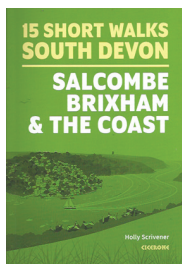


## 15 Short Walks South Devon - Salcombe Brixham & the coast



Holly Scrivener  
Cicerone  
978 1 78631 253 2  
2025  
170 x 120mm  
95 pages, paperback  
£9.95

A free afternoon during the International Canoe nationals at Brixham gave me a chance to revisit this part of the Devon coast, southwest of Berry Head, into Brixham harbour and east to

Churston Point, a most enjoyable paddle. The majority of the walks in this book are on the coast between Wembury Bay and Paignton with numerous photographs of the coast.

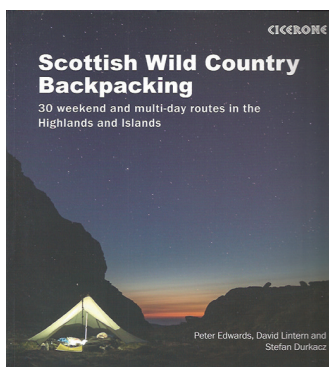
Cliffs feature strongly, sometimes making routes on land hidden. Of Hallsands, the book says 'Two remaining buildings can be seen standing relatively intact amongst the ruins, although the best view would be by boat.'

Bantham is noted as a surfing venue. Surprisingly, there is reference to 'Horseley Cove, a popular spot for launching kayaks', this seemingly requiring a long portage down from the road at East Prawle but cliffs blocking access elsewhere. Broadsands is a easier beach noted for kayaks.

Contrast this with Hope Cove, where a photograph shows what must be more kayaks than in all of Cicerone's other guidebooks put together.

Rivers appear, Noss Mayo on the Yealm, the Avon up from Bigbury and Loddiswell and the mouth of the Kingsbridge estuary. The Dart is met at its mouth, at Greenway and at Bow Creek, where a picture shows not only kayaks and paddleboards but also a couple of Canoe Adventures' Voyageur canoes. Yes, this is a book to get your hands itching.

## Scottish Wild Country Backpacking



Peter Edwards, David Lintern  
and Stefan Durkacz  
Cicerone  
978 1 85284 904 7  
2022, updated 2023  
240 x 220mm  
203 pages, paperback  
£25.00

Aimed at serious and skilled mountain walkers, this is larger than Cicerone's usual guidebook format and includes some excellent photography, accompanied by maps at 1:100,000.

This book frequently looks at the water from the mountains with numerous lochs, sometimes not accessible with a kayak or canoe although Glen Etive is mentioned as somewhere popular with kayak users. Various rivers are encountered plus sea lochs and there is open sea around Jura, Rùm, Annat Bay, Cape Wrath, Mingulay, Harris, Lewis and more. There are photos of the Linn of Avon and the Falls of Glomach but most pictures of water, even the sea, are surprisingly calm.

A number of bothies are identified and described, some near water. Points of local interest are expanded upon, from folklore to aircraft crash sites. The introductory section draws attention to issues of being in the remote Highlands that can be more significant than in more populated parts of the country. These include not using found wood, even dead, as fuel for open fires, except for tidal driftwood. 'Fumbles, Mumbles and Stumbles' is a useful early indicator of the onset of hypothermia and there is concern that the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park's camping restrictions are often seen as an attempt to defy the Land Reform (Scotland) Act, not just dangerous. Otherwise, 'These days, Scotland has some of the most enlightened access laws in the world... not only does Scotland boast spectacular scenery, it affords the self-powered traveller the freedom to explore it fully.'

## Kayaking Routes



Ajuntament d'Andratx  
150 x 210mm  
12 pages, paperback

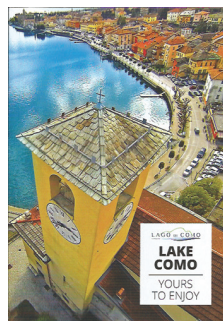
Five sea kayak circular routes of 4.5 to 6km are suggested in English and German in this booklet for Andradx.

First there are a couple of pages of short notes on safety and other navigation requirements.

Small photographs accompany simple sketch maps which indicate escape points and sometimes identify where you have overshoot instructions. Difficulty levels are given, suitability of sections for children and suggested places to stop and swim. Maximum wave height and wind strength are advised.

Geology, wildlife and views are also included, a surprising amount of information put very simply and clearly. What is missing is any indication of where Andradx is to be found. Only once, hidden in the text, is a single mention of Mallorca.

## Lake Como



Camera di Commercio Como-Lecco  
2nd edition 2024  
170 x 120mm  
A5, paperback

'A shoreline measuring over 170km, made up of inlets, gulfs and sweeping panoramas of blue water, green forests and snow-capped peaks. The lake is spectacular all year round. The best way to see it is by water'. This booklet introduces locations around the lake and others in the vicinity in northern Italy. Examples of a range of boats used are given. These do not include canoes or kayaks but

hire locations are given for these, Porlezza on Lake Lugano, the Brianza Lakes, Lake Segrino and the Lecco and Como branches.

Of the famous Orrido it says 'Two streams, the Tuf and the Nosé, meet in this natural gully, to form a waterfall that swooshes and splashes into the lake... The best position to admire it is from the lake'.

As well as sights along the lakes there are associated links. There is a 75km canal route to Milan. At the other extreme is the Fiumelatte, the shortest stream in Italy, which 'cuts in between the houses, swooshing with a splash into the lake after just 250m on a steep gradient that means its water is always frothy and white.'

At the back are listed popular beaches and lidos, main markets and locally produced food and drinks. A recipe is given for perch fillets, rice and risotto.

On the rear cover a fold out map helps with locations.

## Enjoy Respect Venezia



Città di Venezia - Assessorato al  
Turismo  
2018  
230 x 170mm  
79 pages, paperback

Venice has a problem, tourists, particularly those who come on cruise liners, choke up the city and then return to their boats instead of staying in hotels or other accommodation and paying the tourist tax. In future there may be measures to reduce the boat traffic.

This booklet, in Italian and English, encourages visitors to get away from the honeypot sites, get off the beaten track and visit less well known locations, including

on the islands and adjacent mainland. There is a website which predicts when visitor numbers will be highest and, so, best avoided.

There are a number of very detailed maps with much information, including the Lido and adjacent mainland, and tides are explained. Most