is a small stone surfaced car park with no defined disabled parking bays, with a £2 suggested donation or free to members.



The nearby car park behind the village hall (not National Trust and donations to be put into wishing well) has a tarmacked surface and 4 allocated disabled parking bays. There is another car park down at Branscombe beach which is privately owned - with the first section tarmacked and overflow stone hard standing. The beach car park is approximately 200m away from Branscombe beach which is a large shingle beach.



WC's

There are public toilets located at the back of the village hall (not NT) and when the Old Bakery café is open there are toilets located beside the information centre with one being a disabled access toilet.



The Forge

The forge which is located adjacent to the National Trust Car park is accessed via a concrete ramp into the small showroom area.

The Mill

There are two routes to the Mill from the National Trust car park.

First route

Follow the road leading towards the Mill and along the farm track (see photos).



Alternative Mill route

Starts along a grass path in the orchard which passes along the side of the Old Bakery tea-room, across grass fields and down a slope.



There is a small step into the Mill which leads to a viewing area of the mill workings and then a steep narrow flight of steps to get up into the second floor viewing area. A photo booklet is available showing the upstairs.

Tea-room and garden

The Old Bakery is accessed via a level chipping path and over a small concrete bridge. Access to the building itself is also level. Once inside the building due to its original flagstone floor it is very uneven and narrow walk ways to a few tables located downstairs. There are more tables available up a narrow flight of stairs. There are tables located outside in the garden area during good weather. Table service is provided.



There are three picnic benches in the bakery orchard located on an undulating grass surface.

Walks

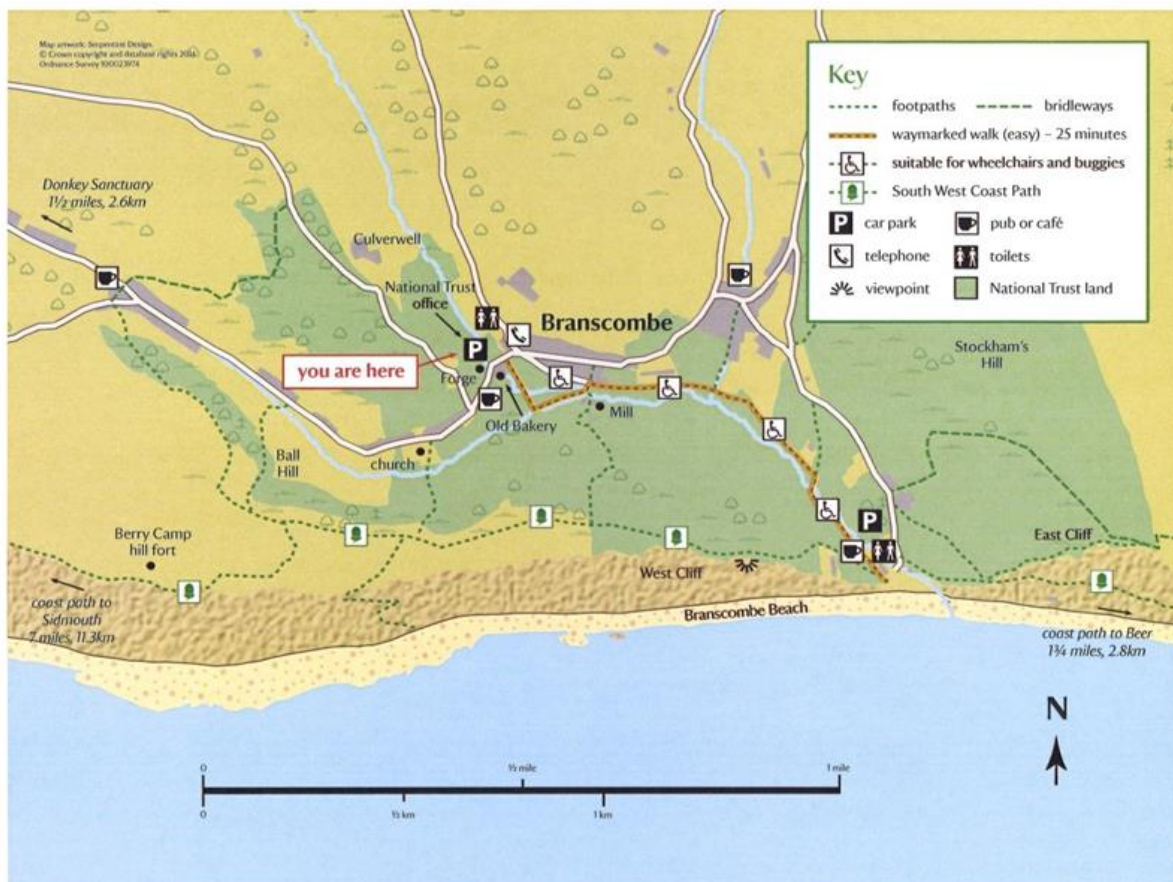
An easy graded trail with a stoned surface winds down to the beach from the NT car park. At the beach, the path meets a steeply sloping junction, which has a crossfall and meets a concrete sleeping policeman. These factors combine to make this final section potentially challenging for anyone with limited mobility.



The coast path can be joined at Branscombe beach which is a steep incline in both East and West direction. The coast path is an unsurfaced grass and mud path.

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/Branscombe>



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