

Safety when Visiting Sites of Geological Interest and Conservation of Geological Specimens

A little care and consideration for your safety and surroundings can help us all to continue to enjoy Devon's wonderful environment and its unique geological heritage.

Use your common sense and please:

- Follow the Country Code: www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk
- Keep to established public footpaths along the coast. Wear appropriate footwear – paths can be uneven and slippery when wet.
- Stay away from cliff edges and quarry faces and do not stand beneath them – beware falling rocks.
- When planning your trip please check the weather conditions and do not explore the coast alone. Always let someone know where you are going.
- Check tide times and aim to be on the beaches during a falling tide. Be aware of incoming tides and large waves.
- Do not attempt to climb cliffs or quarry faces.
- The best place to look for fossils is where they are loose on the beach.
- Do not remove fossils or other geological specimens from cliffs or other features where they are embedded in the rock. These are important for scientific study and education.
- Keep all collecting to a minimum and report interesting finds.
- Many sites are privately owned and many are also Sites of Special Scientific Interest – collecting specimens will require permission.
- Observe local notices.

The locations identified as places to see examples of Devon's geology are for guidance only, and do not imply free and easy access throughout these areas. Please respect private property and if somewhere looks difficult or dangerous to access, do not attempt to go there.