

## Points of interest

### King's Head

The King's Head has been used as a public house since at least the late 17th century, when it was known as The Three Connyns. At the left-hand end is a timber-framed cross-wing dating from the 15th century. The remainder of the building is mostly Victorian. It suffered a devastating fire in 2014 but was lovingly restored by the owner in 2017.



### St Thomas Church

The church has a 14th century nave and chancel, restored in 1864. The tower dates back to 1706. There are a few interesting monuments in the church, including a brass to Margaret Wyott from 1526. Look out for the 16th century horse-mounting block by the churchyard gates and the 19th century lock-up and whipping post in the churchyard.

### MV Ross Revenge

The ship was built in Germany in 1960 as a commercial trawler but was bought by Radio Caroline and outfitted as a radio ship. Broadcasts from her began in 1983 with her final pirate broadcast in November 1990. She ran aground on the Goodwin Sands in November 1991 but was salvaged and is now maintained by the Caroline Support Group.



### RAF Bradwell Bay

RAF Bradwell Bay was built in 1940 to strengthen Britain's wartime defences. The airfield was first used as grass landing strip for nearby firing ranges before becoming a Royal Air Force station with concrete runways and hangars. It closed in 1946. The control tower (now a home) can be seen from the footpath after leaving the Memorial.

## Refreshments

King's Head	01621 776224	kingsheadbradwell.co.uk
Munchies	07985 733462	@munchiesbradwell-on-sea
The Green Man	01621 776226	greenmanbradwellonsea.co.uk

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## BRADWELL PIRATES AND PUBS

### Short Walk

A short walk around Bradwell-on-Sea and Waterside, taking in traditional country pubs, a historic church, a thriving marina and the saltmarsh coast.



Mainly hardstanding, short field path that could be muddy. No stiles or steps



60 to 80 minutes



3 miles



Bradwell-on-Sea view over the Blackwater

### How to get here



Bradwell-on-Sea Village Hall, South Street CM0 7QJ



Buses D1 (Maldon-Bradwell) or D4 (Burnham-Bradwell)



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## Route

**1.** Leave the **Village Hall** and turn left onto South Street, which curves left into the village, where it becomes the High Street. Go past the **King's Head** pub and **New Hall** on your left, crossing over to pass **Forge Cottages** on your right. As you leave the village, look out for the handsome late-Victorian **village pump** on your right. Continue ahead on this road (going past Woodyards Lane on your left) for 500 yards, passing Down Hall residential home.

**2.** Turn left onto Trusses Road, until you reach the T-junction with Waterside Road. Turn right here, and after 300 yards, cross the road and turn left into the access road for **Bradwell Marina**. As you approach the marina, and where the access road bends to the left, fork right and head towards **Munchies** cafe. Turn onto the paved path which heads out to a bench overlooking the **Blackwater Estuary** and the marina entrance. This is a lovely viewpoint, and you can see the radio ship **MV Ross Revenge** in the estuary, which is the home of Radio Caroline. Retrace your steps back to the footpath signpost and turn left along the fenced path, with the **Essex Outdoors** centre to your left. This opens out into a lane (Shoemakers Lane). At the T-junction with Waterside Road, turn right, going past the **Green Man pub** on your right.

**3.** Where Waterside Road takes a sharp right turn, cross the road and go ahead on the signed footpath to the right of the house called the **Old Post Office**. After 60 yards, go through the barrier on the edge of a large field. There is a fork of paths here - take the right-hand fork, which is a cross-field path heading towards a line of trees. After 350 yards (on reaching the line of trees), continue ahead on another cross-field path heading towards houses. The path soon follows the right-hand edge of the field, with garden fences on the right. Eventually, you will reach a junction of roads.

**4.** Turn left here onto the road which bends round to the left. You soon reach the impressive **RAF Bradwell Bay Memorial**, in the form of a crashed Mosquito aircraft. Facing the memorial, turn right onto the lane and follow this for quarter of a mile. Turn right onto the signed footpath, which is a concrete track. Follow this for a third of a mile (it soon follows the right-hand edge of a large field). On reaching the T-junction with East End Road, turn right. Follow East End Road back into the village, turning left onto the High Street and then South Street to return to the **Village Hall**.

