

Directions:

Vipers' Quay, Rectory Lane, Dittisham, TQ6 0HE

You turn off the A38 about 22 miles from Plymouth onto the A384 to Buckfastleigh/Totnes. (Beware of the speed camera as you approach Totnes). At Totnes traffic lights turn right onto the A381 marked to Kingsbridge. [Following the 'brown signs' to "Woodlands Leisure Park" takes you near to Blackawton].

One mile after the traffic lights there is a road to the left marked Ashprington, Tuckenhay and Cornworthy. You can either take this road, which is a shorter (8m) but narrow, back-lane route or continue on main roads (12m) to Dittisham. On the main (A381) road, pass through Harbertonford and turn left at Halwell, immediately after the church, onto the Dartmouth road A3122. After the signs for Blackawton, go past Dartmouth Golf & Country Club on the left and Woodland on the right. At the Sportsman's Arms, instead of following the main road which bends sharply right to Dartmouth, continue straight on to Dittisham.

On the minor route, about 2 miles after the turn-off, there is a crossroads; you can either go straight ahead through Ashprington to Bow and Tuckenhay, or turn right down a very steep hill to Bow. (Bow is just a pub, the Waterman's Arms). Continue through Tuckenhay following the main road marked to Cornworthy until you come to a "T" junction, with a signpost showing Cornworthy to the left and Dittisham to the right. If you are using a satnay, it may tell you to turn left at this "T" junction. Take no notice but turn right and follow the road to Dittisham.

The way through the village may be a little complex, and I enclose a sketch plan in case it is of assistance. If coming on the Dartmouth road, entering the village down a steep hill, before the bottom you double back on yourself (hair-pin bend) round the old school/village hall onto The Level, leaving the Red Lion behind you on the left. If approaching from Tuckenhay/E Cornworthy, there is a triple fork – 1st left onto Riverside Road with Church on the left, and you take the second 'prong' (The Level) with the Red Lion on your left, the third 'prong' being the steep hill to Dartmouth to the right. About 250 yards after the pub you pass a car park on your left. After another 50 yards you come to a fork with a sharp left turn down a steep hill (Manor Street) to the river; don't take this; continue straight on up the hill along the private (metalled) road, Rectory Lane, which after about 250 yards (alongside the Old Rectory) turns into a metalled track and goes across a cattle grid. Go along this. Almost immediately there are some barn conversions on the left and a new house on the right. After about 100 yards there is a turning to the left which you ignore. (It leads to River Farm and if you use a satnay with the postcode, this is where it will take you). After another 50 yards there is another fork; turn left and it leads down to Vipers' Quay (straight on leads only to Hamblyn's Coombe).

