Geocache Sefton’s Coast

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. VISIT Sefton & West Lancashire Volunteers have specially designed this new and exciting geocache route for those with and without apps! Hidden across 16 Sefton locations are 16 geocaches which you have to find either using the GPS coordinates or the written clues provided.

We hope you have many great days out exploring Sefton’s wonderful coastline travelling by foot, bike, train, or all 3, to some of the geo cache sites.

Rules of geocaching
1. If you take something from the geocache (or “cache”), leave something of equal or greater value.
2. Write about your find in the cache logbook.

Further information can be found on the VISIT website.

1 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘Down at the coast park, there is a lot to do. In the old building you can relax and have a brew’.
2 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘Victoria Park you must go, to find the sign where the wildflowers grow’.
3 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘Under the saucer you can have a dip, grab a snack and even keep fit’.
4 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘Along the prom where “no golf” is allowed, look for the yellow beacon that is standing proud’.
5 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘At the start of the path, just through the gate, there is a sign that will tell you how long it will take’.
6 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘Down by the coast, close to the sea, the Pump house stands proud for all to see’.
7 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘Along the coast, just by the River Alt, the sign will tell you what is flying about’.
8 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘At the post, in the path on the Formby track, take the gate to the left by the telegraph’.
9 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘As you come out of the Station, turn right to the beach, this sign will show you that Nature’s in reach’.
10 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘In the heart of the village there’s lots to do and see, you can swim here, have a snack or a lovely cup of tea’.
11 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘Once over the golf course, you will see, a sign that will direct you to where you want to be’.
12 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘ ‘Head to the beach and you will see ‘The Sands’ where you can pay a visit and have something to eat’.
13 Geo Cache Location Clue: ‘ ‘Head to Park and Ride that is very eco friendly, inside bikes to rent for all of the family’.

Useful Information

For train times and fares information call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or www.nationalrail.co.uk

For rail, bus and ferry services visit: merseytravel journey planner
jp.merseytravel.gov.uk

BIKES ON TRAINS
You can take your bike free of charge and without pre-booking on any Merseyrail service.

INFORMATION
The Visit website (see below) is packed with ideas for wonderful days out by foot, cycle or train.

Additional tourist websites you may find useful:
www.visitsouthport.com
www.westlancs.gov.uk/leisure-recreation.aspx
www.visitlancashire.com
www.sefton.gov.uk/around-sefton.aspx

CYCLE HIRE
If you would like to hire a bicycle please go to the VISIT website for information about Cycle Hire Stations across Sefton and West Lancashire.

For further information about geocaching please visit www.geocaching.com

This route was developed in partnership with VISIT Sefton and West Lancashire volunteers.
**Southport - Waterloo Geo Caching**

**Opening Times:**
- 1st April to 30th September: Mon - Sat: 9.00am - 6.30pm
- 1st October to 31st March: Mon - Sat: 7.30am - 6.30pm
- Sun: Closed

**Location:**
- **Southport**:
  - Coordinates: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
  - **The Sands**: N53.36.413 W003.03.442
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Formby Pool**: N53.36.621 W003.00.723
  - **Eco Centre**: N53.38.052 W003.00.860
  - **ME Cycle**: N53.37.472 W003.01.742
  - **Southport**: N53.31.453 W003.01.774
- **Waterloo**:
  - **Crosby Coastal Park**: N53.28.377 W003.01.619
  - **Crossroads**: N53.34.537 W003.04.514
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **The Sands**: N53.36.413 W003.03.442
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
- **Ainsdale**:
  - **Crosby Leisure Centre**: N53.28.211 W003.02.742
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Altcentre**: N53.31.453 W003.01.774
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
- **Blundellsands & Crosby**
  - **Crosby Promenade**: N53.29.368 W003.03.534
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Crossroads**: N53.34.537 W003.04.514
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
- **Freshfield**
  - **Crosby Leisure Centre**: N53.28.211 W003.02.742
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Altcentre**: N53.31.453 W003.01.774
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
- **Formby**
  - **Crosby Leisure Centre**: N53.28.211 W003.02.742
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Altcentre**: N53.31.453 W003.01.774
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
- **Hall Road**
  - **Crosby Promenade**: N53.29.368 W003.03.534
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Altcentre**: N53.31.453 W003.01.774
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
- **Hightown**
  - **Crosby Promenade**: N53.29.368 W003.03.534
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Altcentre**: N53.31.453 W003.01.774
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075
- **Birkdale**
  - **Crosby Promenade**: N53.29.368 W003.03.534
  - **Victoria Park**: N53.30.423 W003.02.023
  - **Altcentre**: N53.31.453 W003.01.774
  - **Southport Central Park**: N53.28.461 W003.04.075

**Waterloo,** the original terminus of the Liverpool Crosby & Southport Railway in 1848 is full of heritage and history just ready to uncover, not least the home of the infamous Captain of the doomed liner Titanic - Captain Smith, situated in Marine Crescent. Thomas Ismay the founder of the White Star Line also lived in Beach Lawn, both homes have their own blue plaques.

**Blundellsands and Crosby** is the main station for visiting Antony Gormley's Another Place otherwise known as The IRON MEN.

**Hall Road** is a curious station that exists thanks to Mr Joseph Gardner, a local merchant and a resident of Crosby. In 1874 Mr Gardner complained to the L&YR (Lancashire Yorkshire Railway) that he had to walk 'too far' from his home to the next station. He was told that there were not enough houses to justify a station in the area and so he went ahead and built five additional houses in the same location as his own so the rail company would obey their own rule and build a station near his house.

**Hightown** is a pleasant village green and a pub of the same name, first recorded in Nicholas Blundell's diaries Vol.3 ca.1720 were historically part of the estate of the Blundell family of Little Crosby. Many houses still pay a nominal ground rent annually to the Whitlock-Blundell estate.

**Formby** is where you alight for a more challenging walk around the pinewoods. Keep a careful eye at the station entrance and you will see the mosaic logo for L&YR (The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway), which absorbed the LCRSR (Liverpool Crosby & Southport Railway) in 1850, still proudly displayed over the booking office. Formby station is also mentioned in the song "Slow Train" by Flanders and Swann.

**FRESHFIELD** so named after Thomas Fresh (Liverpool's first public health officer) who donated the field that the station now occupies for the purpose of giving the locals a direct link to Southport for the clean sea air.

**Ainsdale** is an ancient village with its roots in the dark ages. The Sand Dunes National Nature Reserve where you can see the rare natterjack toad (Europe's loudest amphibian) and referred to locally as the Birkdale Nightingale, as it is nocturnal.

**BIRKDALE** is a beautiful and charming station in the heart of the village and a wonderful piece of Victorian engineering.

**Southport** is a historic Victorian seaside resort with many architectural gems, many of which can be found on Lord Street - the inspiration for the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, which was built by Napoleon III after his stay in Southport. The area has a wealth of walking and cycling routes for you to enjoy. If you haven't brought your bike then you can hire one from the hire centres at Southport railway station or the Eco Centre park and ride site, or alternatively try the automated station at Ocean Plaza.