1. Start the walk from the Riverside Park free car park in Millfields, which is close to Burnham’s public library (on Station Road). Turn right away from the car park and walk up to the junction with Station Road. Turn left here, walking up Station Road for 1/4 mile. Turn left onto Foundry Lane (just before the Co-operative supermarket) and continue along this road. Foundry Lane eventually borders onto the park and after 1/2 mile it takes a sharp bend to the left as it heads towards Burnham Marina. As you start to take the bend, look out for a footpath off to the right.

2. Take this path, which soon runs parallel with the railway line (on the right hand edge of a large field) for 1/4 mile. There are good views southwards of the River Crouch. At the end of the field, at a junction of paths, turn left away from the railway line and continue around the edge of the field. Go past Creeksea Place B&B on your right (unless you decide to stop for refreshments at the Parlour Café). You will catch glimpses of the imposing manor house at Creeksea Place beyond the car park to the right. Ignore the private entrance to the caravan park. 100 yards after passing this entrance, fork right onto the waymarked footpath away from the field.

3. Follow the narrow, fenced path (with the caravan park to your right) until you reach a track. Go diagonally right, crossing a stile on the left of the track and take the footpath for 150 yards across the field. You soon reach the river; turn left here to walk along the river. As you walk towards Burnham, the path becomes an attractive promenade alongside Riverside Park. There are some interesting houses/moored on the river at this point.

4. Across the green, there are some attractive houses, which include the old Greyhound Inn. Continue ahead on the sea wall for 2/3 mile. There are good views to the south across the river Crouch from Creeksea to Wallasea Island. Eventually you reach the mouth of Burnham Marina. This is one of the oldest marinas in the country, and holds nearly 500 boats.

5. Turn left along the sea wall path to follow the edge of the marina. Head towards the RNLI station and pass behind the building. The marina workshops, shop and Swallowtail bar are off to your left. Continue to head around the marina and you will soon reach a right hand bend on the eastern side. The path eventually turns left away from the marina to head alongside the river. As you walk towards Burnham, the path becomes an attractive promenade alongside Riverside Park. There are some interesting houses/moored on the river at this point.
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Refreshments on or close to the walk
Parlour Café, Creeksea Place, CM0 8PJ
Tel: 01621 785292
Swallowtail Bar & Restaurant, Burnham Marina, Foundry Lane, CM0 8BL - Tel: 01621 785050
Cobin Dairy Tea Room, High Street, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AG - Tel: 01621 782404
Star Inn, 29-31 High Street, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AG - Tel: 01621 782106
Ye Olde White Harte Hotel, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AS - Tel: 01621 782106
Anchor Hotel, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AT - Tel: 01621 782117
Quayside Café Restaurant, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AT - Tel: 01621 783350
Victoria Inn, 1 Belvedere Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AJ - Tel: 01621 783585

This walk is a very pleasant and relatively undemanding stroll through the attractive yachting centre of Burnham-on-Crouch and nearby countryside. A decent stretch of the walk is alongside the scenic River Crouch. There is a lot to see along the way – birdlife, historic buildings, river views and boats of all shapes and sizes. Burnham has a large number of pubs, restaurants and cafés, so there is plenty of choice for refreshments at the end of this walk!

Distance: 4.25 miles (6.8 km)
Time taken: 2½ hours
Location: Riverside Park (off Station Road)
OS Explorer Map No: 176 (Blackwater Estuary)
OS Grid Reference: TQ 948 959
Parking: Riverside Park car park, Millfields (CM0 8HQ)
Public transport: Regular trains from Wickford (change here for trains to London Liverpool Street, Shenfield and Southend Victoria) Bus 31, 31X (Mon – Sat only) Chelmsford to Burnham via Maldon. Bus D4 Bradwell to Burnham (Mon – Sat only).

Useful web links
Burnham-on-Crouch information
http://www.burnham.org.uk/
Creeksea Place
http://www.creekseaplace.co.uk/
Burnham-on-Crouch & District Museum
http://www.burnhammuseum.co.uk/
RSPB
http://www.rspb.org.uk/

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Historically, Burnham-on-Crouch has benefited from its location on the coast - first as a ferry port, later as a fishing port known for its oyster beds, and most recently as a centre for yachting. With its historic pubs and red-roofed houses, Burnham is known within sailing circles as the “Cowes of the East Coast”!

There are many listed buildings in the town, including the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, which was designed in 1932 by the modernist architect Joseph Emberton. The Clock Tower is Burnham’s best known landmark. It is a red brick octagonal clock tower which was built in 1877. The tower is in four stages, with a fish-scale tiled roof. The Tower was dedicated to the memory of Laban Sweeting, a well-known local oyster merchant, who was renowned for his generosity amongst local residents.

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