



City and County of Swansea
Dinas a Sir Abertawe



Oxwich Point

GOWER COAST WALKS



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Distance: The shorter walk is 3¼ miles (5km), the longer walk via Oxwich Green is about 4½ miles (7km).

Time: Allow 2 – 4 hours.

Terrain: The woodland section of the walk is on uneven ground, prone to being muddy and has a very long flight of steps. There are no stiles on the shorter route, but there are three on the longer route. Be prepared and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the conditions and season.

Safety: Take care when following the short section of road, there are no pavements. The path runs close to cliffs and steep slopes.

Refreshments: The Oxwich Bay Hotel and the village shop have a wide range of refreshments and meals available.

Public toilets: Opposite the Hotel.

OS map: Explorer 164 Gower.



This walk follows a section of the Gower Coast Path, which is well marked with these waymarks.



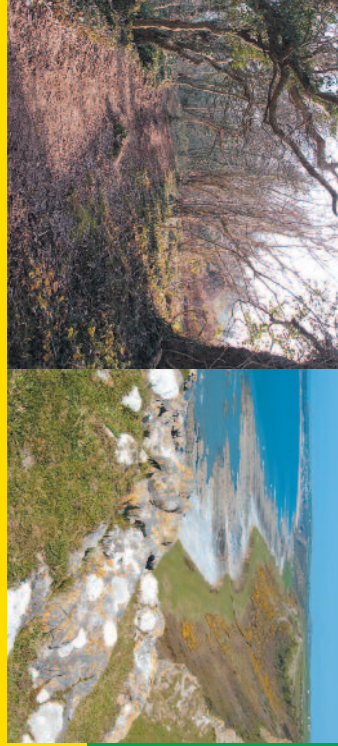
The inland sections of these walks are marked with these waymarks.

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A stunning walk around one of Gower's most beautiful and dramatic headlands: through beautiful woodland and across open cliffs, using a section of the Gower Coast Path.

The All Wales Coast Path starts in Monmouthshire and ends in Flintshire and has been developed by Local Authorities with funding from the Welsh Assembly Government and the Countryside Council for Wales.

The Gower section of the Coast Path has been developed by the City and County of Swansea. Gower is one of the most spectacular, beautiful and well-loved sections of coast in Britain, designated as the first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the United Kingdom.



For both walks, start at the crossroads in Oxwich Village, near the shop and the car park.

Walk along the narrow lane passing the Oxwich Bay Hotel on your right. Continue past the church and then up the long flight of steps – pause and rest on the bench half way up if you need to. At the top of the steps turn left signposted Oxwich Point.

Continue through the woodlands. There are several shorter flights of steps taking you back down towards sea level. Continue as the woodland gives way to more open heathland with great sea views and pass through a kissing gate.

Where the path divides take the right-hand fork for the **shorter walk** sign posted Oxwich Castle (*red route on plan*). Or take the left hand fork sign posted to Horton for the **longer walk** and stay on the coast path (see below for the **longer walk**).

The **shorter walk** will take you up the broad track which curves gently right when you reach the top. Follow the Gower Walks waymarks aiming for a green pedestrian gate next to a field gate in the old stone wall. Follow the trail across two small fields until you join the farm track for a short distance. You will quickly see a very large wooden waymark post, bear right here, past the trig point plinth to go back in to the woodlands and to return to your starting place. Don't forget to make the short detour to see the castle if you wish.

For the **longer walk**, take the lower left hand fork where the path divides and continue on around the coast path (*blue line on the plan*).

The path continues next to the sea for about a mile (1.5km) taking you under dramatic limestone cliffs and opens out into a broad grassy trail.

There are currently three stiles along this section. On reaching Slade Bay and beach (*the Sands*) take a right hand turn, up a short, narrow section of path, and over a stile.

Then, following the Gower Walks waymarks turn right and walk up over the gorse covered slope passing through a metal and a wooden gate (*brown route on plan*). Continue across the fields with drystone walls and through the farmyard to the road. Turn right on to the road and follow it past Oxwich Castle and back to your starting place.

Saint Illtyds Church

The church was started in the 13th century but the tower is reputed to be 14th century. It is said that a Christian building has been on the site since the 6th century.

Woodland

Mainly oak and ash woodland with some remarkable old trees. Look out for bluebells and wild garlic in the spring.

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The Chain Home Low Radar Site at Oxwich Point comprises several flat roofed concrete buildings. They were part of the World War II radar network used to detect aircraft in the Bristol Channel.

Oxwich Castle

Oxwich Castle dates from the 16th century when it was established by the Mansel family. The castle is open to the public for a small fee.

Useful Information

Using public transport in Gower

For information on using public transport to get to and around Gower go to the **Baytrans** website www.baytrans.org.uk

Bus Information

There is a limited bus service between Oxwich and Swansea Bus Station.

Check timetables before travelling.

Travellingcymru 0871 2002233

www.traveline-cymru.info.uk

Parking

There is a privately owned pay car park in Oxwich Village.

Useful contacts

Swansea Tourist Information Centre

Tel: (01792) 468321

E-mail: tourism@swansea.gov.uk

www.visitswanseabay.com

Mumbles Tourist Information Centre

Tel: (01792) 361302

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www.visitmumbles.co.uk

Countryside Access Team

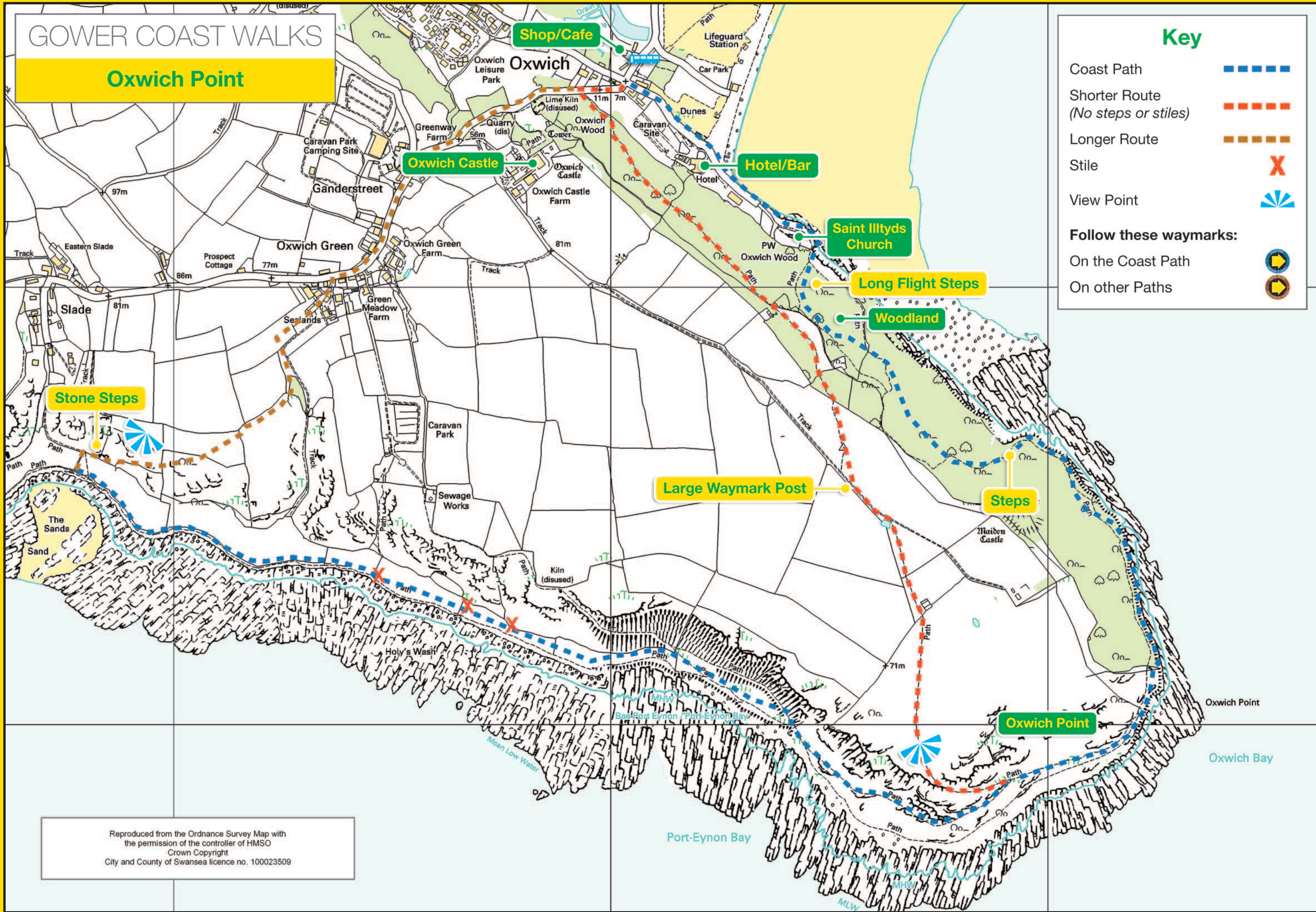
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Key

- Coast Path
- Shorter Route (No steps or stiles)
- Longer Route
- Stile
- View Point
- Follow these waymarks:
 - On the Coast Path
 - On other Paths

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