

The English Riviera GEOPARK

Welcome to the English Riviera Geopark and a landscape of dramatic changes, revealing stories unseen elsewhere in the world. Scratch beneath the surface and our landscape reveals tales of tropical seas and scorching deserts, raised beaches and drowned forests, hippopotami, mammoths, sabre-toothed tigers and earliest man.

Situated within the stunning, rolling hills of South Devon, our geology has created the beautiful coastline we see today, linking the rich diversity of landscape with wildlife, people and culture.

In September 2007, the English Riviera received international recognition for its geological, historical and cultural heritage and became one of just 57 areas around the world – and the only urban area – to be endorsed by **UNESCO** as a Global Geopark. There are a number of key gateway sites to explore, which you can find detailed on the map enclosed.

Visit www.englishrivierageopark.org.uk for further information and up-to-date news stories about the festival and our Geopark.



Useful Numbers

Brixham Museum (01803) 856 267
Berry Head Visitors Centre	... (01803) 844 102
Cockington Court Tearooms	.. (01803) 606 035
Greenway Ferries (01803) 844 010
Kents Cavern (01803) 215 136
Living Coasts (01803) 202 470
Occombe Farm (01803) 606 035
Seashore Centre (01803) 528 841
Torquay Museum (01803) 293 975
Torre Abbey (01803) 293 593
Tourist Information (01803) 211 211

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**For more information on the
English Riviera Geopark visit:
www.englishrivierageopark.org.uk**

The English Riviera GEOPARK FESTIVAL 22nd May - 7th June



A celebration of Torbay's
unique natural environment

What's Happening?

- Children's workshops
- Arts and crafts
- Guided walks
- Boat cruises
- And much more!



THE ENGLISH RIVIERA
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For more information on this and other events on
the English Riviera visit: www.englishriviera.co.uk



What's on at the Gateway Sites?

The sites detailed on the map have been designated as the key gateway sites of the Geopark. This means they represent everything that is special about the English Riviera, from the historic opulence of Torre Abbey to the dramatic geological wonder of Berry Head. There are many events taking place during the 2 week festival but the sites can be visited all through the year as part of the Geopark experience.

- 1. Kents Cavern**
Cave Treasures, Geopark Walk, amateur radio GB6GEO
- 2. Torquay Museum**
Children's Workshops, a talk with Chris Stringer, Ancestors Exhibition
- 3. Geopark Cruises with Greenway Ferries**
Geopark Cruises (Torquay/Brixham), Art on the Prom
- 4. Torre Abbey**
'Make a Lasting Impression' Craft Exhibition
- 5. Cockington Court & Country Park**
Children's Workshops, Art Exhibition
- 6. Seashore Centre**
Children's Workshops, Geopark Walk
- 7. Occombe Farm**
Trail Sculpture, Children's Workshops, Annual Beer Festival
- 8. Berry Head**
Nature Walks, Archaeological Mini-dig

For full listings and more information on events taking place during the Geopark Festival, please open up this leaflet to see the festival programme.



Every Day

TRAIL at Ocombe

Come and follow a trail of beautiful sculptures constructed out of recycled materials by local artists and artist groups. There is also a café and farm shop on-site.

Time: 9am-5.30pm, 4.30pm on Sundays **Tickets:** Free Entry.
Venue: Ocombe Farm, Preston Down Road, Paignton, TQ3 1RN.
Contact: 01803 520 022 for further information or visit www.trail.org.uk to find out more about the TRAIL project.

Coastal Plants at Living Coasts

These hardy plants often go unnoticed by visitors to the coastline but they are a valuable feature of what makes it so dynamic. To celebrate these plants and the ecosystems they support we will have a plant trail around the site, coastal plant craft workshops and hands on science activities.

Time: Open daily from 10am **Tickets:** Entry Fee to Living Coasts.
Venue: Living Coasts.
Contact: Clare Rugg 01803 202 470.

Geopark Cruise

Enjoy a cruise along the wonderful Tor Bay coastline, looking closely at caves, cliffs and rocks in the newly designated UNESCO Geopark. Full commentary given on sites of interest while you sit back and take in the stunning scenery.

Time: Torquay Harbour: 11am, 12pm, 1.15pm, 2.30pm, 3.45pm, 5pm.
Brixham Harbour: 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm.
Venue: Princess Pier, Torquay & Brixham Harbour.
Tickets: £7 per adult. £4 per child. £6 concessions.
Contact: 0845 489 0418 for further information.

Make a Lasting Impression

Eight centuries of architecture and heritage at Torre Abbey have inspired 14 of the Southwest's finest craft makers to produce a new series of works being exhibited here. The exhibition, includes jewellery, weaving, cob, sculpture, ceramics and basket making.

Time: 10am-5pm **Tickets:** £5.75 per person. £4.75 concessions.
Venue: Torre Abbey, Kings Drive, Torquay, TQ2 5JX.
Contact: 01803 293 593 for more information.

Fur, Feathers and Fins

Come and see an exhibition of mezzotints and etchings by Debby Mason depicting many of the creatures that fascinate and inspire her. Debby is a member of the Devon Guild of Craftsmen.

Every day (until 3rd June).
Time: Open daily from 10am **Tickets:** Free entry.
Venue: Cockington Court Tea Rooms, Cockington Village, TQ2 6XA.
Contact: 01803 606 035 for more information.

FRIDAY 22nd to SUNDAY 24th MAY

GB6GEO

"GB6GEO" will again be on air during this weekend along with other amateur radio stations set up in Geoparks across the globe. There will be a chance for everyone to send greetings to other Geoparks and amateur stations around the world. Last year we contacted colleagues in Brazil, Tasmania and Siberia from the caves.

Time: From 3pm onwards. **Tickets:** normal admission charges.
Venue: Kents Cavern, Ilsham Road, Wellswood, Torquay, TQ1 2JF.
Contact: 01803 215 136 for more information.

SATURDAY 23rd MAY

Beating the Bounds

Beating the parish bounds of Churston. Enjoy a guided walk following the parish boundary of Churston and on to pretty Galmpton village. Total distance is 10 miles and there will be a lunch stop so bring sandwiches or use the National Trust Café. Organised by Galmpton and Churston History Group.

Time: 10am. **Tickets:** Voluntary collection for Churston Church.
Venue: Broadsands car park (next to the ice cream kiosk).
Contact: John Risdon on 01803 844 102 for more information.

SATURDAY 23rd to MONDAY 25th MAY

Bug Life Weekend

Visit Living Coasts for special buglife weekends where visitors can tour the site on a bug hunt, get creative and make their own bugs and take part in our sea snack surprise challenge!

Time: Daily from 10am. **Tickets:** Normal admission charges apply.
Venue: Living Coasts.
Contact: Clare Rugg 01803 202 470.

MONDAY 25th MAY

Farmyard Fun!

Bring the children along for a day of crafts and fun in the farmyard.
Time: 11am - 3pm **Tickets:** Children £2.50 (Adults free of charge).
Venue: Ocombe Farm, Preston Down Road, Paignton TQ3 1RN.
Contact: 01803 606 035 for more information.

Rocks and the Earth Workshop

Explore some of the rocks which form the earth around us. Then we shall have fun making things with one of nature's natural treasures - clay!

Time: 1.30pm-3pm.
Tickets: Children £1 + normal admission price. **Booking essential.**
Venue: Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 1HG.
Contact: 01803 293 975 for more information.

TUESDAY 26th MAY

Worm Charming, Soil Squeezing and Earth Rainbows

Dig down and find out about the earthworms and soil of Ocombe with expert Bethan Stagg. Our findings will then be uploaded onto the national Open Air Laboratories website for nature lovers across the globe to see.

Time: 10am-12.30pm.
Tickets: Children £2.50 (under 3's go free) **Booking essential.**
Venue: Ocombe Farm, Preston Down Road, Paignton TQ3 1RN.
Contact: 01803 606 035 for more information.

Rock Pool Explorers Wanted!

We are looking for explorers to head up an expedition to a secret cove. Beware - we will meet devil crabs and seasquirts! This event celebrates Darwin 200 in the Geopark. Explorer kits are provided.

Time: 1pm-3.30pm.
Venue: Seashore Centre, Goodrington, Paignton, TQ4 6LS.
Tickets: £3.50 per explorer.
Contact: 01803 606 035 for more information.

Lecture - The Earliest Occupations of Britain

Chris Stringer, author of Homo Britannicus (winner of Best Archaeological Book 2008) gives a talk on the effect that changing geographies and climates had on the human colonisation of Britain. Chris also leads the Ancient Human Occupation of Britain (AHOB) Project.

Time: 2.30pm **Tickets:** Free entry. **Booking essential.**
Venue: Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, TQ1 1HG.
Contact: 01803 293 975 for more information.

Ancestors Exhibition - Official Opening

Chris Stringer will be opening the new ancestors' exhibition at Torquay Museum and will be available for questions.

Time: From 4pm **Tickets:** Normal museum admission charges apply.
Venue: Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, TQ1 1HG.
Contact: 01803 293 975 for more information.

WEDNESDAY 27th MAY

Watery Realm Wonders

Have fun discovering the mini-beasts that live in Cockington's ponds and streams. Also make time to craft some swimming or darting wrist puppets back at the Gamekeepers cottage.

Time: 2pm-4.30pm **Tickets:** Children £2.50.
Venue: Gamekeepers Cottage, Cockington Park, Torquay, TQ2 6XA.
Contact: 01803 606 035 for more information.

Mini-dig at Berry Head

Come and have a go at an archaeological dig, with finds from Berry Head National Nature Reserve waiting to be discovered. Learn more about the forts that once dominated the headland, and the soldiers who lived there. **Event aimed at ages 6-12 yrs old.**

Time: TBC **Tickets:** Children £2.50. **Booking essential.**
Venue: Berry Head, Brixham, TQ5 9AP.
Contact: Brixham Museum on 01803 856 267.

Tropical Torbay

What Was Torbay Like Millions of Years Ago?

Come and get involved hands-on with a team from Plymouth University. Events include finding and naming your own fossils and discovering where the pebbles on the beach come from.

Time: 10am-4pm **Tickets:** Free entry.
Venue: Seashore Centre, Goodrington, Paignton, TQ4 6LS.
Contact: 01803 528 841 for more information.

Art on the Prom

Join a local artist on the prom in Torquay and watch some Geopark - inspired art taking place.

Time: 10am-4pm **Tickets:** Free entry.
Venue: Princess Pier, Torquay.
Contact: 01803 528 841 for more information.

How Fossils Form

Come and discover how fossils are formed over millions of years before having a go at moulding model fossils for yourself.

Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm.
Tickets: Children £1 (plus normal admission fee). **Booking essential.**
Venue: Torquay Museum, 529 Babbacombe Road, TQ1 1HG.
Contact: 01803 293 975 for more information.

THURSDAY 28th MAY

Cave Treasures

Join the Royal Albert Memorial Museum at Kents Cavern and discover hidden treasures in our reconstructed prehistoric cave. Help us to reassemble an ancient skeleton or make cave paintings to take home.

Time: 10am-4pm **Tickets:** Free entry (additional admission charge for cave visit).
Venue: Kents Cavern, Ilsham Road, Torquay, TQ1 2JF.
Contact: 01803 215 136 for more information.

Fun With Fossils

Hunt on the beach for the remains of ancient sea creatures, find out what makes a good fossil and create one of your own to take home.

Time: 11am-1pm **Tickets:** Children £2.50.
Venue: Seashore Centre, Goodrington, Paignton, TQ4 6LS.
Contact: 01803 528 841 for more information.

Meadow Mini-beasts

Ever wondered what creatures creep around in Ocombe's meadows? Discover some of these fascinating mini-beasts using sweep nets and collecting pots. Make your own creepy-crawly badge.

Time: 2pm-4pm **Tickets:** Children £2.50.
Venue: Ocombe Farm, Preston Down Road, Paignton TQ3 1RN.
Contact: 01803 606 035 for more information.

FRIDAY 29th MAY

Who's Afraid of the Dark?

Delve into the darkness and find out what lurks in Torbay's sea caves. Create your very own creepy cave to take home.

Time: 1pm-3pm. **Tickets:** £3.50 per cave. **Booking essential.**
Venue: Seashore Centre, Goodrington, Paignton, TQ4 6LS.
Contact: 01803 606035 for more information.

Bat Walk at Berry Head

Watch the rare Greater Horseshoe Bats emerge from their roost. These masters of aviation will thrill you with their acrobatics as we tune in with bat detectors.

Time: 8pm-10pm. **Tickets:** Adult £3.50, child £2.50. **Booking essential.**
Venue: Berry Head, Brixham TQ5 9AP.
Contact: 01803 606035 for more information.

SATURDAY 30th MAY

Geopark Walk - Torquay

Mainly Coastal footpath from Anstays Cove to Meadfoot, including spectacular views from Bishops Walk. Experience & learn about the vast variety of Torbay's rocks, landscape and heritage. Distance 3 miles.

Time: 10am-12.30pm. **Tickets:** Free Entry.
Venue: Kents Cavern, Ilsham Road, Torquay, TQ1 1JF.
Contact: John Risdon on 01803 844 102 for more information.

MONDAY 1st JUNE

Rocks, Forts and Flowers

Come and learn about the unique geology of Berry Head and how this links to the story of this beautiful National Nature Reserve. Wear suitable footwear for a walk outdoors.

Time: 11am-1pm. **Tickets:** Adult £3.50 Child £2.50.
Venue: Berry Head, Brixham TQ5 9AP.
Contact: 01803 606 035 for more information.

MONDAY 1ST JUNE - SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

Darwin Activity Trail

Paignton Zoo will be celebrating Darwin 200 with an activity trail during the Geopark Festival. Simply collect the free trail from the Zoo entrance and discover a world of evolution.

Time: Normal opening times. **Tickets:** Normal admission prices.
Venue: Paignton Zoo, Totnes Rd, Paignton, TQ4 7EU.
Contact: 01803 697 500 for more information.

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE

Geopark Walk - Paignton

Goodrington to Broadsands. Commence the walk at the Seashore Centre, returning on foot or by bus. The walk offers spectacular coastal views of the Bay plus commentary on our rich, geological past of tropical seas, desert landscapes and volcanoes. Distance 3 miles.

Time: 10am-12.30pm. **Tickets:** Free event.
Venue: Seashore Centre, Goodrington, Paignton, TQ4 6LS.
Contact: John Risdon on 01803 844 102 for more information.

THURSDAY 4th JUNE

Geopark Walk - Brixham

Take a guided walk with a grandstand view! Learn the story of Devonian limestone and how it has helped to make and protect Torbay over thousands of years. Distance: 2 miles.

Time: 10am-12pm. **Tickets:** Free event.
Venue: Berry Head Visitor Centre, Brixham TQ5 9AP.
Contact: John Risdon on 01803 844 102 for more information.

FRIDAY 5th & SATURDAY 6th JUNE

Ocombe Farm Annual Beer Festival

A chance to taste a specially brewed Geopark ale and over 50 of the Westcountry's real ales, local cider and perry at Ocombe's 4th Beer Festival. The event includes a BBQ, hog roast and live music throughout, plus a Pimm's bar.

Time: 4.30pm-11pm (Fri) 11am-11pm (Sat).
Tickets: £4 entry (including a souvenir glass).
Venue: Ocombe Farm, Preston Down Road, Paignton TQ3 1RN.
Contact: 01803 520 022 for more information.

SUNDAY 7th JUNE

A Walk with Carter

Come and join local hiker Brian Carter for a walk along Paignton seafront to commemorate the 65th anniversary of D-Day.

This 3.5 mile, undemanding walk will take in the wonderful sights of the prom, Paignton Harbour, Roundham Head, Goodrington proms, Three Beaches Head, Waterside and back.

Time: 10.30am **Tickets:** £2 donation to MacMillan Nurses.
Venue: Meet at Paignton Tourist Information Centre.
Note: In the event of continuous rain, the walk will be cancelled.