



# Welcome to **SALTASH**

-  Green Spaces or Parks
-  Points of Historical Interest
-  Public Facilities or Amenities

## Local Walks

Saltash boasts an array of walks, each offering a unique opportunity to explore its natural beauty and rich history. From tranquil woodland paths to sweeping views of the Tamar and Lynher estuaries, walkers can enjoy stunning vistas of the surrounding countryside and learn more about the town's rich heritage.

Fore St to Coombe Woods - Circular Walk



See reverse for further local walks

## Tincombe Nature Reserve

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## Brunel Bust

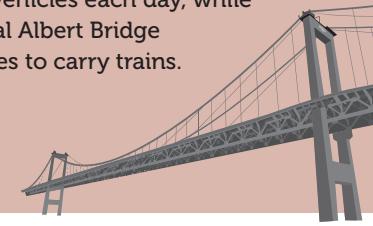
Visible from the slip road as you come off the Tamar Bridge, the bust of Isambard Kingdom Brunel commands a striking view of the Royal Albert Bridge, a masterpiece of Victorian engineering completed in 1859. This enduring tribute highlights Brunel's visionary designs, which revolutionised transport and forged vital connections between communities.



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## Royal Albert Bridge & Tamar Bridge

Spanning the River Tamar, the Tamar and Royal Albert Bridges are iconic engineering landmarks connecting Cornwall and Devon. The Tamar Bridge supports the flow of over 20,000 vehicles each day, while the Royal Albert Bridge continues to carry trains.



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## Victoria Gardens

A charming public space established in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, Victoria Gardens features a rose garden in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth and the King's Oak, planted to mark the coronation of King Charles. With its central location and plentiful benches, Victoria Gardens offers a perfect space to rest and reflect.



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## Ferryman Sculpture & Turner Painting

Honouring over 900 years of ferry crossings, the sculpture by John Forster features brass panels etched by local artists, illustrating memories of the ferry before it was replaced by the road bridge in 1961. Nearby, a reproduction of a painting by JMW Turner, who visited Saltash in 1811, captures the bustling shoreline, with boats, packhorses and people along the muddy shore.

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## Statues of Ann Glanville & Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Ann Glanville (1796–1880) is celebrated for her strength as a rower, leading her all-female gig crews to victories against male teams across Europe. Gig rowing remains popular in Cornwall, with the Saltash-based Caradon Pilot Gig Club often out training on the river. Nearby, the statue of Brunel (1806–1859) pays tribute to the visionary engineer who shaped the connectivity of Saltash.

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## Longstone Park & Saltash Bowls Club

Longstone Park is a spacious green area offering scenic, expansive views towards Kit Hill and Dartmoor. Popular with dog walkers, it has plenty of room for picnics and is the venue for live music at the annual May Fair. The park is also home to Saltash Bowls Club, a welcoming place where beginners and experienced players come together to enjoy the sport.



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## Library Hub

Located on Plougastel Drive, Saltash Library Hub is in a Grade II listed building with a roof that cleverly resembles an open book. Managed by Saltash Town Council, the hub provides a wide selection of books for all ages, as well as access to computers and free Wi-Fi. It hosts a range of community events including workshops, book clubs and children's activities.



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## Jubilee Pontoon

A popular waterfront location, the pontoon offers a picturesque setting and acts as the embarkation point for the seasonal ferry that links Saltash with Plymouth's Royal William Yard. Board the ferry and you'll be treated to stunning views of the Royal Albert and Tamar bridges from below, offering a whole new perspective on these impressive engineering landmarks.



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## Saltash Heritage Museum & Elliott's Store

Step into Elliott's Store on Lower Fore Street, and it feels as though time has stood still since 1971, when Frank Elliott closed his shop rather than embrace decimalisation. Just a stone's throw away, the expertly curated Saltash Heritage Museum offers a fascinating look into the town's history. The Museum's research room is the perfect place for family history inquiries.



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## Town Centre

Fore Street home to a wide selection of independent shops and a mix of commercial businesses including the Post Office, offering a range of services to meet your needs.



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## Ashtorre Rock

Nestled beneath the Royal Albert Bridge, Ashtorre Rock is a welcoming riverside café run entirely by volunteers. Throughout the year, the Centre hosts a variety of social activities and exhibitions. Open every day 10 til 4, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New years Day. At the annual Regatta, the beach next to it becomes the starting point for the hugely popular and highly entertaining Cardboard Boat Race.



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## Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve

Covering 61 hectares, the Reserve is a peaceful wildlife haven, home to diverse habitats that support creatures including butterflies and hedgehogs, as well as birds like skylarks and linnets. As you wander along the paths, you'll be treated to views of the imposing Norman ramparts of Trematon Castle on the skyline, evoking the grandeur and history of its past.



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## Memorial Peace Garden

A tranquil space honouring those who have served and sacrificed in conflict, the garden sits opposite the war memorials in the Church of St Nicholas and St Faith - an impressive Norman building with buttresses that have stood for over 800 years. Featuring an information board on Saltash during World War I, the space offers the opportunity for reflection and a quiet hope for lasting peace.



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## Saltash Leisure Centre

Offering high-quality fitness and leisure activities, Saltash Leisure Centre features a 25m swimming pool, a fun pool with slides, a gym with state-of-the-art equipment and a variety of fitness classes, including Circuits and Yoga. After your workout, you can relax at the Poolside Café, which serves freshly made hot and cold food in a family-friendly atmosphere.



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## Cornish Cross & Elwell Woods

An iconic piece of art on the Saltash skyline that proudly welcomes people to Cornwall, the Cornish Cross stands at the top of Elwell Woods. Over 19 metres tall, it is a stunning sculpture by artist Simon Thomas. After admiring the cross, you can enjoy a leisurely stroll through the peaceful little gem that is Elwell Woods.



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## Mary Newman's Cottage

This charming 16th-century cottage believed to have been the childhood home of Mary Newman, the first wife of Francis Drake. With its authentic features and period details, it offers a fascinating glimpse into Tudor life. The picturesque garden provides stunning views over the River Tamar, making it a peaceful spot to reflect on the rich history of this location. Entry is free of charge, donations welcome.



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## Blue Plaque Trail

Explore the town's history through the Blue Plaque Trail, a self-guided tour of key figures who have shaped Saltash. One prominent name is William Price Drury (1869 -1949), a Royal Marine officer and playwright. His novel Eight Bells was inspired by the discovery of a Royal Marine's remains in the River Tamar, a mystery Drury helped solve. Information available from Saltash Guildhall/Saltash Heritage.



## Brunel Green, Jubilee Green & Waterside Green

Saltash boasts several scenic waterfront spaces that provide the perfect setting for relaxation and community activities. Among these, Brunel Green, Jubilee Green and Waterside Green stand out for their stunning views over the River Tamar. Each green is a hub of community life, where nature, history, and social gatherings come together.



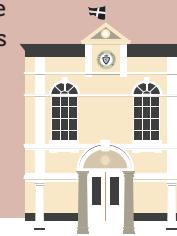
## Public Conveniences

Saltash provides well maintained public conveniences free for use, ensuring accessibility and comfort for residents and visitors. Three are located in the town centre at Longstone Park, Belle Vue Road and Alexandra Square. A fourth is at the Waterside, beneath the Royal Albert Bridge. There is also an accessible toilet available at the station located within the Trackside Café and waiting room.



## Saltash Guildhall

A focal point of civic life since the 18th century, this elegant venue blends heritage and functionality, hosting community events, meetings and exhibitions. Whether you're looking to hire the Guildhall, attend a Town Council meeting or make an appointment to view the stunning Saltash Chronicles embroidery, the Guildhall offers a welcoming space for all.



## Car Parks

Saltash has plentiful parking. The two car parks at Belle Vue Road and the one at Culver Road are conveniently situated for shopping. Alexandra Square car park is near the railway station. Additional car parks by the library and Jubilee Green make it easy to explore Saltash, with the JustPark app allowing easy payment in car parks owned by Cornwall Council.

The Leisure Centre and Jubilee Green car parks are always free, with the others free after 4pm.



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## Churchtown Farm Walks

Explore three distinct trails at Churchtown Farm, each offering a unique way to enjoy the reserve's natural beauty:

**Lynher View Walk: 460m • Wheelchair accessible**

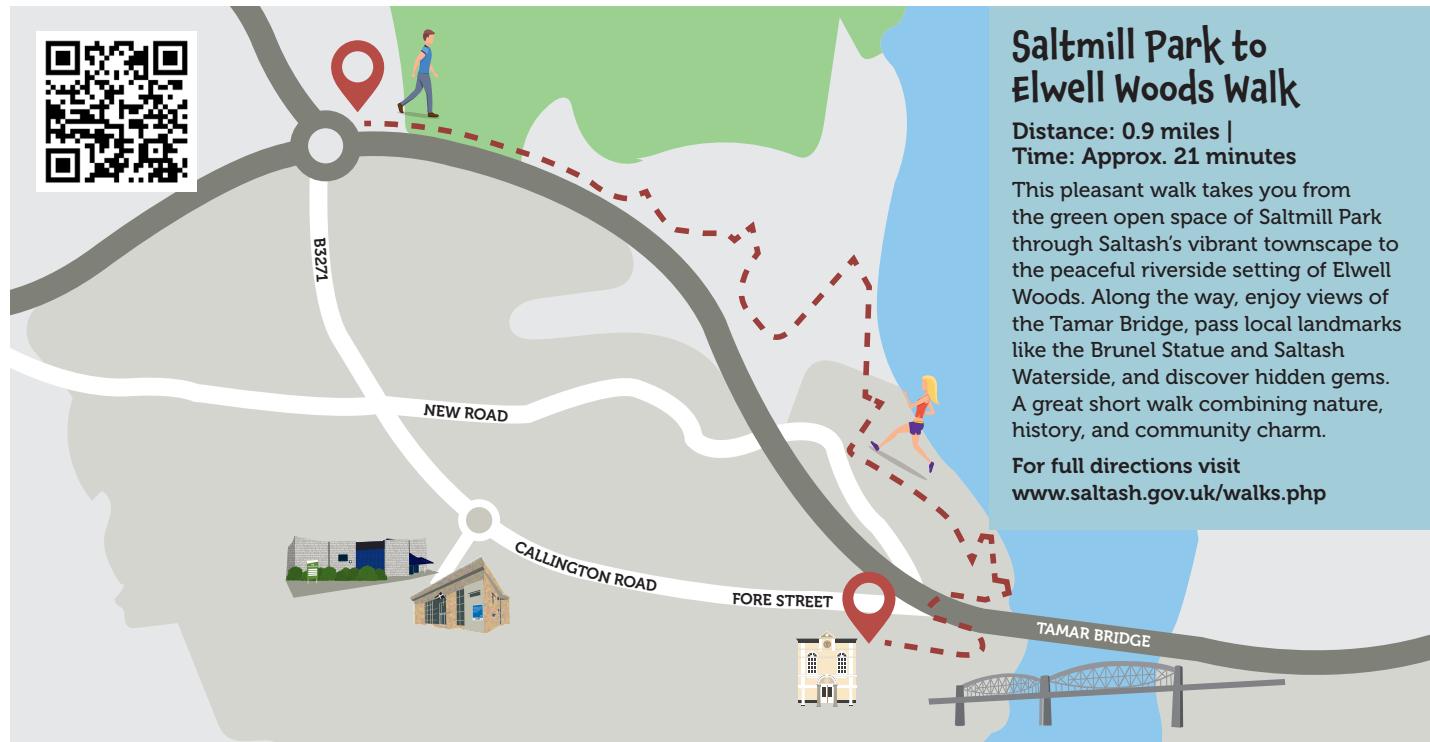
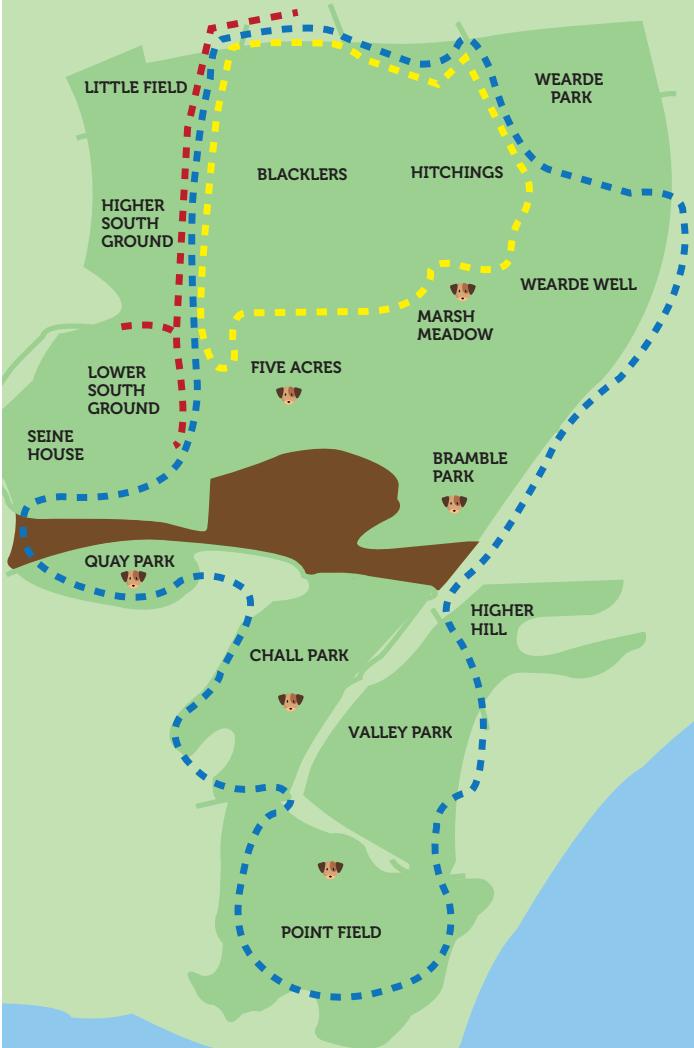
A short, wheelchair-accessible route with lovely views over the Lynher estuary.

**Sparrowhawk Trail: 1.1km • easy**

An easy walk through varied habitats, ideal for spotting birds and enjoying nature.

**Curlew Walk: 2.75km • Moderate**

A moderate circular trail offering wider views and a deeper exploration of the reserve's landscapes.



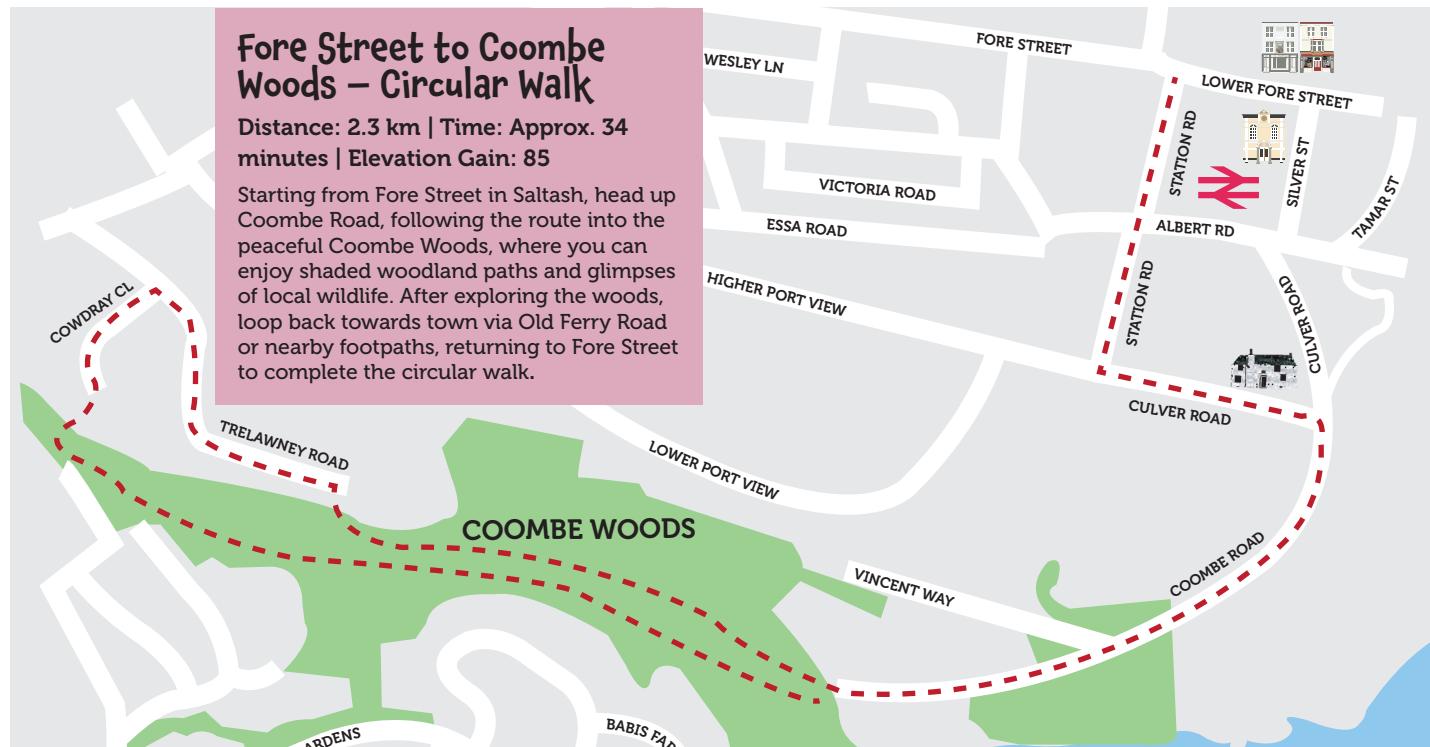
## Saltmill Park to Elwell Woods Walk

Distance: 0.9 miles |

Time: Approx. 21 minutes

This pleasant walk takes you from the green open space of Saltmill Park through Saltash's vibrant townscape to the peaceful riverside setting of Elwell Woods. Along the way, enjoy views of the Tamar Bridge, pass local landmarks like the Brunel Statue and Saltash Waterside, and discover hidden gems. A great short walk combining nature, history, and community charm.

For full directions visit  
[www.saltash.gov.uk/walks.php](http://www.saltash.gov.uk/walks.php)



# Welcome to **SALTASH**

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Discover the charm of Saltash, a vibrant town set on the beautiful banks of the River Tamar. Enjoy breathtaking views of Brunel's masterpiece, the iconic Royal Albert Bridge, alongside the striking Tamar Road Bridge, which is well worth a walk if you have a head for heights.

Stroll through our bustling town centre, home to independent shops, cosy cafés and warm hospitality.

Explore nearby museums and historic sites, or unwind with riverside walks through stunning countryside.

Whether you're here for the history, the views or simply to relax, Saltash offers something special for every visitor.



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## Getting to **SALTASH**

### By Car

Crossing the Tamar Road Bridge from England? The immediate first exit leads straight into the heart of the town centre. If you're travelling from the west or north, at Carkeel Roundabout follow signs to the Town Centre.

There are four car parks conveniently located close to the Town Centre.

### By Bus

Regular buses connect Saltash with Plymouth, most stopping on Fore Street in the town centre. Saltash has a direct service to Derriford Hospital and is around 25 minutes from Royal Parade, Plymouth. There are also direct buses from Liskeard.

### By Train

Saltash is on the main Paddington to Penzance rail line with regular services from Plymouth and Truro, as well as a good mix of long distance and local services, approximately 10 minutes from Plymouth and 60 minutes from Truro. Saltash Station is just a short walk from the Town Centre and Waterside areas. There are no ticket facilities at the station itself but tickets can be bought on board.

### By Ferry

A summer ferry service operates seven days a week between the Royal William Yard in Plymouth and Saltash. Please check with the operator Plymouth Boat Trips for schedules and fares. The ferry arrives and departs from the Jubilee Pontoon, just north of the bridges, offering striking views of these engineering marvels as you sail beneath them.

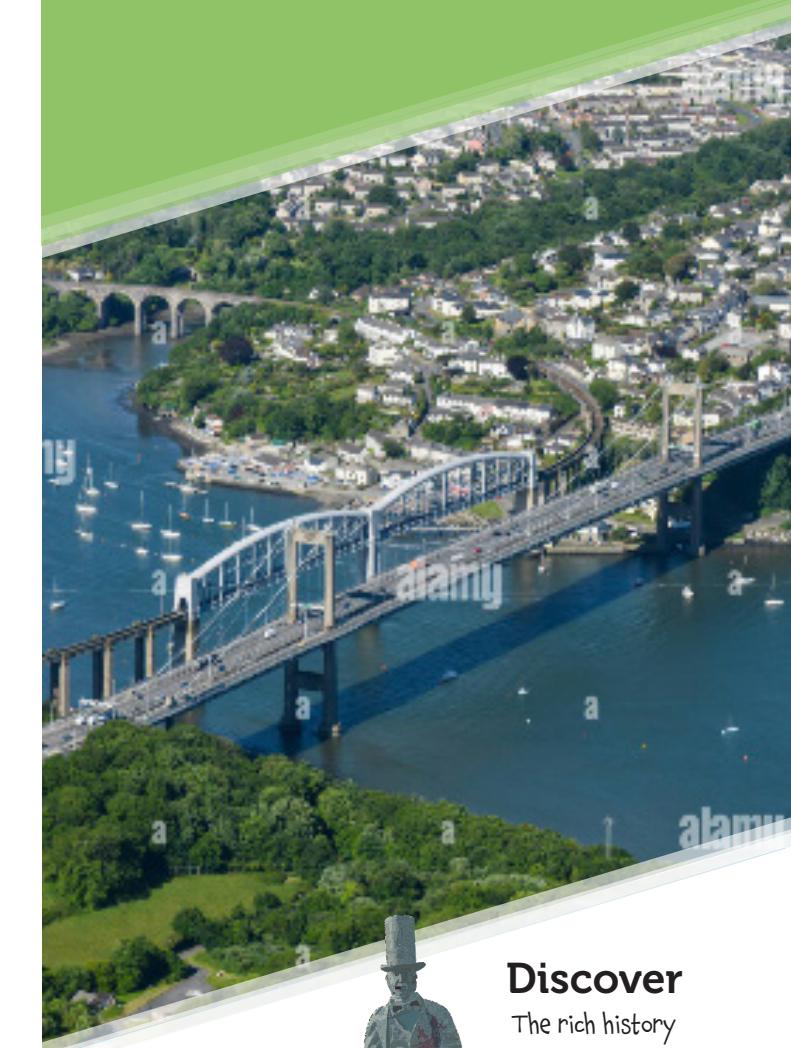
### Suggested Round Trip from Plymouth

From Royal William Yard, a lively destination with plenty to see and do, catch the Saltash Ferry for a delightful 30-minute cruise up the River Tamar to Saltash. Explore the historic Waterside area, then make your way up the hill to discover the town centre.

Enjoy stunning views up the river, or take the train to cross it!

## Visit **SALTASH**

Where Cornwall begins  
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**Discover**  
The rich history  
of Saltash



### Explore

A thriving High Street

**Admire**  
Breathtaking views

# Saltash a Thriving Town



Saltash is a thriving town whose main street is home to a mix of local shops. It has a vibrant calendar of annual events and festivals, including the May Fair, Saltash Regatta, Sea Songs and Shanties as well as our cherished Christmas Festival. Many of these are staged on the main street, encouraging the whole community's involvement and giving a warm and friendly atmosphere.

To discover more about upcoming events in Saltash

- Visit the Town Council website [www.saltash.gov.uk](http://www.saltash.gov.uk)
- Follow Saltash Town Council on Facebook [@SaltashTownCouncilOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/SaltashTownCouncilOfficial)
- or simply scan this QR code



to view our Town Visitor Guide – packed full of information you don't want to miss!

## Leisure, Art and Open Green Spaces

Saltash is a charming town rich in amenities and artistic features that highlight its unique character and heritage.

The Town Centre is home to the iconic Ferryman Sculpture, celebrating local history and culture. Visitors can admire the striking Union Mural or find tranquillity in the Memorial Peace Garden.

### A rich variety of natural habitats and views over the Tamar

With many outdoor spaces like Longstone Park, Jubilee Green and Victoria Gardens offering scenic spots for relaxation and leisure and with the Saltash Leisure Centre providing excellent facilities for fitness and recreation – there is something for everyone.

Further out from the town centre, there is Saltmill Park, offering play areas and other recreation activities, and Churchtown Farm, a community nature reserve, with a rich variety of natural habitats and views over the Tamar. Nearby Tincombe Nature Reserve and Tincombe Park.



## Historical Saltash

Saltash is steeped in history, with landmarks that tell the story of its rich past.

The iconic Royal Albert Bridge, designed by **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**, stands as a testament to Victorian engineering brilliance.

Nearby, **Mary Newman's Cottage** offers a glimpse into Tudor life, while **Elliott's Store**, preserved as it was in the early 20th century, provides a nostalgic look at local trade.

The **Saltash Heritage Museum** showcases the town's diverse history. And adding to its cultural legacy, **J.M.W. Turner's** painting of Saltash immortalises the town's picturesque beauty in art.

A **Blue Plaque trail** takes you past many of these iconic and important buildings in the town centre marking the lives of its famous inhabitants.

