

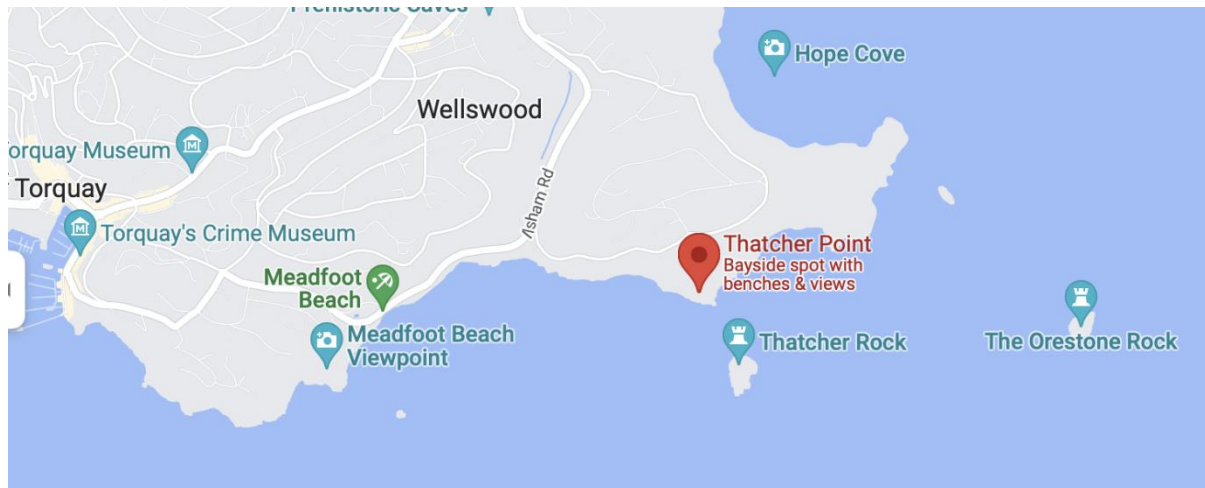
Thatcher Point

Isham Marine Drive, TORQUAY, Devon, TQ1 2HU

Walking the SW Coast path east from Torquay provides interesting contrasts from urban to coves and rocky headlands.



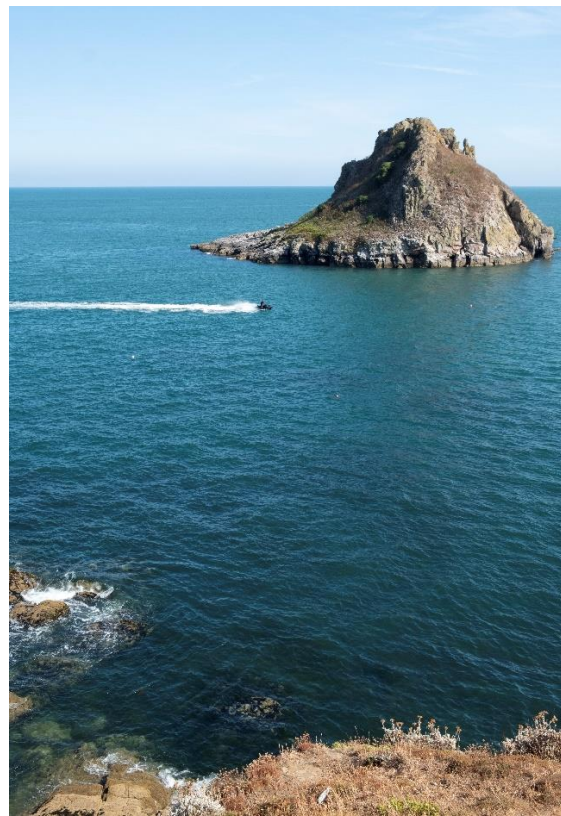
On the outskirts of the town you come to Thatcher Point which is easily accessible by car or foot and provides fantastic views down over the short stretch of water to Thatcher Rock.



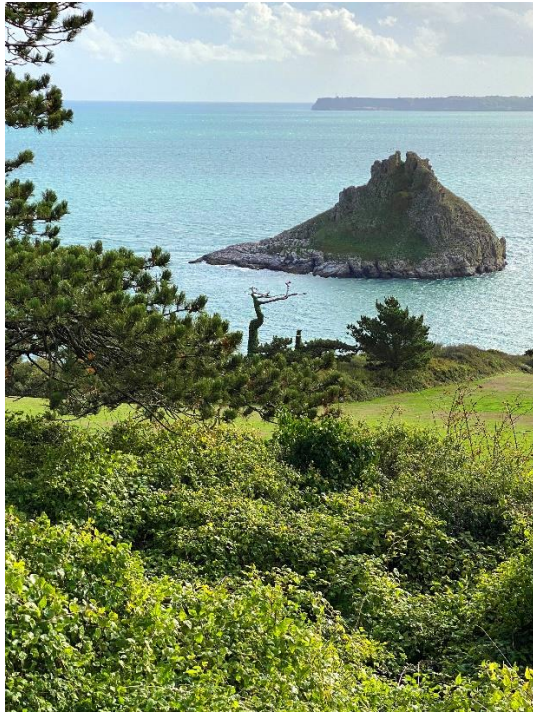
The sea around this part of the coast seems particularly blue, almost to the point of reminding me of the Greek coastline around Thessalonica (Thessaloniki). Perhaps it is the stately old pines that hug the cliffs and the sheer drops down to the aquamarine sea, but certainly it is very beautiful.



Whilst Torquay, with its harbour and sea front, attracts hundreds and thousands of tourists, Thatcher Point is very much an area enjoyed by the locals. The sweeping grass area that falls gently away to the coast path and the cliff edge was generously donated by an anonymous donor in 1968, for the benefit of the public. We give thanks to the generosity of this person as the area provides seating from which to enjoy the views and in summer families are often seen picnicking, playing and sunbathing in this tranquil area.



The SW Coast path itself is well signposted and maintained and offers closer views of the little rocky coves only accessible by boat. It hugs the cliff edge with steep steps and verdant vegetation and affords differing views of the rock.



The Rock almost looks like a ruined castle from some angles

As photographers this area offers a wide variety of possibilities from the conventional sunny day images seen here, to misty mornings or glorious sunsets and everything in between. If I were the brave sort I have no doubt it could be spectacular on a strong SW wind when the waves lash the rock – but I'll leave that to you more hardy types to capture that magic.

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