

WALES

## Martins Haven – the deer park walk

Enjoy dramatic coastal scenery and chances to spot wildlife on this short but spectacular walk around the end of the Marloes Peninsula. There's no deer to see, but lots of seals (pups in autumn), heather and wildflowers, spectacular rocks and sea views. You'll see most of Pembrokeshire's islands from here.



### Information

Address: Marloes Peninsula, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Wales

OS map: Landranger 157

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Uneven cliff top path. For further details see the section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but must be kept under close control to protect nesting birds and ponies in the area.

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 30 mins

### Terrain

Uneven cliff top path, mostly short grazed turf.

### Total steps: 6

Start point: Martin's Haven car park, grid ref: SM760090

1. At the far end of the car park go through the gate on your left and follow the path along the field edge behind Rath Cottage.
2. Follow the path round the coastline of the deer park, enjoying the views of the off-shore islands. Skokholm lies to the south (on your left), and Grassholm with its gannets is on the horizon. The treacherous waters of Jack Sound lie between the deer park and Midland Isle. If it's not too breezy, sit for a while and watch the seabirds.
3. The rocky bays below the cliffs are used by seals.
4. Turn right and walk inland crossing the park with the coastguard hut on your left. The coastguard hut is now an active coastwatch point operated by the National Coastwatch Institute. Enjoy the views - this is a great place for a picnic on a sunny day.
5. Follow the path along the top of the ramparts of the 3,000 years old Iron Age coastal fort.
6. Follow the path back and return towards the car park.

End point: Martin's Haven car park, grid ref: SM760090