

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH WINTER WALK

TOWN WALK



CIRCULAR WALK

Circular walk on pavements and some road sections. Trainers or walking shoes recommended.



START
BURNHAM LIBRARY



1 HOUR 30
MINS



4.6
MILES



OVERVIEW



Enjoy a mud-free stroll around the town and coastline of Burnham-on-Crouch.

This circuit allows you to explore some lesser-visited parts of the town and the surrounding area while avoiding the busy areas in town.

Please note that opening times shown may not apply while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.



HOW TO GET HERE



Location for the start of the walk:

Burnham-on-Crouch Library (CM0 8HQ)

OS Explorer Map No: 176

OS Grid Reference: TL 948 959

Parking: Car park next to Library on road leading into Riverside Park (CM0 8HQ)

Public Transport:

Bus services operate from Burnham High Street.

Visit www.traveline.info for journey details.

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A. BURNHAM CLOCK TOWER

The tower was erected in 1877 in memory of Laban Sweeting, a local oyster merchant and philanthropist. When he died in 1876, such was the grief amongst the local people that a fund was set up to purchase a public clock in his memory. However, so much money was donated that it enabled a tower to be built to house the clock as well.



B. BURNHAM METHODIST CHAPEL



The distinctive building on the left as you go down Albert Road used to be the Burnham Primitive Methodist Chapel. It was dubbed "The Six of Diamonds" because of the patterned brickwork at the front of the building. However, due to falling congregations, the chapel was closed in the early 1980s. It was then used for light industrial purposes and now offers Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

C. ST MARY'S CHURCH

There has been a church on the site of St Mary's since the 12th century. The oldest surviving artefact from that period is the baptismal font. The church's tower was severely damaged in a major storm in 1709, and in 1774, the body of the church caught fire. In the north chapel is a tablet to members of the family of the Reverend Alexander Scott, who was Curate of Burnham for many years from 1808. He was Chaplain on board HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, where Lord Nelson died in his arms.



D. BURNHAM YACHT HARBOUR



The yacht harbour in Burnham on Crouch has been a major feature of the town since its construction in 1989. It has finger berths for 350 vessels and moorings for larger boats. The main site building houses a large pub/restaurant (the "Swallowtail"), a well-stocked chandlery, a sea school and a major yacht broker.



WALK ROUTE

1. From the Library, turn right onto Station Road. Look out for the Rio Cinema on the left, just after the Tesco Express. It was built in 1931 and was the last cinema in the country to change from gas lighting to electric. Continue straight onto the High Street and head to the Clock Tower. Just past the Clock Tower (on the right) are the recently installed pavement mosaics, and the 'Burnham Panorama' wall painting created by local artist, Jeremy Hogben.

2. Cross the High Street and go ahead on Providence, opposite the Clock Tower. Take care as the road is quite narrow here. You will soon pass some Victorian cottages and the Queen's Head pub on the left. At the end of this road, turn left into Orchard Road. This curves to the right; at the junction with Alamein Road, go straight ahead into Western Road. After 150 yards turn right into Albert Road.

The car park on Providence is a good alternative starting point for the walk.

3. Follow Albert Road to the junction with Crouch Road; turn left, then turn right onto New Road until you reach the crossroads. Cross over and continue straight on Eastern Road, with the Village Hall on your right. At the end of Eastern Road, you reach the railway line. Take the footpath heading to the right and cross over the railway via the footbridge.

4. Continue on Glendale Road until you reach Marsh Road. Turn left and after 240 yards you will reach the entrance to St Mary's Church, which is the parish church of Burnham-on-Crouch.

5. At the junction of Marsh Road and the B1021 (Southminster Road), turn right and continue along this road until you reach the crossroads. There is a farm shop and garden centre across the road as well as some 16th century thatched cottages on the corner of nearby Mill Road. Cross over Southminster Road and into Green Lane. You will soon pass a Grade II-listed thatched cottage on the left, which dates to the 18th century. Continue straight on this road for ¾ mile, watching out for passing traffic, as the road can get busy at times.

6. At the end of Green Lane, look out for the Victorian house, Holyrood Lodge; turn sharp left here onto Maldon Road (B1010). You are now in the hamlet of Ostend. Continue straight for ½ mile, passing the garage on your left. Cross over Maldon Road by the road sign pointing to the Burnham Business Park and Springfield Road Industrial Estate; and turn into Springfield Road. After 250 yards, turn left and take the footpath next to a row of houses bordering Springfield Road Park (Orwell Way). Turn left when the path joins up with Embar Way and turn right onto the grassy path heading into the park. Walk past the children's play area, turning right onto the path towards to the railway line.

7. Upon reaching the pedestrian railway crossing, take care to look and listen for trains, and follow this path until you reach Foundry Lane. Turn right onto the lane and head towards Burnham Yacht Harbour. Walk past the main building at the end of Foundry Lane (with the marina and moored boats ahead of you) and turn left. This soon becomes a walkway around the edge of the marina, with Riverside Park on your left. Walk to the end of the marina and follow the seawall path along the River Crouch.

8. Continue on the seawall for 300 yards and, at the beacon, follow the paved path heading back into the park. After 140 yards, you will reach the car park near the skatepark. Turn right onto the path next to the skatepark and follow it round as it passes the Sports Centre and continues back to Burnham-on-Crouch Library.