

## Points of interest

### Flowering beauty

Records from the 12th century show the area was known as "Meiland" or "Mireland". Some say it's because it was bogland or "mire land", others suggest the name comes from the striking and pervading blanket of snow-white blossom in May from the hawthorn (also known as the may), which was abundant in the area, as it is today.



### Maylands Nature Reserve

The Reserve was opened in 1990 by Mayland Parish Council. It is indigenous woodland made up of dense blackthorn and hawthorn scrub, with silver birch, hazel and oak trees. Holly Blue, Peacock and Red Admiral butterflies can be seen here in the summer months. There are picnic tables and an interpretation board with wildlife information.

### Village history

Mayland was a manor dating from the 12th century when it formed part of the lands of St Osyth's priory. In the time of Henry VIII it was bestowed on Cardinal Wolsey. It then passed through various hands, until in the 18th century it was acquired by St Bartholomew's Hospital which built the present church of St Barnabas, on Mayland Hill, in 1866.



### Mayland Mill

Now the Zara Indian Restaurant, the fine timber-framed Mayland Mill dates back to 1756 and was named after a nearby windmill, long gone. Mayland has no visible ancient centre, until recently consisting of a few scattered farms, including Parsonage Farm, high on the hill by to St Barnabas Church, and Marsh and Nipsells farms by the estuary.

## Refreshments

Blackwater Bar & Bistro  
Hardy's  
Golden Platter Bakery

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## MAYLANDSEA MEANDER

### Short Walk

Explore a tucked-away nature reserve, and lovely views from the seawall of Lawling Creek with its yachts and barges



Mostly pavements and surfaced tracks, some muddy footpaths and steps by seawall



1 hr 10m to 1hr 25m



3 miles



Maylandsea Marina

### How to get here



Bakersfield car park, off The Drive, Maylandsea CM3 6GT



Bus routes D1/D2



OS Explorer 176



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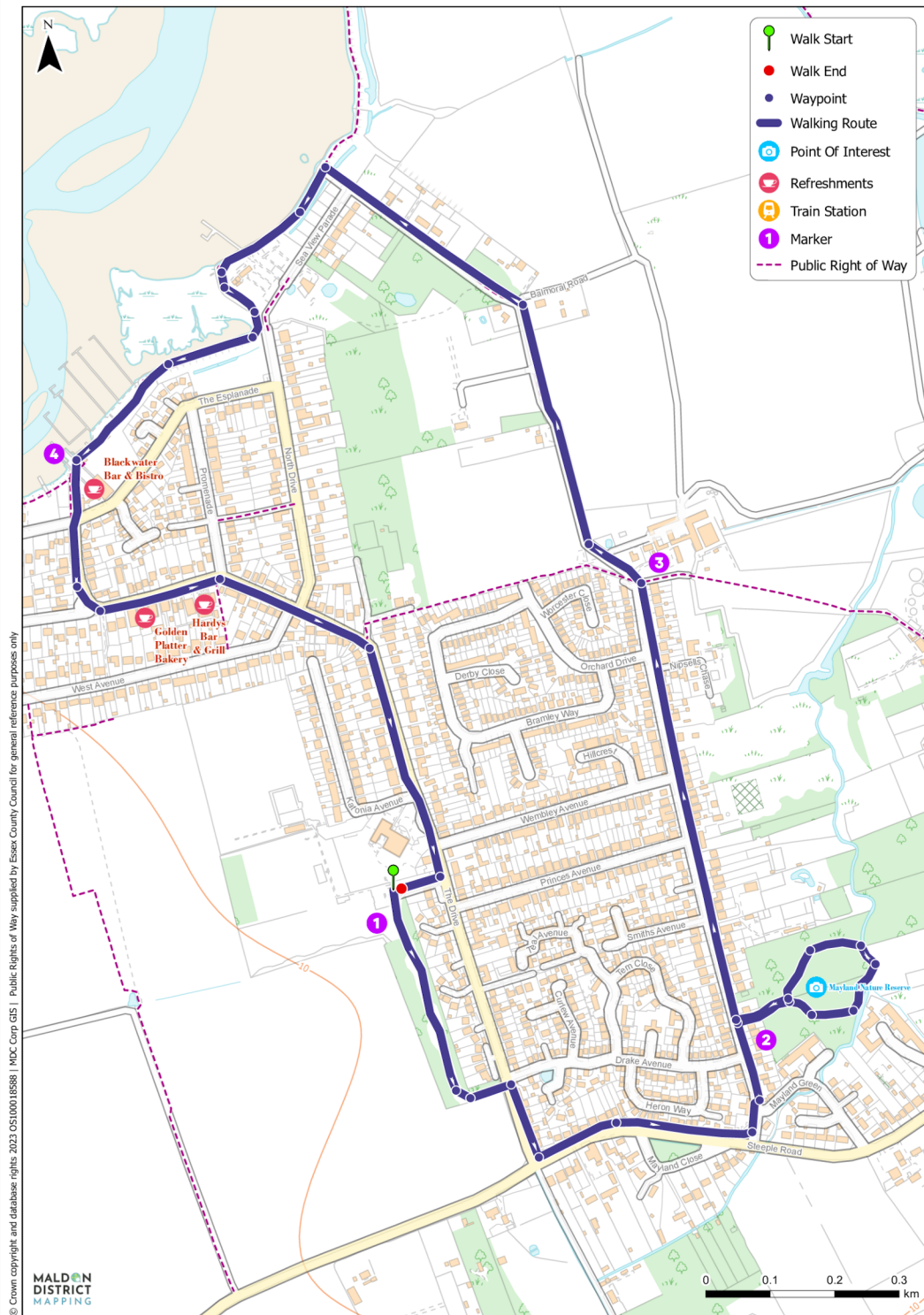
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# Route

1. Leave the car park and head south on the well-surfaced path through developing woodland. You will soon pass the striking **Memorial Wall** on the right, which commemorates local servicemen who died in the two world wars. After 450 yards, the path exits onto The Drive. Turn right and on reaching the T-junction with Steeple Road (in 150 yards), turn left. Go ahead on this busy road for nearly 400 yards, then turn left onto Nipsells Chase. After passing Mayland Green (a road) on your right, look out for No 22 on the right-hand side of Nipsells Chase. Just after this house, turn right onto the footpath which leads into **Maylands Nature Reserve**.
2. Follow the footpath through dense scrub until you reach a fork of paths. Turn right onto the path signposted **Holden Walk**. This footpath winds its way through the reserve, passing through a couple of clearings with picnic tables. Do not stray from the path; eventually you will return to the fork of paths with the signpost. Retrace your steps back to the entrance of the reserve on Nipsells Chase. Turn right along Nipsells Chase, following this dead straight road for nearly half a mile, until you reach the point where the surfaced road ends.
3. Ignore the footpaths off to the right and left (St Peter's Way) and go ahead on the unsurfaced lane. Follow this lane past the entrance into **Nipsells Farm** and continue ahead for half a mile, until the lane takes a sharp left-hand turn (with houses on the left-hand side). Go ahead on the signposted footpath, which ascends the seawall. Turn left onto the seawall; there are great views of **Lawling Creek** to your right. You will soon pass the **Harlow Blackwater Sailing Club** on your left. Follow the seawall for half a mile. Descend from the seawall into the **boatyard** and take care to follow the designated pedestrian route through the boatyard (marked by yellow lines).
4. Ascend the seawall and turn left to head away from the riverside, passing **The Blackwater Bar** on your left and its garden on the right. The path drops down to street level; go ahead at the crossroads onto Marine Parade. In 150 yards, the road takes a left-hand bend and becomes Imperial Avenue. Go past the parade of shops and **Hardy's** pub on your right; Imperial Avenue bends to the right shortly after the pub. In 300 yards, the road bends to the right again, and becomes The Drive. After 250 yards, turn right into Katonia Avenue (just before **Maylandsea Community Primary School**). Where Katonia Avenue takes a right-hand bend, turn left into the car park, going through this until you reach the **Playing Field**. Turn left along the footpath past gym equipment and a skate park, turning left by the children's playground. The car park where the walk started is at this point.

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