

Bradwell-on-Sea

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Location Bradwell-on-Sea

Distance (km/miles) 18.2km/11.4 miles

Time taken 6 hours

Degree of difficulty moderate



Bradwell Marina Tower

Descriptive introduction

Once you have left the couple of villages at the start you enter a desolate landscape of marsh then mud-bounded coastline. The scream of birds and the buffeting of the wind are likely to be your only accompaniment until, after walking for miles along the sea wall, you arrive at the church of St Peter-on-the-Wall built by St. Cedd, Bishop of Essex in 660.

The first views of the church are impressive as it stands isolated against the background of the sea. The real surprise is the experience you get on entry. Many are influenced by the quiet dignity of this ancient church which has been prayed in over many centuries.

Walk

- 1. Start** Go left of the Marina Tower on a surfaced drive. At end of the Marina passing right of a brick building and climbing onto a bank. Soon descend left to a field and go right around the field edge to go right through a waymarked gap and along the right edge of another field. Continue across the next field to a road.
- 2. 1.5 km/0.9miles** Cross to a bridge and go forward to the street and turn left then right alongside a fence. Now continue across fields and woodland edges to join a lane past Packards Farm. Swing right to eventually reach a road.
- 3. 3.8 km/ 2.4 miles** Turn left and continue into the village of Tillingham. Go left through the churchyard and bear left to leave by a gate. Go right on a farm track to the right of a hedge. Keep forward to join a lane, continuing between barns at Dots and Melons. Where the track swings right, keep forward to cross a bridge in the left corner of a field. Cross a ditch and go left then right on a track until you reach wide bridge to the right. Cross and go left with ditch on the left. Now keep forward with the sea wall on the horizon. At an old sluice, follow the ditch to the right and, at a corner, go left to eventually reach Marsh House pumping station.
- 4. 9.2km/5.7 miles** Go left up the sea wall which you follow for over 2 miles. Halfway along you will have to pass a strange transmitting station. Just before reaching a house and scrub go left down a bank to reach the Chapel of St Peter on the Wall.
- 5. 13.3km/8.3 miles** Walk away from the entrance along a broad track which joins a lane and eventually a road into Bradwell-on-Sea.



6. **16.4 km/10.2 miles** At the church go right. Continue out of the village, passing one junction and taking a wide track diagonally left at the next. Continue across fields to a road. Go forward and left at a fingerpost after a pub. Go left at the marina to your car.

Information Centre

Terrain flat, good paths

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Suitable for all fit adults and older children

Start/parking – GR 994 077 Bradwell Waterside, drive into Bradwell Marina to the right of the tower, it costs £1

Nearest town Burnham-on-Crouch

Refreshments pubs and cafes in Bradwell-on-Sea and Tillingham

Public toilets none

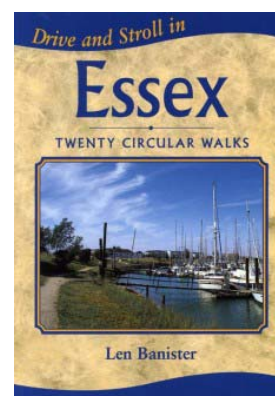
Public transport none

Maps Ordnance Survey Explorer 176

If you love walking in the Essex countryside then **Len Banister's book 'Twenty Circular Walks'** will be your ideal companion for some stunning walks.

Walk to an ancient wooden church in Greensted and walks beside the great Essex coastal walls are just a couple. The walks vary in length from 2 and a half to 6 miles and are all based on good local pubs, cafés or tearooms. Information such as how to get to the start and where to park are given. There are also photographs of places along the way and numbered sketch maps.

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Bradwell Nuclear Power Station

Weymarks Farm

Sales Point

Electricity Switching Station

Community Settlement

Tip Head

Irrigation Reservoirs

Chapel of St Peter on the Wall

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Bradwell Waterside

Airfield (disused)

East Hall Farm

Pewet Island

Playing Field

Downhall Farm

Curds Grove

Caravan Park

Eastlands

Trusses Road

Down Hall

Peveralls

East Hall

Munkins Farm

Westwick Farm

Down Westwick

Woodyards

East End

Blackberry Grove

Bradwell on Sea

Bradwell Lodge

Bacons

Hockley

BRADWELL-ON-SEA CP

Bradwell Marshes

Start

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Orplands

Delameres

Glebe Outfall

Mill End

Curry

Sandbeach Outfall

Bradwell Hall

Packards Grove

Packards

Weatherwick

Sandbeach

Byhams

Mark Road

Mark Farm

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Middle Grove

Sampsons

Blackbirds

Shingleford

04

Tillingham Hall

St Peter's Way

Marsh Road

Tillingham

St Peter's Way

Grange Road

White Horse Farm

The White Horse

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Leggatts

Marsh House

Bridgemans Farm

Jerry's Farm

Midlands

Howe Farm

TILLINGHAM CP Tillingham Marshes

Howe Outfall

Marshhouse Decoy Pond

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Marshhouse Outfall

Mean High Water

Mean Low Water

Gunners Creek

St Peter's Way

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