

Points of interest

Friary Walled Garden

Quietly tucked away by Maldon Library, the Friary Walled Garden has been lovingly restored with narrow footpaths and box hedges. It is thought that the site was first used in the 13th century when it was occupied by a Carmelite monastery. It is usually open on the first Sunday of every month.



St Gile's Leper Hospital

One of Maldon's best kept archaeological secrets. The chapel was founded in the 12th century and later became a general hospital for the poor and infirm. It was connected to Beeleigh Priory and later served as a farm building for many centuries until work commenced to restore the ruins in the 1920s.

Maldon West Station (disused)

Next to the roundabout on Spital Road, the remains of Maldon West Station can be seen. Notice the blue engineering bricks of the bridge parapet, and if you have a head for heights, carefully look down into the yard and you will see a building extending into the old tunnel. The station (and the railway line) closed to passenger traffic in 1939.



St Mary's Church

The Church was built in 1300 and served as a navigation aid on the River Blackwater during the medieval period. A fire was lit in the tower at night to guide ships to shore. The tower was so important to navigation that when it collapsed in 1605, the town demanded King James I to fix it. The tower was restored to its current state in 1638.

Refreshments

The Blue Boar	01621 855888	blueboarmaldon.co.uk
The Barge Tearooms	01621 478400	top-sail.co.uk
The Queen Victoria	01621 852923	queenvictoriamaldon.co.uk

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MALDON TOWN WALK

Town Walk

A mud-free walk around the Historic Market Town, featuring lots of quiet paths and lanes, giving you the chance to explore lesser-visited parts of the town.



Largely paved areas, suitable for everyday footwear.



Allow at least 2 hours



4.6 miles



Maldon High Street

How to get here



White Horse Lane car park, CM9 6QP



Buses 31, 331, 332, 75, 288, 90, D1, D2, 95, 95A



Explorer 183 | Grid ref: TL 850 069



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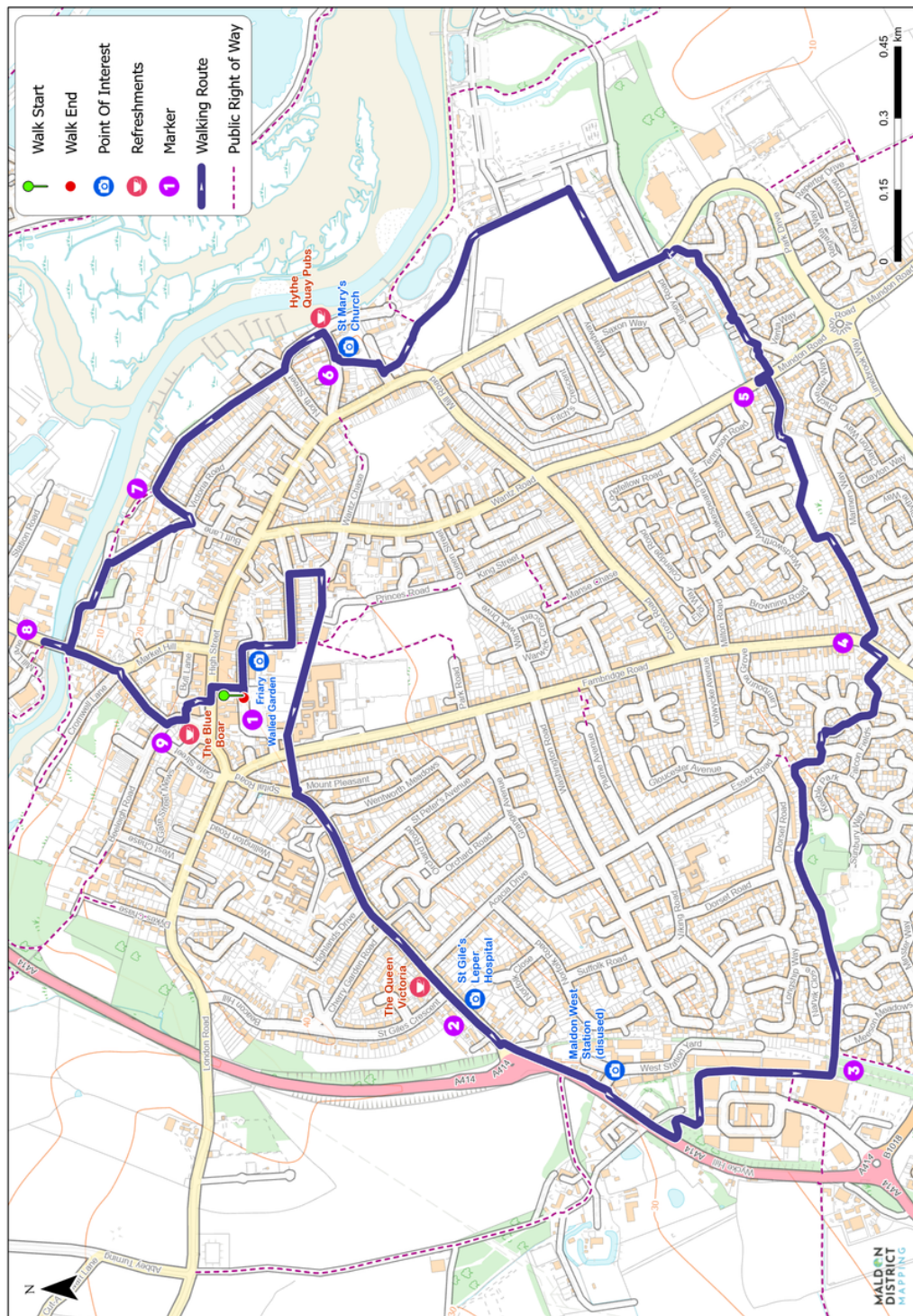


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Route



1. Turn right on to **White Horse Lane** and follow the path round, taking the footpath off to the right between the houses and the **old friary wall**. Turn left into **Tenterfield Road** then turn right onto a footpath between the houses. Turn right once past the **bungalows** and follow the footpath/cycle-way to **Fambridge Road**, passing the **Plume School** on your left. Cross the road and take the alleyway opposite to **Mount Pleasant**; continue straight to **Spital Road**.
2. Turn left, passing the remains of **St Giles's Leper Hospital**. Continue to the roundabout, passing the site of the **old railway bridge** and **Maldon West Station**. Follow the road away from the roundabout towards the **fire station** and a footpath on the left.
3. Follow the path behind the **industrial units** and turn left by the **supermarket**, through the **old railway embankment**. Follow this path, passing **West Maldon Recreation Ground** and **Community Centre** on the right and through the housing estate. Keep to the main path as it bends right, ignoring the path straight ahead. From here, the path crosses several roads and cul-de-sacs but is easy to follow as it has a solid white line to separate foot and bike users. Follow the path to **Fambridge Road** and cross over the road using the crossing.
4. Continue to follow the painted white line separating foot and bike users through the housing estate until you reach **Brickhouse Farm**, with its recently planted woods and play area. The **community centre** is the remains of the **old Brickhouse Farm**. Passing the allotments on your right, continue on the path to **Mundon Road**.
5. Cross the road and turn right, then left where the white line continues on the footpath and follow it through the estate to **Park Drive**. Cross the road and turn left towards **Promenade Park**. Turn right into the park at the **main entrance** and go towards the right side of **Maldon Museum**, exiting through the metal gate near **St Mary's Church**.
6. Pass through the **churchyard** to the front of the church and exit right onto **Church Street**. Head towards **Hythe Quay** and turn left at the junction. Follow the road up to the junction and bear right along **Downs Road** until the sharp left turn uphill.
7. Continue uphill to the junction with **Victoria Road**, turn right, then immediately right again onto **The Downs**. After 40 yards, take the footpath on the right going back downhill to **Changers Quay**. Follow this until you reach the bottom of **Market Hill** and the road bridge over the **River Chelmer**.
8. Cross the road and turn left to head up **Market Hill**; look out for the **19th century Custom House** and **Workhouse** as you head uphill. Turn right onto **Cromwell Hill**, passing the **water pump** which dates from 1805.
9. Turn left onto **Silver Street**, then left again towards the **rectory**, following the path through the **churchyard** to the **High Street**. Cross the road by the historic **Moot Hall**, go down the alley by **Marks and Spencer's** to **White Horse Lane** and the **Library** where you started the walk.