

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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Short Strolls and Wheelchair Walks

Around the harbour there are some hard-surfaced paths suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. These all lead to viewpoints over the water and most have parking for blue badge holders nearby. The paths are of course open to all and these selected short walks will be enjoyed by everyone. Many include ideas for picnic stops. Please note that some of the paths only have parking for blue badge holders near the start. Times have not been given for these walks and distances are approximate depending how much of the route you choose to follow.

1.5km/1 mile

Map Ref. SU 798 012 (car park) - Ordnance Survey Explorer 120

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Itchenor Viewpoint

By Road

From the A27 take the A286 south of Chichester towards the Witterings. After about 5 miles, at the small roundabout, continue straight on towards West Wittering. After ½ mile take the right hand turn signposted Itchenor. Follow this road for about 2 miles until you see a sign on the left to a pay and display car park.

Blue Badge Holders - At the far right hand corner of the car park there are some designated disabled parking spaces.

Walk Details

From the far, right hand corner of the car park go through the gate and along the surfaced footpath. When you get to the shoreline, turn left and continue. At the end of the surfaced section bear right and you will come to a small, open grassy area. There is a bench here to rest and admire the view across to Cobnor.

Either picnic on the grassy area, or if the tide is low on the shingle.



Photo by Peter Arnold

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0.5km/0.3 mile

Map Ref. SU 766 051 - Ordnance Survey Explorer 120



Prinsted Stroll

By Road

From the A259 turn south onto Prinsted Lane. At the end of the road there is parking for a few cars by the Sea Scouts hut.

Walk Details

From the parking area go up onto the shoreline path. Here there are benches with views over the bay which make a good picnic spot. Turn left onto the hard surfaced section which is suitable for wheelchairs. This is quite a short section with a turning area for wheelchairs at the end.

To extend the walk, continue along this path retracing your steps when you are ready.



1km/0.6 mile

Map Ref. SU 728 038 - Ordnance Survey Explorer 120

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North Common Explorer

By Road

From the A27 turn off towards Hayling Island. Once over the bridge and just before the petrol station take the first left. Follow the road round, past the Langstone Hotel. Look for the small parking area on the left after the Northney village sign. Note there is a 2m height barrier at the entrance.

Walk Details

From the car park go through the box gate, (if you have a RADAR key you can open the padlock on the metal gate). From the path there are great views over to Langstone and Emsworth with the South Downs in the distance. The wheelchair path stops after 600m and then reverts to a footpath.

Anywhere on the Common is good for a picnic.



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2km/1.5 miles

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For Blue Badge Holders Only

Cobnor Wheelchair Path

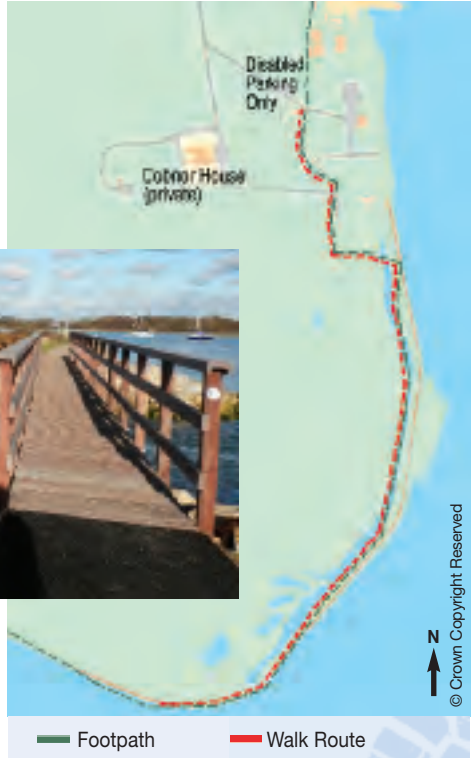
By Road

From the A259 turn south down Chidham Lane, pass the Amenity car park then turn left down the private road following the sign for Cobnor Farm. Go past the Activity Centre on your left and take the next left. There is a small parking area for blue badge holders only. Otherwise see Walk 10 for parking and walk directions.

Walk Details

From the parking area take the path which starts near the toilets (RADAR key only). Follow it south. The path crosses a dinghy park, then turns left towards the harbour. Shortly after the plaque commemorating the opening of the path, turn right along the seawall. Continue along this 800m of surfaced path with some of the finest views of the harbour. At the end of the path there is a bench and turning area.

For picnicking, walk down the steps to sit on the shore.



Footpath

Walk Route

1km/0.6 mile

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Bosham Explorer

By Road

From the A259 follow the signs to Bosham and then to the pay & display car park. Parking is free for blue badge holders.

Walk Details

From the car park exit, cross the road and take the path through the wrought iron gate to the Parish Church (1). The gates are alongside the Craft Centre (note only guide dogs are allowed in the church grounds). Visit the Church by the north door for wheelchair access or continue by the left hand path for the main entrance.

Continue past the main entrance to exit the churchyard. Turn left and then right over a small bridge (2). You are now opposite Quay Meadow, a favourite picnic area. Visit the historic Quay, then take the shoreline road past the Anchor Bleu. Turn left at Bosham Lane to return to the car park.

If the tide is high the shore road may be flooded. If so, head back towards the Church and take the road alongside it. You will pass the Anchor Bleu from behind. At the end of the road, turn left to return to the car park.



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2.5km/1.5 miles

Map Ref. **SZ 773 979** - Ordnance Survey Explorer 120

East Head Circuit

By Road

From the A286 follow signs to West Wittering Beach car park. Park at the far end of the car park. There is a charge for parking, which is reduced for blue badge holders.

Walk Details

From the car park, pass the large wooden gate onto East Head. Walk either clockwise or anti-clockwise around the dunes. Please note that the route is mainly soft sand and is only suitable for all-terrain wheelchairs. The sands are tidal. If it is high tide you can walk through the dunes instead.

An all-terrain wheelchair is available to hire from the West Wittering Estate Office. Call 01243 514143.



1.8km/1 mile

Map Ref. SU 836 011 - Ordnance Survey Explorer 120

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Chichester Marina Circular

By Road

From the A286 turn off at Chichester Marina. Park in the free visitors car park.

Walk Details

The walk around the Marina is circular, so you can go either way. If the lock gates are open, wait patiently and the lock keeper will close them for you to cross. The crossing is wide enough for most wheelchairs. If walking anti-clockwise from the car park you will very shortly come to a bird hide looking over a reedbed.

Just past the lock gates there is a café.

