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Route Directions – Full GPS Version

Kingsand to Maker Church – 1.47 miles

Start from car park entrance, by Halfway House Inn, at 43419/50488. Cross road to waterfront above beach and follow Market Street past the Institute and toilets. At a fork, The Cleave goes forward but bear L uphill following Coast Path WM and bearing R. At the triple fork at Mayflower Cottage after 200 yards, take the middle option of Heavitree Road, steeply up to The Green (*attractive square, Rising Sun pub*). Continue steeply up Devonport Hill. At 43484/50631 at 290 yards, pass Coast Path sign at the entrance to Mount Edgcumbe Park.

At 43506/50708 at 375 yards, Devonport Hill ends (*a FP goes L*) and a path (FP) continues up fairly steeply as a sunken path between hedges (*Minadew Brakes woodland below R*). At a junction of paths, at 43558/50809 at 150 feet at 447 yards, (*L Kingsand, forward just FP*) go R (*FP via Grenville Battery*) now uphill moderate, still between hedges. At WD 15 granite post, at 652 yards, becomes easy grassy. At 43880/51114 at 280 feet at 927 yards, pass ivy clad remains of Grenville Battery on L. Continue up easy, through woodland, on the sunken path. At 43834/51293 at 300 feet WM Post points R to the Coast Path 330 yards. Continue forward (*FP Maker Heights 110 yards*) up moderate, opens out up to a lane at Maker Heights at 43841/51385 at 350 feet at 0.71 miles.

Go R on the lane for 45 yards to 43861/51415 at 0.74 miles. View forward to Maker Church. Go L (*FP Gold Path*) into a field on a broad grassy swathe (*can be muddy*), up to 360 feet. (*Maker Farm in view below R*) Continue down easy to a metal kissing gate to a lane (FP) at 43899/51744 at 0.95 miles. Go R downhill on the lane to a T junction at 43974/51711 at 1.01 miles. (*Worth a detour R to see Maker Farm barns on L*) Go L on lane downhill for 125 yards to 44081/51710 at 265 feet at 1.07 miles. Go L up 2 steps up and through a kissing gate to a field (*FP Maker Church ½*). Cross the field on a clear path, keeping just R of telegraph pole, uphill to 3 steps up to a kissing gate (WM) to next field at 44158/51760 at 1.13 miles. Cross this field, to L of house to a wooden gate and hybrid stile to track at 44207/51818 at 1.17 miles, by Friary Manor (*B&B, lunches, teas*).

Cross the track (*FP sign Maker Church and Mount Edgcumbe*) and follow a path, with Friary Manor on R, uphill easy to a gate at 44272/51816 at 1.22 miles. Path continues (*can be muddy*) up easy to wooden stile to field at 44367/51824 at 1.27 miles. Bear R (WM) and follow RH hedge uphill to the end of the field, to a hybrid stile at 44478/51964 at 350 feet at 1.39 miles. WM points R to Maker Church but cross open grassy area diagonally R to the track leading to CP to a FP sign (*Empacombe 1, Cremyll Ferry 1¾*) at 44592/52039 at 350 feet at 1.47 miles (*Fine view to Devonport and along the Hamoaze to the Tamar bridges, with Dartmoor in the background*)

Maker Church to Cremyll – 1.73 miles

Follow the FP sign downhill on grass, bearing L to a gate to a road at 44548/52100 at 1.52 miles. Cross the road to a FP sign. Go down 5 steps, into L edge of Pigshill Wood. The path heads downhill (*can be muddy*), then 5 steps down to a track at 44479/52148 at 1.56 miles. Cross the track and continue downhill on the path (*steep, stony, may be muddy at times*), passing former quarry on L, down to a finger post at 44505/52174 at 1.59 miles. Follow the WM L, downhill to a WM post at 44472/52199 at 1.61 miles. Follow the WM R on a track, field on L, down to 44527/52226 at 130 feet at 1.64 miles. Go L for 10 yards, through a kissing gate (*FP finger post*), leaving Pigshill Wood, and into a field. Down briefly then up. Ignore the trodden path which roughly follows the RH hedge. Instead, climb the centre of the field, up to about 180 feet for views over Millbrook Lake to Southdown Quay and across the Hamoaze to Devonport. Now make your way down over awkward sheep trods to a kissing gate, and 2 steps down to road at 44273/52429 at 1.85 miles.

Cross the road to a hybrid stile (*FP Empacombe ½, Cremyll Ferry 1¼*) to field. A clear path follows the LH hedge and undulates gently to a kissing gate to the next field at 44217/52785 at 2.20 miles. Follow the LH hedge (*note remains of Empacombe Mill on hill*). Soon the path enters woodland, uphill (*muddy*) then down to Empacombe harbour. (*Slightly misleading FP sign refers to a non-existent gate*) Over a massive granite stile with wooden top bar into a garden. Now follow the harbour wall round to the final gap after Harbourside House at 44522/52978 at 10 feet at 2.47 miles.

Go uphill on the drive, through the gate pillars (WM) and on to Empacombe House on L at 44567/52993 at 2.50 miles. Where the drive goes up R, continue forward uphill on a wide grassy track, wall on your L, through an open gate to a field at 44781/53045 at 2.64 miles. A grassy track follows the LH hedge. At 44857/53109 at 50 feet at 2.70 miles a path goes R uphill to road. Continue through a metal kissing gate, through light woodland, almost immediately passing a disused former oil depot on your R. (*muddy here*) At 44918/53235 at 2.79 miles, through second metal kissing gate, and continue up, with a brambly field on your R. Into woodland at 2.85 miles, continue up to a stile at 45024/53402 at 100 feet at 2.92 miles. Path continues as track (*ignore steps on L*) downhill, passing Vodafone mast. Track undulates. At T go L on track downhill, Cremyll CP on R. At 45209/53376 a path L goes nowhere. At a T at Old School Rooms on L at 45313/53399 at 3.12 miles, go L on a track to a lane by the waterfront at Cremyll. Go R on the lane and along the waterfront to the Edgcumbe Arms at 45380/53460 at 3.20 miles.

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Route Directions – Full GPS Version

Cremyll to Kingsand – on the Coast Path – 3.30 miles

Woodland almost all the way to Hooe Lake Valley.

The route from here is on the coast path but, through Mount Edgcumbe Park, is less clear than usual. While there are many possible routes, and it doesn't really matter which way you go, I have included full directions for those who would like to follow the official coast path all the way to Kingsand.

Follow lane past Cremyll Ferry and bus stop, keeping L to gates to Mount Edgcumbe Park at 45386/53336 at 3.30 miles. Go L, following SW Coast Path sign. Go through the gatehouse (*second hand book shop inside*) and follow tarmac path through the Italian Garden and past the Orangery to follow a track between high hedges. Once into the open, follow the waterfront to the Blockhouse at Wilderness Point at 45616/53182 at 3.53 miles. Continue on the track through a gate to an open area at 45543/53064 at 3.62 miles. Follow the tarmac track. Where track goes R at 45485/52996 at 3.68 miles, continue forward following sign *Amphitheatre and SW Coast Path*. Go uphill on tarmac track through Barn Pool Wood, up to 50 feet, then down to the open area of the Amphitheatre. Where the track heads R uphill at 45661/52687 at 20 feet at 3.90 miles, continue forward on grass to a gap to the L of the Temple at 45714/52640 at 3.95 miles.

Go L uphill on a track through woodland, passing a green WM. In 40 yards ignore green WM R and continue on track uphill moderate, becomes fairly steep. This becomes a path (*may be muddy*) up to a gate into the open at 45835/52509 at 4.02 miles. (*Folly up hill on R*) Continue on grass up to the junction of several paths at 45861/52459 at 100 feet at 4.10 miles. Bear L on first path (*no WM*) undulating downhill through woodland down to duckboards at 45919/52185 at 10 feet at 4.30 miles. Now it's uphill, moderate then fairly steep for a while, a bit boggy in places, passing Coast Path WM at 45940/52132 at 4.33 miles. *Victorian Lady Emma's Cottage above on R*. Pass Coast Path WM at 45890/51966 at 4.44 miles. Continue up steep to a track at 45883/51953 at 4.45 miles. Go L on track uphill and, at 45878/51887 at 4.49 miles, go up 3 steps. The path heads back uphill moderate, alongside a post and rail fence. There are now 26 steep steps, with handrail, up to a track at 45824/51941 at 150 feet at 4.50 miles. *Here the former route, closed for landslip, is barred off with warnings. However, while I do not recommend it, I have found it to be perfectly passable.*

Cross the track and climb 62 steep steps with a handrail, up to a gate (*green WM*) at 45796/51874 at 4.54 miles. The path continues up fairly steeply to a small folly at 45773/51839 at 220 feet at 4.57 miles. *Here 9 steps lead up to a gate to the Deer Park*. Continue forward (*green WM*) downhill, a bit muddy with 14 steps down. The path now undulates, continuing down past green and Coast Path WMs. At a T at 45616/51723 at 215 feet at 4.67 miles, go L (*following the Coast Path WM*) then R. The path winds down to a track at 45582/51696 at 160 feet at 4.71 miles. *Here the track from the L is from the Landslip route*. Go R (*Coast Path WM*) on a level track, passing a folly at 45475/51818 at 4.81 miles. *Fort Picklecombe below L*. The track undulates gently to a fork at 45236/51646 at 5.05 miles. Keep L, following Coast Path WM, downhill easy, passing another Coast Path WM, down to an iron gate at 45124/51590 at 5.13 miles. Continue for 60 yards to a wooden gate and continue down through furze. After a while it opens out down to a kissing gate and 2 steps down to the lane at the foot of Hooe Lake Valley at 44887/51472 at 60 feet at 5.30 miles.

Go R on the lane for 40 yards. Go L through a wooden barrier (*FP Kingsand 1*) at 44848/51477 at 5.32 miles and into a field. Follow a track uphill easy, becomes moderate, with woodland above on your R, open sea views on your L. At 5.59 miles the track continues into woodland up to 140 feet, then down into the open at about 90 feet, then up to about 140 feet, and down into open parkland at 43742/50847 at 115 feet at 6.15 miles. The woodland to your R is Minadew Brakes, which you passed on the way out of Kingsand. Continue down to a wooden gate at 43499/50633 at 60 feet at 6.35 miles. *Here you leave Mount Edgcumbe estate*. Bear R and L on tarmac and continue down to Kingsand CP and Halfway House at 6.50 miles.

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