

BURNHAM TO SOUTHMINSTER

PUB WALK



LINEAR WALK

Long walk with uneven or muddy ground. Walking boots recommended.



START
BURNHAM
STATION



3.5
HOURS



7
MILES



OVERVIEW

This attractive linear walk takes you from the charming riverside town of Burnham-on-Crouch in a steady climb across the final outlier of the rolling farmland of central Essex, before reaching the ancient town of Southminster; you can then make the return journey to Burnham by train.



HOW TO GET HERE



Location for the start of the walk:

Burnham-on-Crouch

OS Explorer Map No:

176 (Blackwater Estuary)

OS Grid Reference:

TQ 948 964

Parking:

Burnham-on-Crouch railway station car park (CM0 8BQ).

Public Transport:

Train to Burnham-on-Crouch (from Wickford). Bus 31X from Maldon.

CAMRA (THE CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE)

CAMRA is a voluntary organisation campaigning for real ale, community pubs and consumer rights. Maldon & Dengie CAMRA is one of the smallest national branches; but we pack a big punch! We encourage our local breweries to supply good ale, help landlords to keep it and sell it that way and allow pub-goers to make good use of their locals and drink fine ale.



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HIGHLIGHTED PUBS ON THE WALK

There are a lot of pubs either on or close to the route. However, the three focal pubs on our walk are locally renowned for the variety and quality of the ales served, namely the "Queen's Head" in Burnham, the "Station Arms" in Southminster and the "Wibblers Brewery Taproom & Kitchen" in Southminster. Please note that the pubs have varying opening times – check with them beforehand for details. The walk also provides an opportunity to visit the super Railways Museum at Mangapps.



THE QUEEN'S HEAD

The Queen's Head is a traditional community pub, which has a single spacious bar with simple furniture and a warm atmosphere. There are usually three beers on offer, including two guest ales which often come from local microbreweries.

THE STATION ARMS

The Station Arms is a classic Essex weatherboarded pub, with a pleasant courtyard. The bareboarded single bar is decorated with railway and brewery memorabilia. It is renowned for the quality of its changing range of beers, which are mainly sourced locally. The pub does not serve food.



WIBBLERS BREWERY TAPROOM

Wibblers Brewery Taproom and Kitchen is adjacent to the beautifully restored late medieval tithe barn which houses the brewery. The spacious bar is attractively furnished, and serves several beers brewed on site. Creative home-cooked food is served using local produce when available.



OTHER PUBS ON OR CLOSE TO THE WALK



NEW WELCOME SAILOR, Station Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8HF - Tel: 01621 784778

OYSTER SMACK, Station Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8HR - Tel: 01621 782141

STAR INN, 29 High Street, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AA - Tel: 01621 782010

SHIP INN, 52 High Street, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AA - Tel: 01621 785057

ANCHOR HOTEL, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AT - Tel: 01621 782117

YE OLD WHITE HARTE, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AS - Tel: 01621 782106

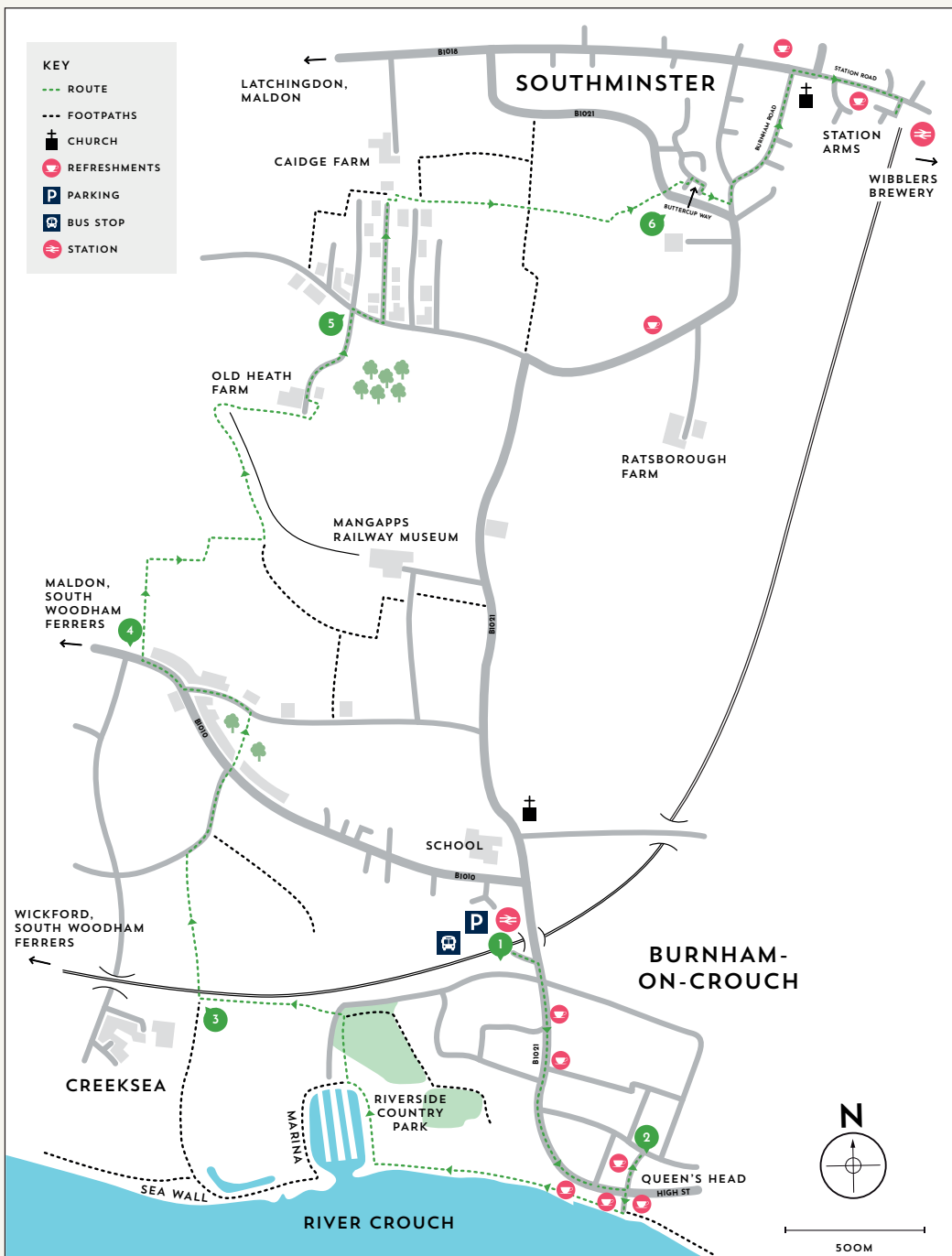
SWALLOWTAIL, Foundry Lane, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8BL - Tel: 01621 785505

ROSE INN, Burnham Road, Southminster, CM0 7BL - Tel: 01621 772915

KING'S HEAD, 2 High Street, Southminster, CM0 7DE - Tel: 01621 772216

WIBBLERS BREWERY, Goldsands Rd, Southminster, CM0 7JW - Tel: 01621 772044

This walk was developed by Maldon District Council, the Community Rail Partnership & Chris Harvey.



1. The walk starts from Burnham railway station. Turn right into Station Road, heading towards the town centre. You will pass the Railway Hotel and New Welcome Sailor along Station Road. Follow the main road as it bends left, where it becomes the High Street; you will soon pass the Star Inn on your right. 120 yards after passing the Star Inn, you will see a narrow lane (called Providence) on the left hand side, with travel agents on one corner and the One Stop convenience store on the other. Turn left into this lane; in just over 100 yards, you will reach the Queen's Head on the left hand side.

2. Head back along Providence to the High Street, then cross over and go down Shore Road to reach the Quay. To your left as you face the River Crouch is the Anchor Hotel and to your right is the Olde White Harte. Turn right here and continue along the riverside walkway for approximately 1.5 miles, leaving Burnham-on-Crouch behind until you reach the Country Park and marina. From here turn right and head north away from the river. There are a number of paths to choose from here; continue north until you reach a T-junction of paths by a high hedge. A) Turn left for a short walk leading to the marina car park. B) Carry on the footpath north until you reach the railway line.

3. After approximately 1.3 miles, you will reach another T-junction of paths near a large house (Creeksea Place Farm). Turn right here, crossing over the railway line and continuing ahead on the path through a field, with a large sunken pond on your left. After 100 yards, the path runs along the left-hand edge of the adjoining field ahead. On reaching a lane, turn right until you reach the main road and cross over, taking the signed footpath between two houses. The path goes through a wooded area until emerging on another lane. Turn left here, walking to the road junction and then turn right along the main road; after approximately 175 yards (just past the last house) take the signed footpath on the right.

4. Continue ahead along the tree-lined path, eventually the path emerges from the trees and follows the right hand edge of a large field. The path zig-zags around the field edge, and eventually you reach a junction of paths. If you wish to visit the Mangapps Railway Museum (open every weekend in the spring, summer and autumn), you can take the path ahead. Our route turns left at this point, along the field edge, with the Mangapps railway track running parallel behind the trees to the right. 500 yards after the junction (passing the Old Heath railway halt along the way), you will reach a fork of paths. Take the right fork, following the footpath signpost past the end of the railway line. The wide track soon turns right, running along the left hand edge of a field. The track eventually takes a sharp left bend; where the main track then takes a right turn, look out for a stile in the field corner, which is slightly obscured by trees. Go over the stile, heading along a narrow path. On reaching the lane which leads to the Old Heath farmhouse, turn right on this lane for 1/3 mile until you reach a road (Old Heath Road).

5. Turn right onto the road, and then take the second road on the left (Scarborough Road). After passing Rosemary Cottage, the road turns into a grassy track. Continue ahead, until you reach the gates of a bungalow called "Rosewall"; take the footpath to the right which skirts the garden. Soon passing through a hedge, turn right along a track running along the right hand edge of a field. Where the hedge on your right finishes, continue ahead on the track going through the middle of two large fields. On reaching a crossroad of paths, where the wide track goes off to the right, continue ahead on the path which goes through the middle of a field. At the end of this field, cross a footbridge and take a cross-field path heading off diagonally half-left, heading in the direction of the final electricity pylon to the left (with the houses visible over the road).

6. Cross the main road and take the footpath opposite through the hedge gap. Walk up the cul-de-sac and then turn right (Buttercup Way). The road bends round to the right, and 100 yards after the junction with the cul-de-sac, you will see a signed (fenced) footpath to your left. Take this path, which runs between gardens. On reaching the road (Burnham Road), turn left. Continue along this road for 1/3 mile as it bends right then left, passing the primary school and eventually reaching St Leonard's church. Turn right here onto the High Street, which soon becomes Station Road; the King's Head is opposite the church. After 300 yards, you will reach the Station Arms on the right hand side of Station Road. It must be time for a pint or two! On leaving the pub, turn right along Station Road. Carry on past Tattersalls Chase on your right and continue ahead along Hall Road for 200 yards. Turn right onto Goldsands Road; the "Wibblers Brewery Taproom & Kitchen" is just 50 yards along this road on the left. After visiting the Taproom, retrace your steps to Tattersalls Chase, turning left here to reach Southminster railway station. Take the train back to Burnham-on-Crouch to return to our starting point.