

Points of interest

Hythe Quay & The Downs

Once a bustling port, Hythe Quay is now one of the best places in the country to see Thames Sailing Barges. The 1945 steam tug Brent is also one of the last of its kind. The Downs was once common land for the citizens of Maldon to graze animals on and housed the town's archery butts where men were legally required to practice on Sundays.



Historic Hill

Every building on Market Hill is full of history. Number 34, The Old Custom House, is 16th century Grade II* Listed. The row of Listed townhouses on the right called Hillside, just before Cromwell Lane, was the town's first workhouse, dating back to 1719, established by Thomas Plume, who also gifted a library to the town which the route passes later.

Listed Legacy

Look out for the many Listed buildings around Silver Street. First is Josua on the left, then the 15th century timber-framed All Saints vicarage and 14th century coaching inn The Blue Boar. All Saints Church has a unique triangular tower and statue of Saxon hero Brythnoth, while the 14th century Moot Hall, once a prison, is now a wedding venue.



St Mary's Church

Parts of the building date back to 1130 when the original tower was designed so a beacon fire could be lit on top to guide ships. This tower collapsed in 1605, with the shingled spire added in 1740. Take time for a tranquil moment inside and admire the contemporary stained glass window by Mark Angus, commemorating the Battle of Maldon in 991.

Refreshments

The Muddy Duck
Maldon Coffee Company
The Vintage Rose

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RIVERSIDE & HISTORIC MALDON

Coastal Walk

A circular walk around Maldon, starting along the riverside, up Market Hill and back via the High Street, taking in some of the town's most historic buildings



Paved roads. Steep hill not suitable for manual wheelchairs



Under an hour



1.6 miles



View from the Moot Hall, Maldon

How to get here



Promenade Park, CM9 5JQ



Buses 31, 331, 332, 288, 75, 95, 95A



Explorer 183 | Grid ref: TL 858 066



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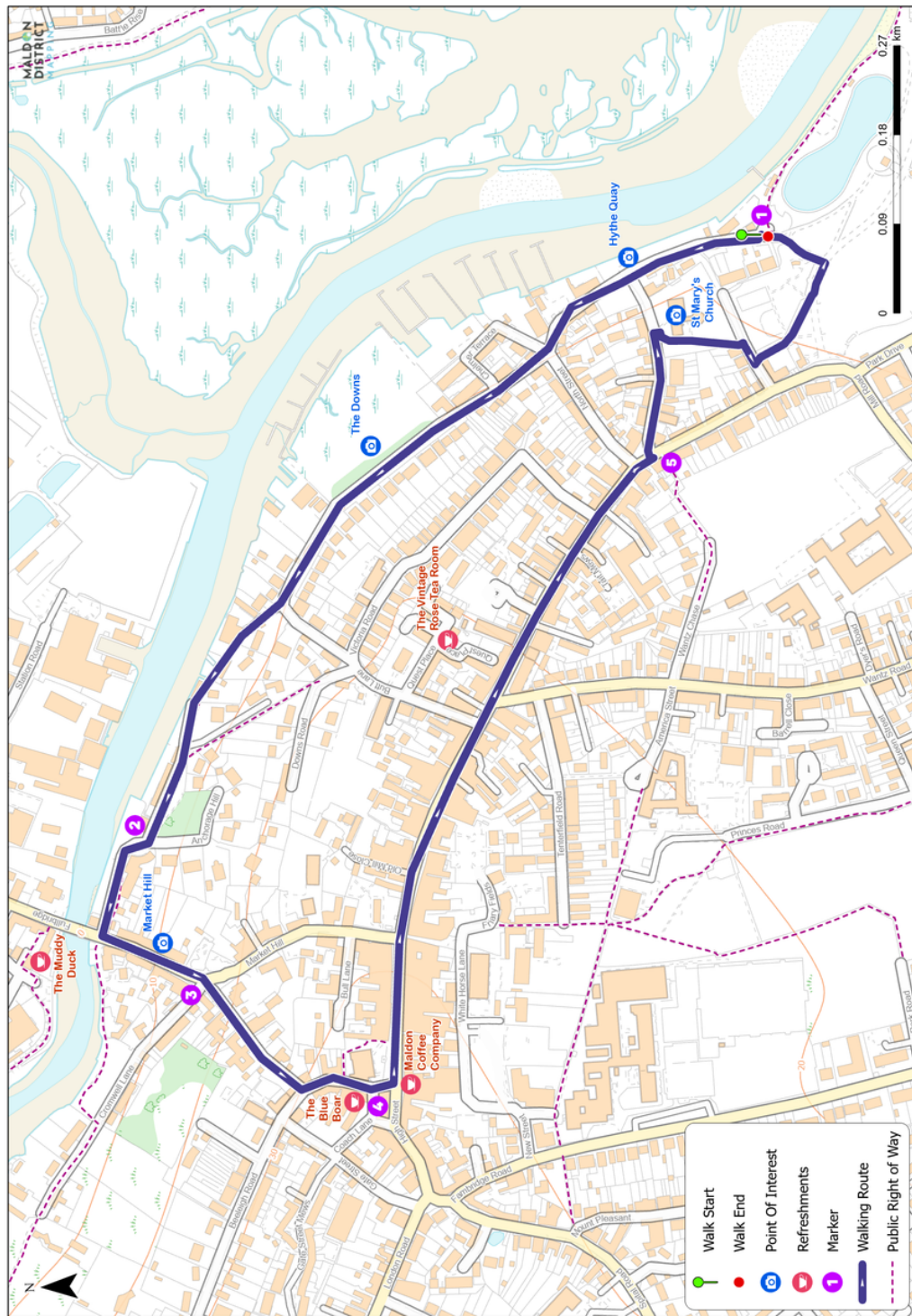


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Route



1. From **Promenade Park** lake, pass the **Steam Tug Brent**, the **Barge Tea Rooms** and along **Hythe Quay**, looking out for **Thames Sailing Barges**. Pass the **Queens Head** pub, then cross North Street to **Downs Road**. When Downs Road bears steeply uphill to the left, take the smaller downhill footpath ahead. **Maldon Salt**, on the right, has been making pyramid-shaped salt crystals from seawater since 1822.

2. Follow the footpath until Anchorage Hill, then bear right. Across the water are some old industrial buildings – left is Grade II Listed Fullbridge Mill, followed by the crumbling Hasler's Mill, then **Carr's Flour** (once Green's), which still makes flour from 70% locally grown wheat.

3. Walk up Market Hill. If you need a breather, **Market Hill Garden** on the left has benches. Turn right up Cromwell Lane, past the **1805 pump**. Thomas Cammock first installed a pump in 1587 and there's an effigy of him and his first and second wives and 17 children in All Saints Church. Continue past two Listed buildings on the right, **Maldon Masonic Lodge** and **Maldon Court School**, then turn left into **Silver Street**.

4. Pass the **Blue Boar**, its cobbled courtyard unchanged for centuries, and turn left into the High Street. Pass **All Saints Church**, open in daylight hours, the Grade II Listed **water trough** commemorating local Quaker Lucy Hicks, Maldon's **war memorial** and the **Moot Hall** – guided tours are available, and the view from the top is superb! Go around the corner and over the crossing to the former St Peter's Church housing **Thomas Plume's Library** and the **Maeldune Heritage Centre** with its **Visitor Information Centre** and the 42ft long **Millennium Embroidery** – designed by Humphrey Spender and stitched by local women.

5. Continue down the High Street and turn left into Church Street past Maldon's mosque on the right to **St Mary's Church**. Take the path through the churchyard and when it meets the footpath, turn right and then left to return to **Promenade Park**.