Thorney Island

This walk begins in Emsworth and heads south east to the shoreline of Thorney Island, famous for its role as an airfield during World War 2. Much of the land is controlled by the MOD, you will come across gates over the paths on both the east and west sides of the island. The views from the shoreline are second to none, looking over the Thorney and Emsworth Channels and to the Harbour entrance. At Marker Point look out for seals.



14km (9 miles)

At Emsworth Yacht Harbour follow

the track until you see more black

between these and the Marina then retrace your steps to the start

Follow the winding

northwards to reach

Marker Point is good

for a picnic

the west gate and press the buzzer as

shoreline route

before

and white chalets on your left; walk



33m over the whole route



3 hours excluding breaks



Moderate

Walk through Emsworth Yacht Harbour and

leave by the entrance road then turn right

Turn left onto Thornham Lane and

follow this lane to the end



OS Explorer 120 or use OSmaps app



Pay & display behind Tesco, north of **Emsworth's roundabout (P010 7BY)**



See the text for high tide alternatives; please check tidal times before setting out



Stagecoach 700 - Emsworth





Walk two sides of the mill pond, then turn right past the houses

onto Thorney Road

*On a very high tide this path may flood, if so walk the other two sides of the pond following the roads

At Thornham Point turn immediately left and walk to reach the shoreline

> Turn right and follow the shoreline over the bridge spanning a gap created for saltmarsh

🚇 Parking (1) Information panel Bus stop

A Sailing Club

(Café or pub

Boatyard

Harbour Office

Church

Waypoints

1. SU 749 057 5. SU 763 044 9. SU 746 022 2. SU 752 057 6. SU 765 041 10. SU 746 022 3. SU 753 054 7. SU 767 010 11. SU 753 051

4. SU 756 052 8. SU 767 010







At the concrete ramp look for the steps up into the churchyard; see war graves in the grounds

Follow the path

most southerly

point by Pilsey

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south to reach the

At the road next to the sailing club: LOW TIDE: go down onto the shore for a short way HIGH TIDE: use the path behind the sailing club alongside the car park Both routes join the

shoreline path again



Walkers - please keep to the public footpath network.

Dog Walkers - please keep your dog under control and give wildlife some

Cyclists - cyclists do not have a right of way on public footpaths.





Please stay on the path as the beach is private for the MOD