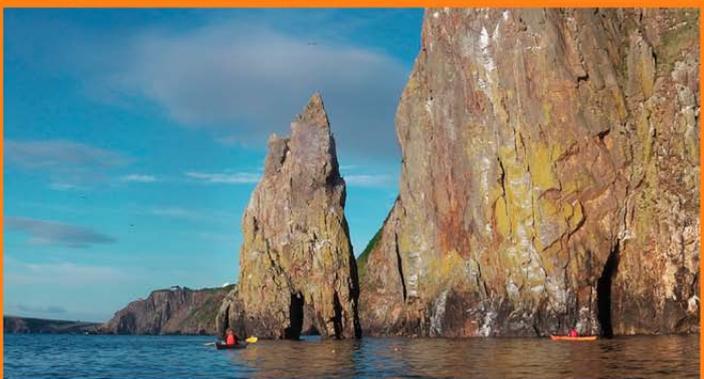
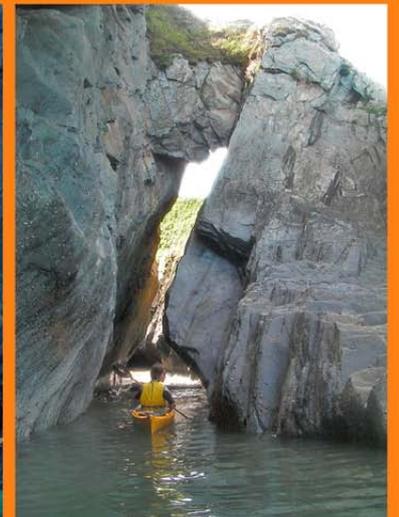
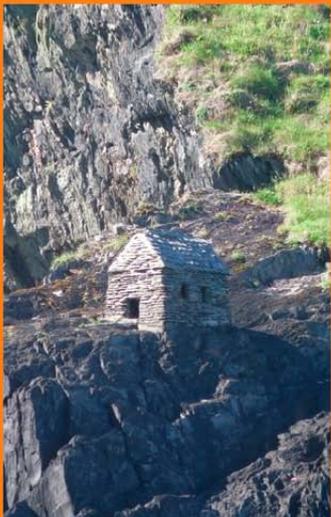


# 7 Secret Places on the Pembrokeshire Coast



## The Blue Lagoon



*The Blue Lagoon*

A popular spot for coasteering and local teenagers, the Blue Lagoon is best accessed via a sea kayak around high tide. Yes, we've even been off the wall in kayaks!

As a slate quarry until the early part of the 20th Century the side was blasted out to allow the sea in. The water here is usually very still and reflects the Emerald Green colours that Pembrokeshire is known for. Rumoured to be around 80m deep there are only a few freedivers capable of reaching the bottom.

Behind the beach pieces of slate regularly fall in the summer as it heats up at different rates. It is possible to find fossilised creatures of an age long since forgotten in these slates, the most famous of which are Graptolites; small animals which lived 500 million years ago.

The round tower on Tryn-y-Castell is thought to be a 19 century navigation beacon and has no connection with the quarry.



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– *Mike and Mara Davies*



## The Witches Cauldron



*The Emerald Waters of Pembrokeshire*

There is a place on the North Pembrokeshire Coast where the sea has carved a network of tunnels you can paddle through, the height of the tide determining which ones are open and which are closed. The most impressive of which has to be the Witches Cauldron.

Hidden away down a narrow channel, it is easy to miss and many have. As you paddle into an ever narrowing gap you suddenly see that the cliff goes through to a collapsed cave. Passing under the low roof you notice the light shining through emerald green waters on the right.

There's a small beach in the left corner, a great spot for lunch, until the Autumn when the seals will pup there, prohibiting access to the Witches Cauldron.

Walkers peer down at you from above, watching as you disappear into places they cannot see. You will be drawn by the noise down a small channel to the right leading to a small, beautiful waterfall, beyond which is another small cave.

If the tide is right you'll be able to squeeze your sea kayak through a hidden crack in the cliff into the Dark Room. Pitch black and easily big enough for 2-3 sea kayakers, the ray of light that comes through the crack is amazing.

Sometimes the weather, tide and sea state come together perfectly and we're able to take complete novices to the Witches Cauldron. Have a look at Sea Kayaking tours with Mayberry Kayaking.



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"I absolutely love kayaking now and cant wait for the summer so my son can have a go too! I feel blessed to live in an area where we have this wonderful outdoor pursuit literally on our doorstep!! I highly recommend Mayberry Kayaking for their expertise instruction and in depth knowledge of Pembrokeshire coast line!"

– *Maria Hardwick*



## The Guillotine



*The Guillotine*

The Guillotine on the north Pembrokeshire Coast is even more easily missed than the Witches Cauldron. Above the entry, housemartins nest on the overhanging cliff; it's one of the few places in the UK where they still do this.

The entrance to the Guillotine is very narrow, only just wider than your sea kayak and you'll need to reverse in, using your hands at some point. The reward for your effort is when you look up and see the piece of slate above your head looking just like a Guillotine blade ready to fall. Fortunately that won't happen today, it's quite safe and solidly a part of the cliff on both sides.

Do you want to go and see the Guillotine? Have a look at our sea kayak tours here.



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We bought a kayak and wanted a short course to teach us the basics. The online booking process was easy; the course has given us some confidence in the water, and made us want more! We enjoyed it and felt we learnt plenty. The next bout of sunshine we hope to be back.

– Mark Jones



## Suicide Cave



*Suicide Cave and Emerald Water*

It would be very easy to miss suicide cave, almost everyone wants to continue past the narrow entrance. The water here often reflects the emerald green that Pembrokeshire is known for.

On one side the rock is Ordovician, a marine sedimentary rock. The other side is basalt, formed from the lava of underwater volcanoes erupting and the lava solidifying as soon as hit the colder water. The sea would have been 300m higher than it is now and underwater volcanoes would have been very active. On the corner, as you enter, the rock look like pillows of lava.

The sea has carved it's way into the weakness between these two rock types and formed this beautiful cave. The grasses hanging down the front encourages the water to run down and form a curtain across the entrance after rain.

Be sure to look up to the left at the highest part of the cliff, this is known locally as Suicide Point. It's where the teenagers come to jump in the summer months; almost a right a passage, there are four or more generations of people around who all did the same when they were younger. They call it suicide point due to the distance you must jump out, away from the cliff (not because people commit suicide here!) and we transfer the name to call this Suicide Cave.

Have you been? Would you like to go? Suicide Cave is within easy reach for beginners on a sea kayaking tour with Mayberry Kayaking.



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## Needle Rock



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There are lots of rocks around the coastline of the UK to take the name of Needle Rock. One of the most impressive is certainly Needle Rock in Fishguard Bay, complete with an eye that you paddle through.

Over 50m high, Needle Rock is Within reach of a beginner in a sea kayak, your first view of Needle Rock will likely be through the arch you paddle through 50m before. Like much of North-East Pembrokeshire, the rock itself is from the Ordovician period; marine sedimentary rocks and products of underwater eruptions.

On December 3rd 1920 the Hermina, a 3 masted Schooner registered in Rotterdam was sheltering from storms in Fishguard Bay when it started to drag it's anchors. The ship was broken up when it hit Needle Rock and signs of it can be seen the emerald green waters at low tide.

In the spring and early summer Guillemots, Razorbills and Fulmars nest on the rocky cliff ledges here. Gulls and Cormoroants also choose this area for their young while Peregrines Falcons often pass through looking for food to feed their young. The area has been identified by the Pembrokeshire National Coast Park Authority as an important site for these nesting birds so take care to keep the noise down and not disturb them when you visit.

You too can visit Needle Rock on a sea kayaking tour with Mayberry Kayaking.



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"I wanted a sea kayaking holiday that would push my personal paddling ability whilst exploring Pembrokeshire. Was definitely hoping to see puffins and seals on our trip and was not disappointed! The trip was fantastic – I would recommend your company to anyone thinking of paddling in Pembrokeshire. You were always willing to change plans to fit in with what people wanted and your commitment to the holiday was much appreciated."

– **Katie Wiltshier**



## The Devil's Scratch



*The Devil's Scratch*

Legend has it that the geological folds here were caused by the Devil himself scraping his fingernails across the cliff face as he bounced through Wales after being kicked out of Ireland.

Where he landed after that is anybody's guess but it is certainly an impressive fold with the forces involved, to twist the landscape in such a way, unimaginable.

The Devil's Scratch cannot be seen from the Pembrokeshire Coast path but when the weather is good it is within easy reach of beginner to sea kayaking on our tours, otherwise it's one for slightly more experienced paddlers to find.



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I book with you for the total experience. I learn a lot, you are a patient and experienced teacher and I feel safe when we are all out together. This, combined with great coastal scenery, abundant marine and bird life and a clean and inspiring environment. It is immensely rewarding as you feel yourself progress and confidence starts to build. One's self belief increases, and there is a spill-over into day to day life from this that is very positive.

– Robert Toon



## The Chapel



*The Chapel*

The Chapel is approximately two foot by one foot and only one and half foot high, so perfect for The Borrowers or Stuart Little to holiday in.

Who built it is a mystery but rumours include; evacuees during world war two, a dad who built it for his daughter in her favourite place after he lost her to a reclusive lady who lived in the area. What is not doubt is that two brothers restored it during the nineties, hence it still being in such good condition.

The Chapel is easily viewed from a sea kayak just after you pass through the tunnel when the water is high enough or by entering the bay in which it agreeably sits.



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– Sarah Campbell

