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In an emergency



Defibrillator: On Harbour Master's office wall.
www.defibfinder.uk – to find the defibrillators nearest to you.



Mobile signal available: Good 3G/4G coverage.

Information icons



Bench



Dogs: Welcome under close control



Toilets: These are located on the harbour and consist of unisex cubicles, urinal facilities, accessible RADAR scheme cubicles and baby change facilities and are open 24 hours a day.



Wheelchair Access: The area around Ilfracombe harbour is mainly level with pedestrian footpaths from the pier around to Marine Drive and up towards Larkstone.



Parking: Pay-and-display car parks at Pier, Cove, Marine Drive, Larkstone Lane, and Ropery Road. RingGo app available. Limited disabled bays.



Electric charging point



View point

Travel

Bus routes: Services 21, 21A, and 31 stop at Ropery Road. Check Travel Devon for times.



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Ilfracombe Harbour

Finding Nature's Footprints

This three-year Heritage Lottery-funded project, delivered by North Devon Coast National Landscape, helped local people connect with nature and boost wellbeing.

About these guides

These maps and guides are here to help and inspire everyone to explore nature and discover new places across the North Devon Coast National Landscape.

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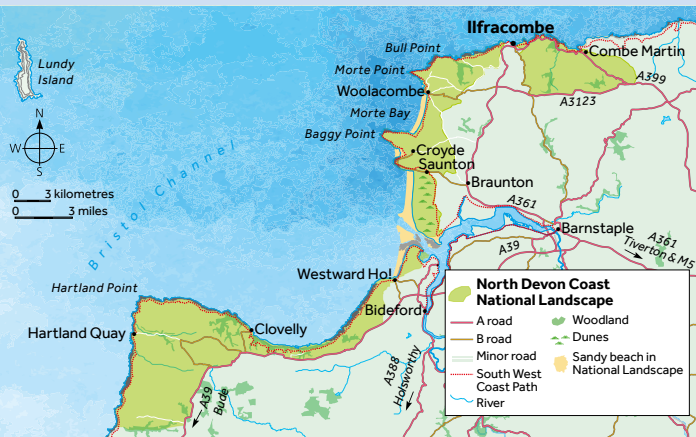
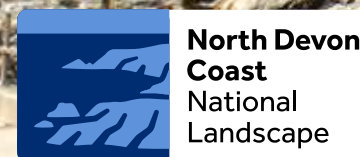
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A gentle walk to be enjoyed
at your own pace

Ilfracombe Harbour



On North Devon's coast, Ilfracombe Harbour is a lively working port offering day trips, tours, and wildlife safaris. The harbour front is mostly flat with paved paths, while the southern edge has steeper sections with great views across the Bristol Channel to Wales.

Terrain

A flat and smooth pavement that follows around the section of the harbour, expect some curbs and traffic. This area can be very busy and is a working harbour.

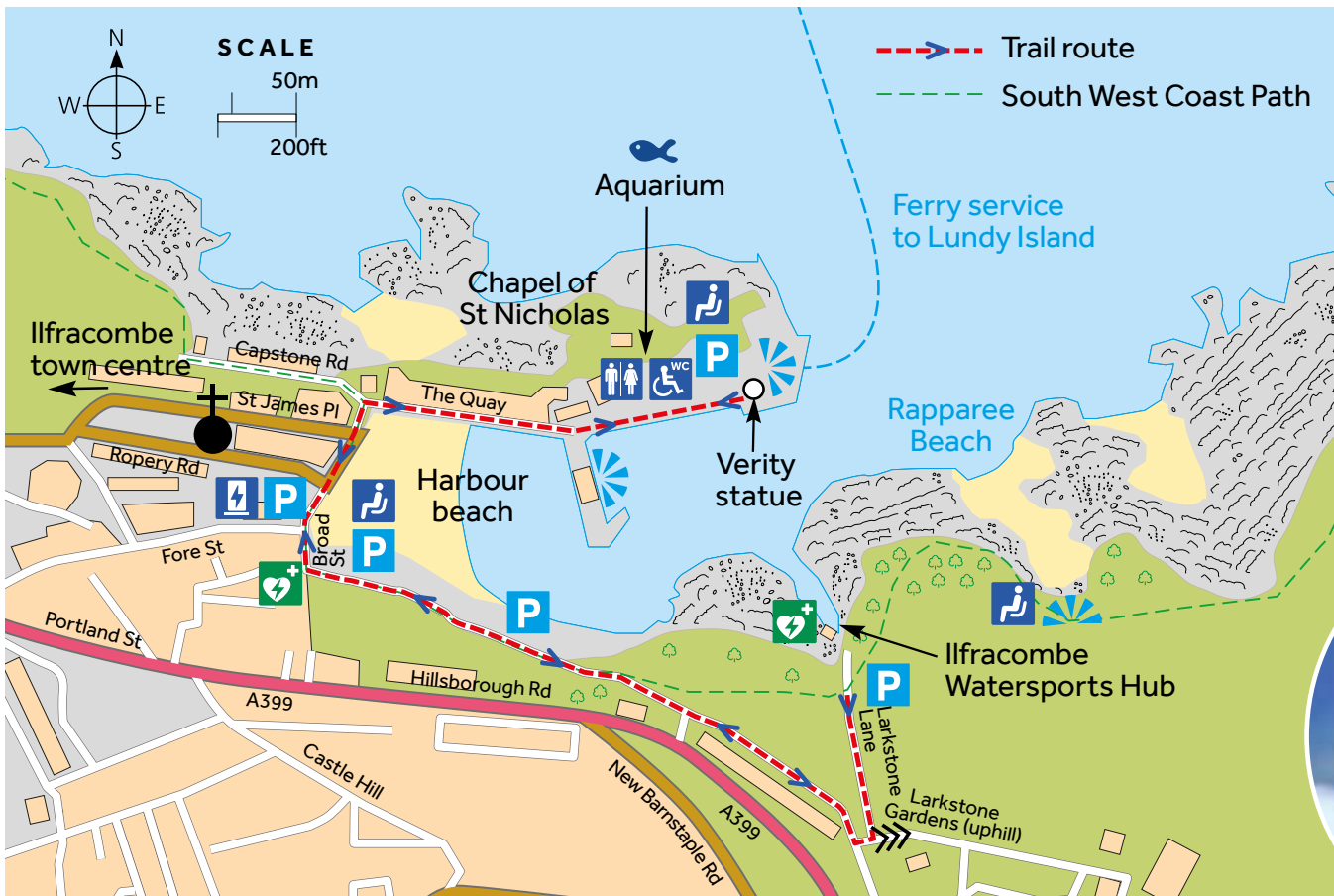
Level 1 according to the Disabled Ramblers grading system.

Please note: The harbour is busy with fishing boats; care should be taken in these areas when walking.



RNLI Boathouse

MS Oldenburg



Things to See & Do

- **Aquarium:** Displays local marine life including octopus, crabs, and anemones.
- **RNLI Boathouse:** Open late May–September. Tours bookable via RNLI Ilfracombe website.
- **Lundy Island Trips:** Sail aboard the historic MS Oldenburg. Details on Landmark Trust site. www.landmarktrust.org.uk/lundyisland/ms-oldenburg

Wildlife to spot

Sea birds – gulls and cormorants, harbour porpoise on a calm day.



Cormorant
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Harbour porpoise
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