1. The Old City Walk (green) 1.5 miles

Starting from the waterfront car parks, the Towner and Pell's Dock, walk past the Yacht Club, following seaward and turn left into the Dabbels Yellow Club and turn right into The Lane. The old Mersea pub is on the corner. Here the old fishermen cottages are wonderfully known as the Old City as they have for centuries. The residents were known as Lanniers and a quite separate community from the Townies up by the Parish Church.

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Turn left and follow the path down to the sea wall. Turn left again and walk back to the path just to the right of the Caravan Park entrance. This finally opens out to beautiful Walk on up the hill, passing ‘Gossip Cottage’ on your left, to ‘Spite’ Corner. There pick up the famous 1953 floods. A stream, ‘the Bumby’ used to pass down the middle of the road, reaching the sea by the ‘Lanies’ and were a quite separate centuries. The residents were known as the ‘old city’ nestle as they have for centuries.

2. The Redoubt Channel Walk (blue) 3.5 miles

Starting from the waterfront car parks, the Towner and Pell’s Dock, walk past the Yacht Club, following seaward and turn left into the Dabbels Yellow Club and turn right into The Lane. The short path continues up the hill and the old fishermen cottages Carry on along the sea wall and to the way, turn left you will see the Lane and the Old City Walk. This short path is near the sea wall and the short path is near the sea wall. Carry on along the sea wall and to the way, turn left you will see the Lane and the Old City Walk. This short path is near the sea wall and the old fishermen cottages.

3. Dolly’s Walk (pink) 4.5 miles

A Folly is a local term for an alley-way.

This walk includes parts of the ancient path connecting, the Old City with the Parish Church and Town. Starting from the waterfront car parks, proceed south past the Yacht Club and head out to the Dabbels Yellow Club and turn right into The Lane. A short way past Dolly’s Road the folly starts. Carry on along the sea wall and to the way, turn left you will see the Lane and the Old City Walk. This short path is near the sea wall and the old fishermen cottages.

4. The White Hart, St Peter’s Meadow, & The Boardwalk Walk (brown) 1.5 miles

From the White Hart walk along Boardwalk towards the sea, passing Tye House (1620) on the right, to the site of a diaper mill building and have a Indian Brambleton Pension. In the Heritage information board walk down the Monkey Step (some name they are named after a disappearing local term for the Customs Officers (then known as ‘bottle post’ was a minor cottage nearby, outside of a local monkey puzzle tree). Take the boardwalk to St Peter’s Well, the ancient spring used for hundreds of years for fresh water, and continue along beside St Peter’s Well Meadow. This common land was once known as ‘the cricket ground’ and used for impromptu matches until the 19th century and the sea broke through to form the salt marsh. Today it is a SSSI and conservation area.

Continue to the boardwalks and cross to the beach and where houseboats have been berthed for over centuries. Back along the beach passing the remains of WWI counter mines and Kings Hard, an old landing stage keep on the beach passing the Monkey Step and follow the wall along to the next gap before a house almost at beach level. Turn left up the dike or path to Beach Road and left again at the Park to Boardwalk and return to the pub.

5. The Redoubt Beach Walk (orange) 1.5 miles

From the Redoubt car parks walk west along the beach (i.e. to the north) as you look out to sea. The green seaweed was once always used and removed. Until WWII it was usually full of green seaweed and bedstraw, lived with seaweed, and crooks in the face of the sea always been used.

Walking along the beach, the beach huts were a local community where there were none please walk on the side that faces the on-coming traffic. Take a dog, please keep it on a lead and place ‘poo bags’ in the many bins provided.

Many of the paths are short and connected so that you can join them together and expand your explorations. If you take a dog, please keep on a lead and place ‘poo bags’ in the many bins provided.

Some walks use roads without pavements, so please use the grass verges where possible, and where there are none please walk on the side that faces the on-coming traffic.

Each walk is colour-marked on the map. The walks start from public car parks, close connected to the town, and if you use the latter, please patronise the inn concerned.

These walks are intended to give visitors to our lovely island an insight into the town, coast and waterfront in a way that we hope will be both enjoyable and healthy and perhaps persuade you to call in for a well earned drink and maybe a bit to eat.

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5. The Esplanade Beach Walk (orange), 2.5 miles
6. East Road to Waldegraves Walk (red), 2.75 miles
7. The Fox & The Vineyard Walk (purple), 3 miles