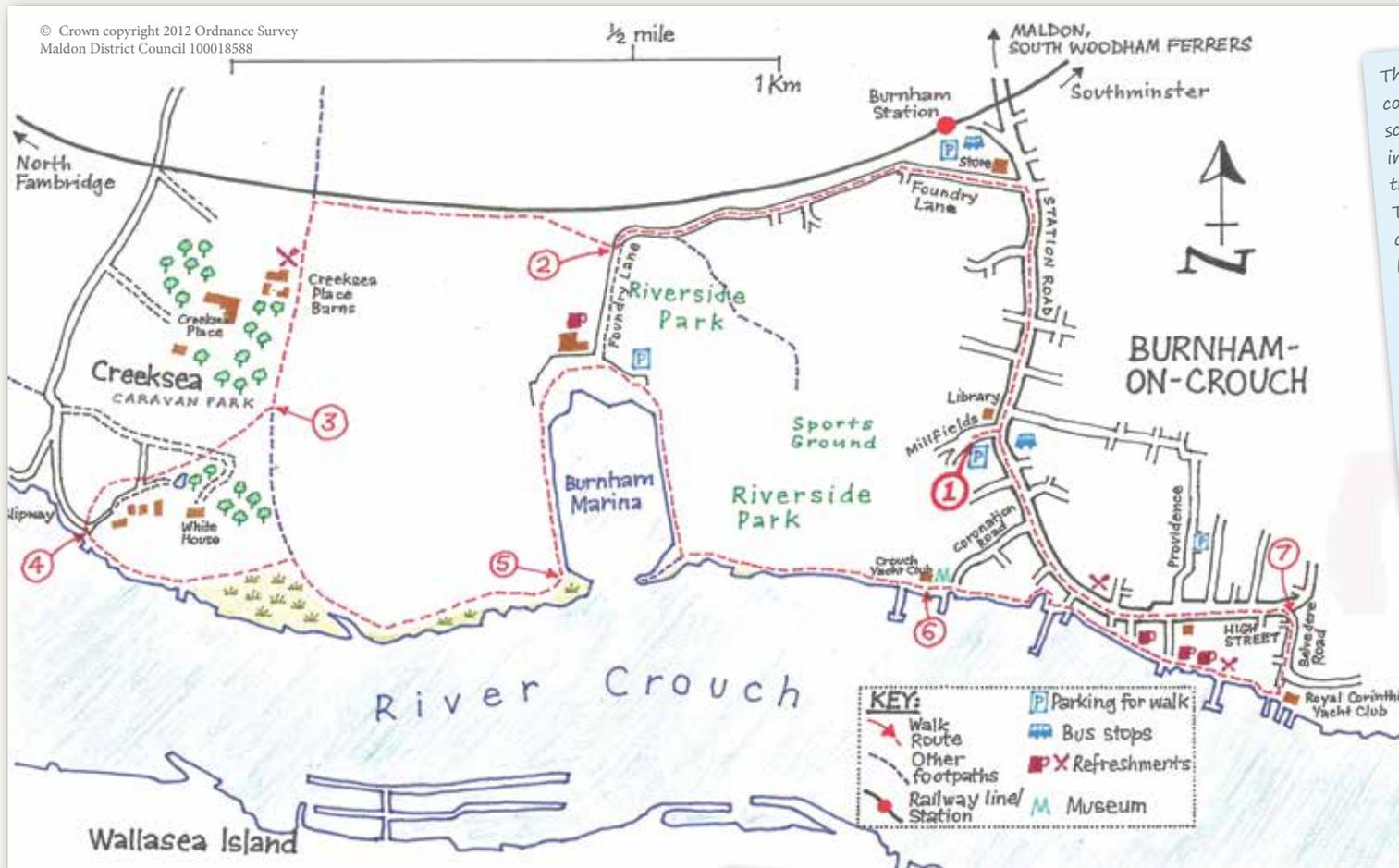


1. Start the walk from the Riverside Park free car park in Millfields, which is close to Burnham's public library (on Station Road). Turn right away from the car park and walk up to the junction with Station Road. Turn left here, walking up Station Road for 1/4 mile. Turn left onto Foundry Lane (just 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 Barns 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 caravan 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 meadow, with a wooden fence on your left. Go over another stile, crossing another track. Take the footpath which heads in the same direction, along the left hand edge of another meadow. Go through a gate, which leads onto a narrow fenced footpath. You pass several houses on your left. Cross a drive and go over a stile on the left. You soon reach the river; turn left here to walk along the sea wall. At this point, the slipway for the old Creeksea - Wallasea ferry is 100 yards off to your right.



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 of the Essex Yacht Marina on 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 the footpath 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 houseboats moored on the river at this point.

A popular ferry service used to run across the River Crouch from Creeksea to Wallasea Island; it is mentioned as far back as 1625. Sadly, the ferry stopped running in 1962. The concrete slipway at Creeksea was constructed in World War II to be used by RAF fast Pilot Rescue launches, which patrolled the North Sea to rescue shot-down aircraft; it was also used by motor torpedo boats that were based in the river. Creeksea played an important part in the invasion of France in 1944, with 32 landing craft based in the Crouch. A naval base was established at Creeksea Place, where 700 men were trained to use the landing craft prior to the D-Day landings. The old half-timbered house you soon pass by once on the sea wall was a pub in Victorian times, known as the Greyhound Inn. It probably obtained much of its supplies through illegal smuggling operations. During extensive restoration work in the 1920s, a secret smugglers' den was uncovered.

The Wallasea Island Wild Coast project is a landmark conservation and engineering scheme for the 21st century, on a scale never before attempted in the UK and the largest of its type in Europe. The project is being overseen by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The aim of the project is to combat the threats from climate change and coastal flooding by recreating the ancient wetland landscape of mudflats and saltmarsh, lagoons and pasture. It will also help to compensate for the loss of such tidal habitats elsewhere in England. It will provide a haven for a wonderful array of nationally and internationally important wildlife and an amazing place for the local community, and those from further afield, to come and enjoy. It is anticipated that Burnham will become a major gateway to the Wallasea Island Wild Coast, with regular ferry crossings across the river.

You will soon reach the edge of Burnham and pass the Crouch Yacht Club on your left.

6. You are now on the walkway along Burnham Quay. Almost immediately, you will pass the Burnham-on-Crouch & District Museum (open April to October; admission payable). Continue along the quayside as it twists and turns past pubs, cafés, houses and a boatyard. You will pass the Cabin Dairy Tea Room and a small square with the town's war memorial. You will soon go past an attractive terrace of Georgian houses and the charming Olde White Harte hotel with its private jetty for outside drinking. Across the River Crouch, there are good views of the ongoing construction work on the Wallasea Island Wild Coast project. Continue past the Anchor Hotel and the Royal Burnham Yacht Club. 120 yards after the Burnham Yacht Club, the quayside path takes a right hand bend as it approaches the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. Turn left at this point, heading away from the river onto Belvedere Road for 150 yards.

7. On reaching the junction with the High Street, turn left and head up the very attractive High Street for nearly 1/2 mile; you will soon pass the famous Clock Tower on your left. As the road bends right (near the public library) it becomes Station Road. Turn left onto Millfields just before the library. The car park where we started the walk is on the left-hand side.

Creeksea Place is the ancestral home of the Harris family and was originally built in 1569. Lord Mildmay, who married into the Harris family in the 17th century, became the Keeper of the Crown Jewels. He was one of the twelve State Elders who signed the death warrant of King Charles I after the English Civil War. Lord Mildmay was arrested for regicide at Creeksea Place when Charles II restored the monarchy in 1660 and taken to the Tower of London. He was later pardoned. A new wing was added to Creeksea Place in the early 1900s by the Rome family and in 1947 the house and estate was acquired by the Bertorelli family. It is now used as a wedding venue and is open to the public for guided tours and cream teas.



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THE QUAY, BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH

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 1931 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.



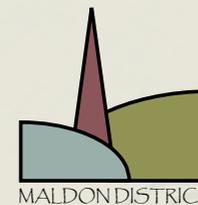
OLD GREYHOUND INN AT CREEKSEA

*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 785505  
Cabin 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 782010  
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 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!

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*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/>

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).