

Useful Information

Directions

All the walks were tested in 2013. Please note, however, that some footpaths may be diverted and buildings such as pubs may have changed their name since the walks were written. If you have any comments please send them to the Harbour Office to be considered for the next edition.

Distances and Timings

All distances and timings are approximate.

Maps

The maps provided are a guide and are not to scale. Please use OS Explorer Map 120 (Chichester).

Map References

The reference given is for the start point of the walk.

Public Transport

Buses: Stagecoach run most of the local buses. Timetable details are at www.stagecoachbus.com/south or telephone **0871 200 22 33** (10p per minute).

For the Selsey – Itchenor service see www.compass-travel.co.uk

Trains: Timetable information is at www.nationalrail.co.uk or telephone **08457 48 49 50**.

Stiles and Gates

Please note stiles are gradually being replaced with gates where appropriate. This may affect some of the walk directions and photos.

Tides

Please note some paths are flooded at high tide. If you have misjudged the times, you usually only have to wait a short while before the path is clear enough to use. Tide times can be found at www.conservancy.co.uk or from the Harbour Office; please note these are only a prediction and factors such as low pressure can make the tide higher than expected.

Tourist Information

Chichester: www.visitchichester.org or telephone **01243 775888**.

Hayling Island: www.visithavant.co.uk or telephone **023 9246 7111**.

Weather

Please check the weather before starting your walk and take the appropriate clothing. Weather forecasts can be found at www.conservancy.co.uk or from the local tourist offices.

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6.5km/4 miles

2 hours

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Walk 2

Nutbourne Circular

This 6.5km walk starts at a community woodland at Chidham then crosses fields to reach the harbour shoreline. From here you get fine views across to Thorney Island and down the Thorney Channel. From Prinsted the walk wends its way back past a small orchard and across farmland.

Start Point

The Barleycorn pub on the corner of Cot Lane, Chidham.

By Road

Turn south off the A259 into Cot Lane. There is a small parking area at the top of Cot Lane.

By Bus

Coastliner Service 700, ask for The Barleycorn stop.

By Rail

Nutbourne Railway Station. Walk a few minutes south down Broad Road to reach the start point.

Refreshments

The Barleycorn, Chidham.

Toilets

No public toilets.

Tides

The paths are non-tidal.



Walk Directions

Walk down Cot Lane and turn right into Maybush Copse (1). Take any of the paths across the Copse and eventually you will come to a gate at the far side (2).

Through the gate bear right and follow the path around the field edge. Keep following the footpath signs to turn right and then left and up onto the seawall.

Turn right onto the shoreline path (3) and follow it around the head of the channel. The dark, low buildings on the opposite shore are part of the military buildings on Thorney Island. The marina across the channel is Thornham Marina.

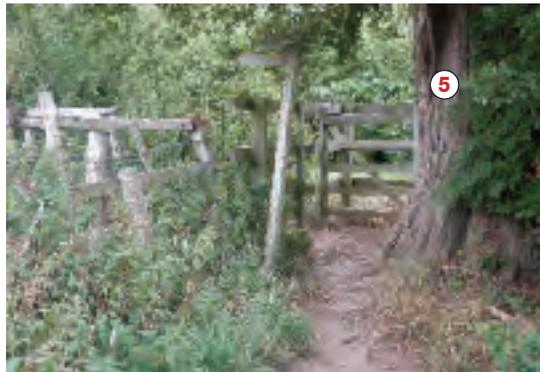
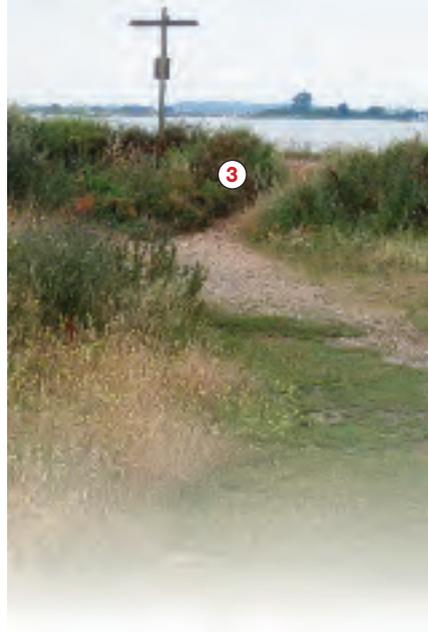




You will eventually come to an open area with lots of benches. Leave the shoreline here to turn inland and take the road to the right of the Southbourne Sea Scouts building.

At The Square, bear right and look carefully for a footpath sign on your right. There is a small wall to climb over. 4

Keep straight ahead on the footpath which shortly opens out to some fields. Turn left and then follow the path around to the right. After the fields go through the wooden gate 5, the path continues around the edge of a small orchard.



Continue along this path, for a short way it becomes a farm track, then returns to a footpath alongside a brick wall. At the end of this section you will come out into a small area of housing. You are now in Farm Lane.

Continue along the road, take the footpath on the right alongside a wall 6. When you come to a field, continue ahead to the shoreline.

At the shoreline path turn left. Take the next footpath on the left 3. You will shortly come to another footpath sign, turn right.

Keep straight ahead to rejoin Cot Lane.
At Cot Lane turn left to return to The Barleycorn.



Maybush Copse

This eight-acre community woodland was purchased in 2009 by the Chichester Harbour Trust with support from the Chichester Harbour Conservancy, the Parish Councils of Southbourne and Chidham and Hambrook, and donations from over 180 local residents. The site was purchased to safeguard the special landscape of the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and to create a nature reserve and open space for the community to enjoy.



The site has been planted with 4,500 trees and has a network of woodland paths and a wheelchair path for people to enjoy. There are three beautiful viewpoints with oak benches looking out over the neighbouring farmland towards the Chichester Harbour. In the centre is a wildflower lawn where you are welcome to enjoy a picnic.



Extra Items of Interest

Birds

If you are walking at low tide, look out for these wading birds on the mud.



Curlew

A large wader with very long legs and a down-curved beak. Some arrive in July, stay here until September then travel on. Others stay through the winter months leaving in March.



Oystercatcher

A large black and white bird with bright red legs and beak and a noisy piping call. They don't eat oysters but do feed on shellfish and worms. Usually seen September to February.



Redshank

A delicate-looking wader. Although it is brown, it can be distinguished by its red legs. Nearly 2,000 visit the harbour during the winter months.

Bird photos by George Spraggs