

# Rocky foreshore



The North Devon Coast AONB contains a wide variety of habitats, including sand dunes and estuaries, rocky shores, species-rich hedgerows, coastal oak woodlands and culm grasslands.



The term 'rocky foreshore' covers areas of bedrock (and man made hard structures such as piers and breakwaters) and their associated fauna and flora found between the mean high water and mean low water marks. It also includes the 'splash zone' immediately above the high water mark which harbours marine organisms at the upper limit of their existence on the shore.

Many of the rocky foreshore habitats in the area are inaccessible by foot but are among the richest in Britain and home to a diverse and fascinating range of plants and animals.