

Chichester Harbour Trail Day 1: West Wittering to Fishbourne

A 18km (11½ mile) linear coastal and shoreline route of Chichester Harbour starting at the famous sandy beach at West Wittering and passing by the National Trust sand dunes of East Head, Itchenor, a hub for sailing and the base for the Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Birdham, home to Chichester Marina, Dell Quay which has the Crown and Anchor pub on the shoreline and finishing by the Mill Pond in Fishbourne.

Day 2 covers Fishbourne to Nutbourne and Day 3 Nutbourne to Langstone.



18km (11½ miles)



A flat route



5-6 hours plus breaks



Moderate



OS Explorer 120 or use OSmaps app



Check tides, the start of the route is affected by the tide



**Out: Stagecoach 52/53 from the front (railway station side) of Chichester bus station and ask for the stop by The Old House At Home pub in West Wittering.
Return to Chichester Bus Station: Stagecoach 700 stop opposite The Woolpack pub**



**Car park in Chichester in Avenue de Chartres, multi storey, pay on exit.
To walk from Fishbourne back to Chichester adds another 2.5km**



See page 2 for the route details



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Refreshments:
 West Wittering Beach Café
 Quarterdeck Café, Itchenor
 The Ship, Itchenor
 The Boat House Café, Chichester Marina
 The Crown and Anchor, Dell Quay
 The Bull's Head, Fishbourne



Walk around the sand dunes of East Head, 2km, either direction (decide by the wind direction).

Ellanore Point is a good spot for a rest with a good view.

Toilets and a viewing platform with benches here.

The path crosses Birdham Pool (claims to be the oldest marina in the country) and over the old Arun to Portsmouth Canal (1823).

Continue to follow the shoreline. The route crosses over a small stream in Fishbourne Meadows.

At Dell Quay the official route follows the field edge to the road but there is access along the shingle shoreline when the tide is out.

There is a permissive footpath along the shoreline from Chichester Marina to Dell Quay.

At the end:
 Walk 0.2km to the bus stop in Fishbourne or walk back into Chichester on the following route:
 Retrace your steps back into Fishbourne Meadows and take the path east out of the field into another field. Leave via the gateway half way along on the left hand side to reach the A259. Cross the busy road safely and head through the pedestrian underpass under the A27. Keep walking east to reach The Cross in the centre of Chichester. Turn right and walk down South Street back to the start.

Admire the Harbour homes between Itchenor and Birdham.

Chichester Marina claims to be the biggest marina in the country in terms of number of berths.



Pick up the Harbour shoreline footpath.

Start West Wittering car park, turn right and walk along the coastline looking out to the Solent and to the Isle of Wight.

It is 1 km from the bus stop to the coast at the entrance to West Wittering Beach Car Park.



- - - - - Walk route
- - - - - Route from car park
- - - - - Route from bus stop

Waypoints

- 1. SZ 779 984
- 2. SZ 774 994
- 3. SU 799 014
- 4. SU 828 012
- 5. SU 835 028
- 6. SU 838 045

- Picnic spots
- Café or pub
- Information panel
- Sailing Club
- Harbour Office
- Toilets
- Parking
- Bus stop
- Boatyard
- Church