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Directions to Hansel Cottage, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LN

Google maps directions will bring you straight to the cottage and we recommend this as the easiest way to find us. **Do not use any sat navs that are not google maps based as they can take you down a dead end lane with no turning space on the opposite side of the valley.**

If you do not wish to use google maps the following directions will help.

Please note that although the postal address is Dartmouth, Hansel Cottage is nearer Slapton and Strete so heading direct to Dartmouth will make your journey unnecessarily longer.

From everywhere except other parts of Devon and Cornwall

Take the M5 south

When the M5 ends at Exeter stay on the A38 towards Plymouth

Route for those comfortable with Devon Narrow Lanes (reasonable number of passing places and wider sections)

Stay on the A38 for 23 miles until you see signs for A385 to Paignton/South Brent/Avonwick/B3210

Take this exit

At the roundabout take the 4th exit

At the next junction turn left, follow the road up with the wind turbine on your left.

Follow this road until you come to a Give Way.

Take the road opposite (if the traffic is heavy you can turn left and then next right which connects back onto the same route)

At next give way turn right (if you did right & left at previous junction you will already be on this road)

Stay on this road for about 5 miles until you reach the T junction where you have to give way in the village of Moreleigh.

Turn left and then right.



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About a mile after Moreleigh the road turns sharply left with a side road ahead, take the sharp left and then turn right onto the A381 towards Kingsbridge.

Stay on the A381 for ½ mile.

Turn left towards East Allington and Slapton.

This road is known locally as Five Mile Lane.

Stay on it for 4 ½ miles looking out for the sea ahead.

Look out for a house on the right called Dearswell, you need to take the next left turn after this house which is signposted Gara Mill.

After about 100 metres take the right turn – there is no sign post, look for the farm gates and modern barn on the corner. The lane gets very narrow now so remember the passing places!

But not far to go and there aren't many houses down here so you'd be unlucky to meet many cars.

After 0.3 mile, ignore the right turn to Slapton and go straight on past the dead end sign. It's less than a mile to go.

The lane takes you down and then up through Merrifield and then along the top of the ridge before plunging back down into Hansel.

Hansel Cottage is the white building immediately in front of you as the lane turns to the right in the middle of the hamlet. The drive is straight ahead where the lane turns right.

Take care on the drive - it is steep and particularly narrow at the gateposts. Take it slowly and it's fine. The gate is kept closed as we have had the odd herd of cattle take a de-tour through the garden!

If you have more than 1 car in your party we suggest turning around on the drive before another car arrives unless you are the last car in when it makes no difference.

Route for those who would rather avoid narrow lanes as much as possible

Stay on the A38 for 18 miles until the A384 exit towards A381/Buckfastleigh/Totnes/Dartmouth/Kingsbridge

Turn left onto A384 and stay on this road until the second Dartington roundabout.

At the second Dartington roundabout take the first exit onto the A385 towards Totnes



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As you enter Totnes (after the blue footbridge goes overhead) turn right at traffic lights onto the Western By Pass A381 (signposted Dartmouth (A3222) Salcombe, Kingsbridge A381)

Stay on the A381 for 7.3 miles and then follow the directions above from **Turn left towards East Allington and Slapton**. Please note the last mile to the cottage on single track lane is unavoidable but traffic is likely to be very light.

If you are coming from other parts of Devon or Cornwall we suggest you navigate to Totnes or Kingsbridge depending on which direction you are coming from and follow the directions from the A381.