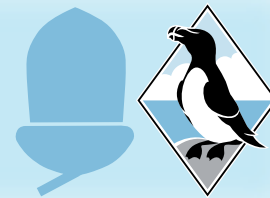


Stack Rocks/St Govan's

Short Walk



SCALE: 0 500 1000 m

DISTANCE/DURATION: 3.1 miles (4.9 km) 1 hour 30 minutes • one way

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Service bus Bosherton 387, Coastal Cruiser

CHARACTER: Well defined track, reasonably level

LOOK OUT FOR: St Govan's Chapel • choughs • spectacular limestone cliffs/coastal scenery

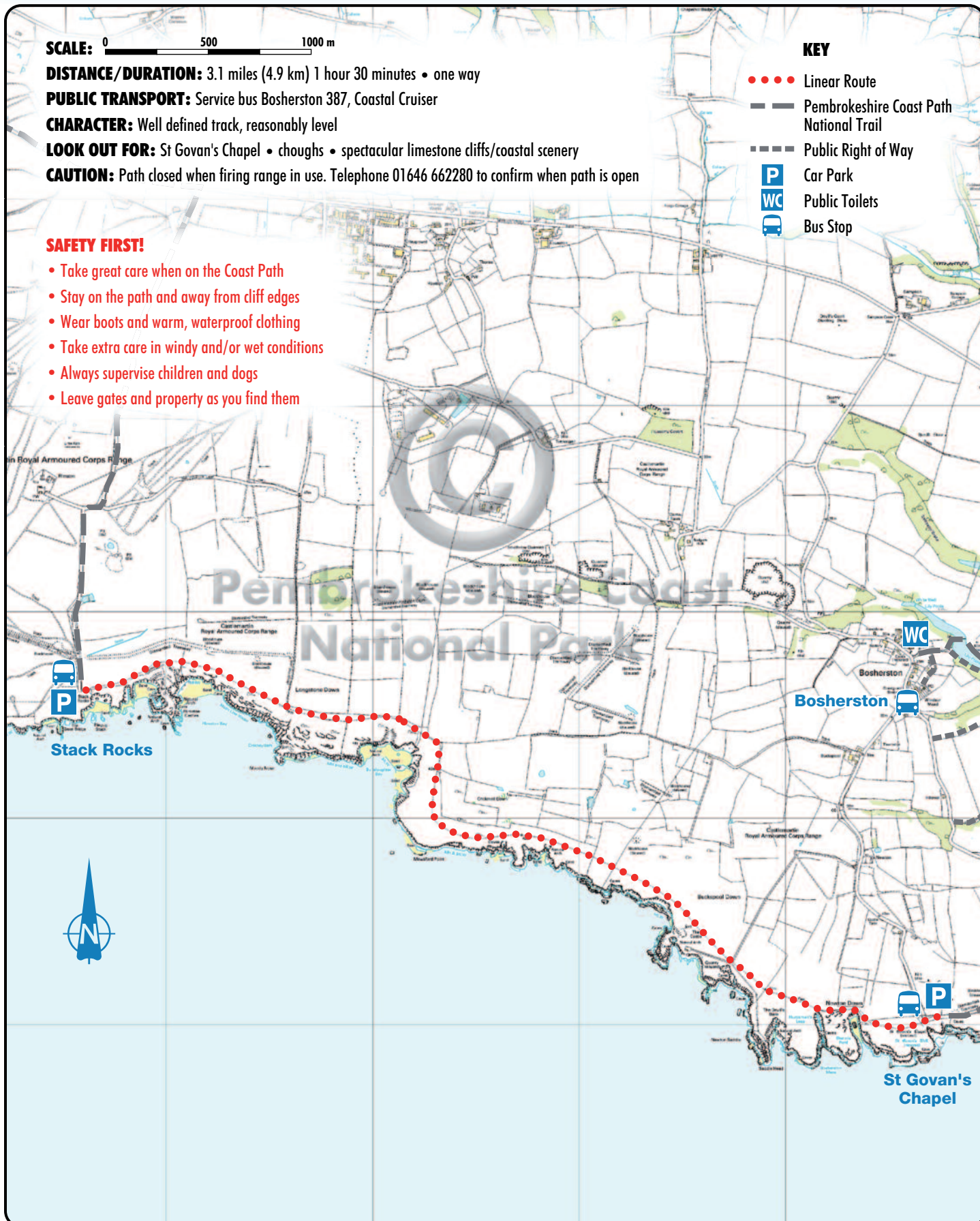
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SAFETY FIRST!

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- Wear boots and warm, waterproof clothing
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- Leave gates and property as you find them



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Grid ref: SM809132

Dramatic limestone cliffs and a wealth of wildlife in green unspoilt surroundings.

Look out for: St Govan's Chapel, choughs, spectacular limestone cliffs/coastal scenery.

Used by the Ministry of Defence as a firing range, since the 1940s, there has been relatively little human influence on this area of the south Pembroke coast dominated by dramatic limestone cliffs. This lack of disturbance has produced a rich, unspoilt range of habitats for wildlife (apparently the wildlife don't mind the noise too much!).

Stack Rocks (Elegug Stacks - elegug is Welsh for guillemot) are two detached pillars of limestone. Also, look for the Green Bridge, a natural arch carved by the waves, and the Cauldron on the promontory to the east. The tops of the Stacks and the ledges below are crammed in spring with guillemots and razor-bills, and fulmar and kittiwake nest on the cliffs along with herring and black-backed gulls. In winter there are thrushes, crows and lapwings on the inland plateau. The rich grassland of the plateau is home to a range of reptiles, smaller mammals and invertebrates. Rare butterflies like the dark green fritillary live here, too.

St Govan's Chapel, a 13th century single-chamber stone cell at the climax of the walk, can be reached by 52 rough stone steps (may be slippery). The water from St Govan's Well, below the chapel, was famous for its healing powers, though the well is dry now.

Libby Taylor, Senior National Park Ranger has done this walk. She says: "This walk crosses a remote, stark and windswept area - spectacular coastal scenery along the length of the coast, with stacks, arches, caves and blowholes. Great place to view wildlife at close hand during spring time, including razorbills, guillemots and the rare chough."

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