Points of interest

The Clock Tower

Burnham-on-Crouch's most famous landmark is the red brick, octagonal clock tower in the High Street. It was built in 1877 by public subscription in the memory of Laban Sweeting, a local oyster merchant and well-known philanthropist. The tower was attached to a school (now private homes) and is maintained by the Town Council.





Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club building dates from 1931. Now Grade II* listed, it was designed by architect Joseph Emberton, a pioneer of the Modern Movement who also designed London's Olympia Exhibition Halls. Although often thought to be Art Deco, the elegant white building is a rare example of the International style of architecture in Britain.

Viniculture

Don't be surprised to see some of the many vineyards in the area - the south-facing slopes of the Crouch Vale have a temperate climate that is perfect for many species of grape. The hot dry summers and mild winters here help produce fruit with naturally high sugars, resulting in excellent wines including Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.



Maritime history

Life in Burnham-on-Crouch is closely linked to the sea - it has been a ferry harbour and a fishing port famous for its oyster beds and is now known as the Cowes of the East Coast among the yachting crowd. Charter boats, fishing trips and seal spotting are available all year, and there's a summer "dial-a-ferry" to Wallasea Island across the river.

Ye Olde White Harte Swallowtail Parlour Cafe

Refreshments 01621 782106 01621 785505 01621 785292

whiteharteburnham.co.uk swallowtailrestaurant.co.uk parlour-cafe.co.uk

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BURNHAM & CREEKSEA STROLL

Short Walk

Delightful stroll around the yachting centre of Burnham-on-Crouch, taking in river views, birdlife and historic buildings, with plenty of refreshment stops.



Mainly hard-standing, but grass, field and seawall paths can be muddy. No steps or stiles.



1 hr 10 to 1 hr 30 minutes



3.5 miles

How to get here



Millfields car park, Riverside Park, Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8HS

Buses 31,331,332 (Chelmsford -Burnham) or trains from Wickford



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Route

 Leave the car park and turn right into Station Road, which soon curves left and becomes the High Street. Pass the **Clock Tower** on your right and head along the High Street until you reach **The Victoria Inn** on the corner of Belvedere Road. Turn right into Belvedere Road; in 150 yards you will reach the **seawall**.

2. Turn left for a short distance if you wish to have a look at the impressive **Royal Corinthinian Yacht Club** building. Our walk goes right along the Quay however, soon passing the **Royal Burnham Yacht Club**, **The Anchor** pub and the historic **Ye Olde White Harte**. Walk along the Quay for half a mile, following its twists and turns. There are good views of the **River Crouch** and **Wallasea Island** on the opposite bank. Soon after passing the **Burnham Sailing Club**, the seawall path enters **Riverside Park**.

3. Go ahead on the seawall path, past the moored houseboats. In 450 yards, you will reach the **Burnham Yacht Harbour**, one of the largest yacht marinas on the east coast. The short detour out to the **viewpoint** here is recommended for good river views and the view looking back at Burnham's riverfront. Continue the walk around the Yacht Harbour, passing the marina offices and the **Swallowtail** restaurant and bar. Head down the other side of the Harbour to re-join the seawall and head west towards **Creeksea**.

4. On reaching a junction of paths, turn right onto the footpath leading away from the seawall. Go ahead on the footpath going gently uphill on the left-hand edge of the vineyard. Look out for the Creeksea Place Barns on your left, where you will find the Parlour Café. Just before the pedestrian level crossing over the railway, turn right onto the path running parallel with the railway line, with the vineyard and river now to your right. The path soon becomes tree-lined; at the fork of paths, take the left-hand path until you reach the access road for the Yacht Harbour.

5. Cross the road and take the footpath opposite (through the hedge gap). Follow the grassy path heading in the same direction as previously. Around 50 yards after the **wooden bench** on your right, you will reach a five-way junction of paths. Take the second right path (still a grassy path) heading towards the river. After 180 yards at another junction of paths, turn left to soon pass a **wooden bench** and bin on your left. Go ahead for 200 yards, until you are close to houses. Turn right just before the houses and in 50 yards, turn left down a tree-lined path with sports **playing fields** to your right. Turn right after 200 yards and go ahead for another 150 yards (passing buildings and keeping to the left of the **red-domed sports hall**) until you reach Millfields. Turn left here (passing the **playground** on your right) and you will soon reach the car parking area on your right where you started the walk.