

# BEACH COTTAGE

## Recommendations for children - in and around Teignmouth

This list is non-exhaustive and we'd be sad if you missed out on something just because we haven't listed it. We have only listed what we know and like. If you or younger ones do have a particular area of interest (eg. horse-riding or diving) then we would recommend you do search and browse some of the online resources listed at the bottom.

**All those activities listed are accessible on foot (and ferry where marked \*) from Beach Cottage**  
We have resisted looking outside of the immediate Teignmouth and Shaldon area because it's difficult otherwise to know where to stop. You will however find plenty of ideas in any one of the South Devon or English Riviera printed or online guides.

### **The Pier (all ages)**

Old fashioned and modern in equal measure. Start collecting small change for this distraction before you arrive and your holiday budget will thank you. Most of our visiting friends' children remember their shenanigans on the Pier above all others, especially if they're old enough to be left to roam on their own!

### **The Lido (all ages)**

We have friends who swim in the sea every week all-year round but we'll admit it – the English Channel can sometimes not be welcoming. Whether you need a break from the sand between your toes or not, The Lido is a heated 25m outdoor pool ideally situated just 100m away from Beach Cottage and we love the ease of access to it. Check open dates: <http://teignbridgeleisure.co.uk/teignmouth-lido>

### **The Award-winning Playpark (up to 12 years)**

It really is very good and your kids will want to keep going back. It incorporates water 'features' so bear that in mind. Luckily for Beach Cottage guests it's just a short stroll along the seafront to dry off.

### **The Skate and Scooter park (up to 12 years)**

Again, just up on the seafront. Kids and teenagers alike should bring their skateboards and scooters if there's room in the car boot. We reckon they'll thank you for it. And you'll be happy to sit and watch with a sneaky cold beer or an ice-cream.

### **Tennis Courts (all ages)**

Free of charge hire with a deposit only needed for racquets and balls at the ice-cream kiosk. Keep it quiet but a little-known booking facility (may just be one day in advance) means you can be sure of a slot when you want it. Just ask at the kiosk.

### **Crazy Golf (all ages)**

Almost a must-do when you've kids in tow right? Even better if they're of an age where you can let them go off and cause havoc on their own!

## **Shaldon Zoo (all ages \*)**

It's very modest for sure. So modest in fact that it doesn't call itself a zoo. But sometimes smaller is better with very young ones. Meerkats, lemurs, monkeys and more. Encounters and experiences available but call in advance if you want to make more of it than just a simple (shortish) visit. <https://www.shaldonwildlifetrust.org.uk/>

## **Teign Sea Sports (all ages)**

It's all going on here and for sure they cater for all ages within reason. Sailing, kayak, SUP, kids club... we can't keep up with it all so check out the website in advance or wander around to the New Quay to see what's available at the time according to season, tides and weather. [www.seasports-sw.com/](http://www.seasports-sw.com/)

## **Teign Heritage Centre (all ages)**

Modest displays again but there is something for everyone for sure. Everything from wrecks and invasions to Muse and Victorian bathing huts. Probably most interesting for budding historians and adults. Save for a grey day. <http://www.teignheritage.org.uk/>

## **Crabbing and Fishing (all ages)**

Some things never go out of fashion. Buy a crab line and a bucket together with some bacon and head to the Fish Quay or New Quay. If you're after more than just a crab line then check out the fishing and tackle shop on Northumberland Place. For teenagers upwards, mackerel and other fishing trips with gear provided are detailed on boards between the lifeboat house and the ferry.

## **Boat Hire (adults required!)**

Listed here because of course it does make for an adventure. Not as daunting as it might sound the self-hire and drive boats available on the back beach are very reasonably priced by the hour and we highly recommend even if they are a bit sluggish. Take some snacks, see Teignmouth from another angle, turn off the engine and drop a line!

## **Smugglers Tunnel and Ness Beach (all ages \*)**

Hidden behind the headland is Ness beach – accessible by clambering around the rocks from Shaldon at low tide or else through the tunnel (open all day) that you'll find next to the zoo. A great adventure for small ones, especially if you barbeque fish fingers whilst there. Swimming can be a little bit more challenging here but don't let that put you off.

## **Pitch and Putt Golf at Shaldon (14+ \*)**

Up on the Ness headland, admire terrific views and a fine 3-par challenging course. Not crazy golf but it's steep and so can be when the ground is super-dry! Holes range from 60 to 110 metres. So long as mobility isn't a problem, you take refreshments and you remember you don't need to finish the course before hitting the 19<sup>th</sup> then you'll have fun. Very reasonable club and ball hire. Keen golfers will enjoy it, true golfers probably ought to head to Teignmouth golf course instead for even better views and a classic moorland links course.

## **More...**

[www.loveteignmouth.co.uk/](http://www.loveteignmouth.co.uk/)

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We hope you enjoy your stay and do let us know if we've missed something. Best wishes, Kevin & Fliss.