

# Kimmeridge Bay and Houns Tout from Swyre Head

Coastal and rugged, this challenging walk from Swyre Head to Kimmeridge and back along the cliff path to Houns Tout is breathtaking and brilliant. Enjoy the panoramic views towards the Isle of Portland and stop off at the delightful Clavell's Cafe in Kimmeridge, before heading back along the coast path and the steep ascent of Houns Tout.

\*This walk is dog friendly but keep on lead when livestock in fields and near cliff edges



AVERAGE TIME

4 hrs



DISTANCE

8.8 miles



ASCENT

1356ft



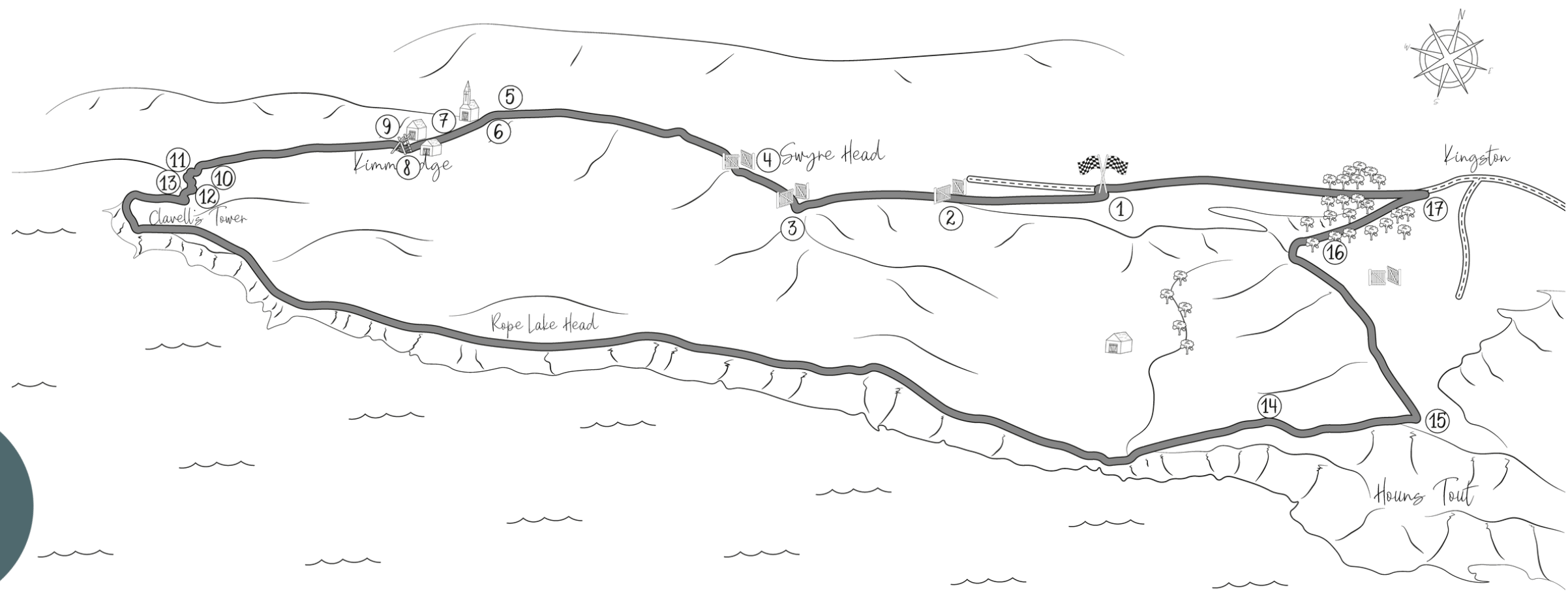
TERRAIN

Fields & Paths



DOG FRIENDLY

Yes - woof!\*



## The Basic Steps

1. Start at Swyre Head car park SY 9430 7925  
Go through the gate and follow the path, diagonally up the hill to your right.  
Dist to next: 0.29mi
2. At the gate continue along the path SY 9402 7893  
Carry on along the path towards the viewpoint mound at the top of the hill  
Dist to next: 0.52mi
3. Turn right through the gate SY 9338 7847  
Continue along the path along the ridge, with the sea on your left  
Dist to next: 0.34mi
4. Heaven's Gate seat SY 9310 7894  
Enjoy the views and continue along the upper ridge path until you reach the road  
Dist to next: 1.09mi
5. Turn left onto the road SY 9184 8007  
Then take an immediate right over a stile at the road junction  
Dist to next: 0.01mi

6. Once you have climbed over the stile, continue into the field and bare left down to the church SY 9182 8007  
Dist to next: 0.13mi
7. Walk along the left side of the churchyard and into the village of Kimmeridge, beyond SY 9168 7991  
Follow the road with Clavell's Cafe on your left and the Etches Collection on your right  
Dist to next: 0.19mi
8. Look out for a path between the cottages on your right SY 9155 7964  
Take the path and then climb over a stile at the end of the gardens  
Dist to next: 0.07mi

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9. Turn left after the stile SY 9145 7970

Follow the stream before walking through an open field, until you reach Kimmeridge Bay car park

Dist to next: 0.50mi

10. Turn left and walk through the car park SY 9082 7925

Keep going with the bay on your right, heading for Clavell's Tower in front of you. Take the path in front of the white house on the left, until you reach the public toilets.

Dist to next: 0.33mi

11. Turn right after the public toilets SY 9102 7878

Follow the road down towards the slipway, look out for the steps to Clavell's Tower on your left.

Dist to next: 0.09mi

12. Take the steep path, following the steps, up to Clavell's Tower SY 9090 7878

The path is opposite the Wild Seas centre.

Dist to next: 0.08mi

13. From Clavell's Tower, follow the coast SY 9091 7865

Keep on the coast path, with the sea on your right, until you reach Houns Tout.

Dist to next: 2.71mi

14. Take the steep path up to Houns Tout SY 9469 7746

It's a steep climb and you will be relieved to rest on the stone seat at the top and admire the view.

Dist to next: 0.21mi

15. Turn left over the stile behind the stone seat SY 9499 7733

Follow the path away from the coast, inland with Encombe Estate on your left

Dist to next: 0.98mi

16. Walk through the woods SY 9496 7886

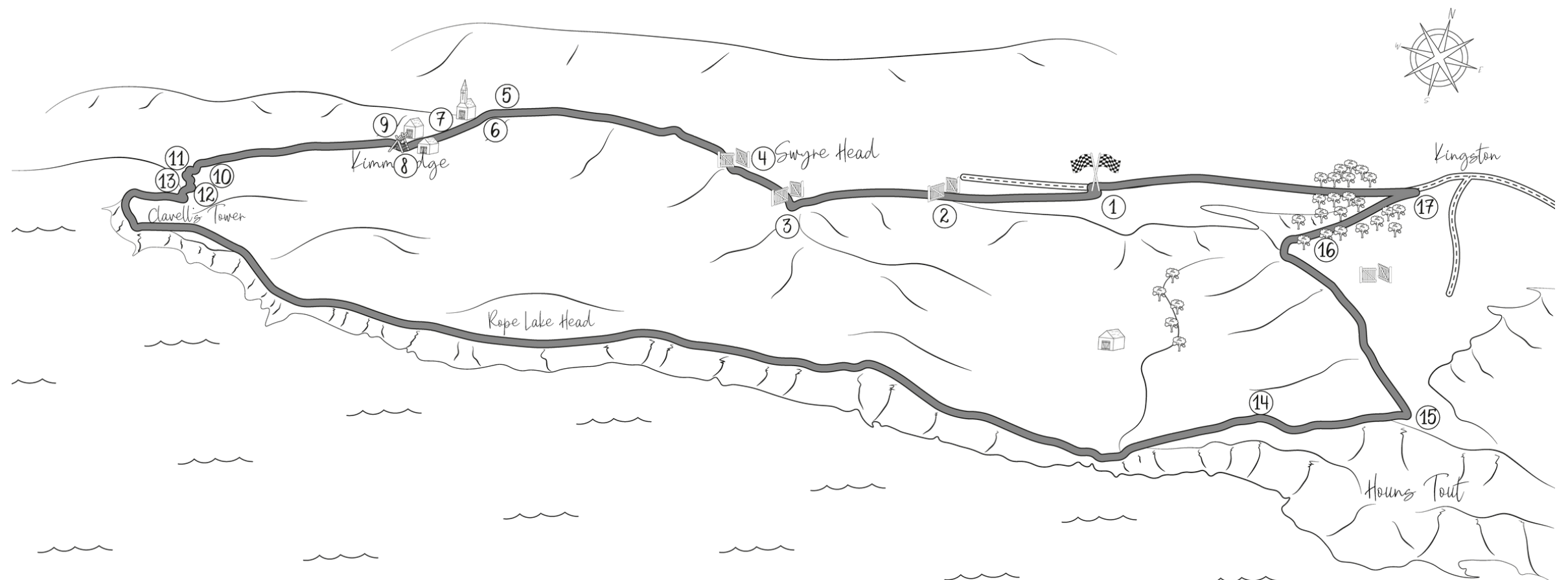
A great spot to pick wild garlic in the spring

Dist to next: 0.47mi

17. Turn left at the road SY 9536 7950

Follow the road back to the car park, look out for Corfe Castle on the right

Dist to next: 0.71mi



Finish at the Swyre Head car park SY 9429 7925

Well done, you have reached the end of the walk. For more walks come and visit us at [www.islewalkpurbeck.com](http://www.islewalkpurbeck.com)