

Points of interest

Burnham Clock Tower

One of the best known architectural features of Burnham-on-Crouch is the fine Clock Tower in the High Street. The red brick, octagonal Clock Tower was built in 1877 and features a fish-scale tiled roof and is dedicated to the memory of Laban Sweeting, a well-known oyster merchant and whose generosity to the town is forever memorialised.



Butt's Cliff

Regarded by geologists as one of the most important London Clay sites in Britain, fossils can be found on the beach shingle beneath the eroding cliff. Numerous fossil bird bones, fish and shark teeth have been found since the site was discovered in the early 1970s, but if you have good eyesight and a lot of patience there may still be some left!



Creeksea wartime history

Creeksea played an important role in World War 2, with a naval base at Creeksea Place where 700 men were trained to use the 32 landing craft based in the Crouch ready for the 1944 invasion of France. The concrete slipway there was used for RAF fast Pilot Rescue launches which rescued shot-down aircraft and for motor torpedo boats.



Burnham architecture

There are many Listed buildings in town, including the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, designed by modernist architect Joseph Emberton. Work started on the iconic club building in 1931. The building, now Grade II* listed, is often thought to be Art Deco, but is actually one of the few examples of the International style of architecture in Britain.



Refreshments

Parlour Cafe	01621 785292	parlour-cafe.co.uk
Ground Coffee House	07724732295	groundcoffeehouse.co.uk
Bistro on the Quay	01621 781100	bistroonthequay.com

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CROUCH VALLEY: BURNHAM TO ALTHORNE

Coastal Walk

This superb linear riverside walk starts from Burnham-on-Crouch railway station, taking you westward to Althorne where you can take a train to return



Long but level linear walk. Some muddy sections after rain



3 hours



5.4 miles



Historic buildings along the Quay at Burnham

How to get here



Burnham-on-Crouch railway station, station Road CM0 8BQ



Trains from South Woodham Ferrers or Wickford (change for London Liverpool Street), buses 31, 331, 332 from Maldon



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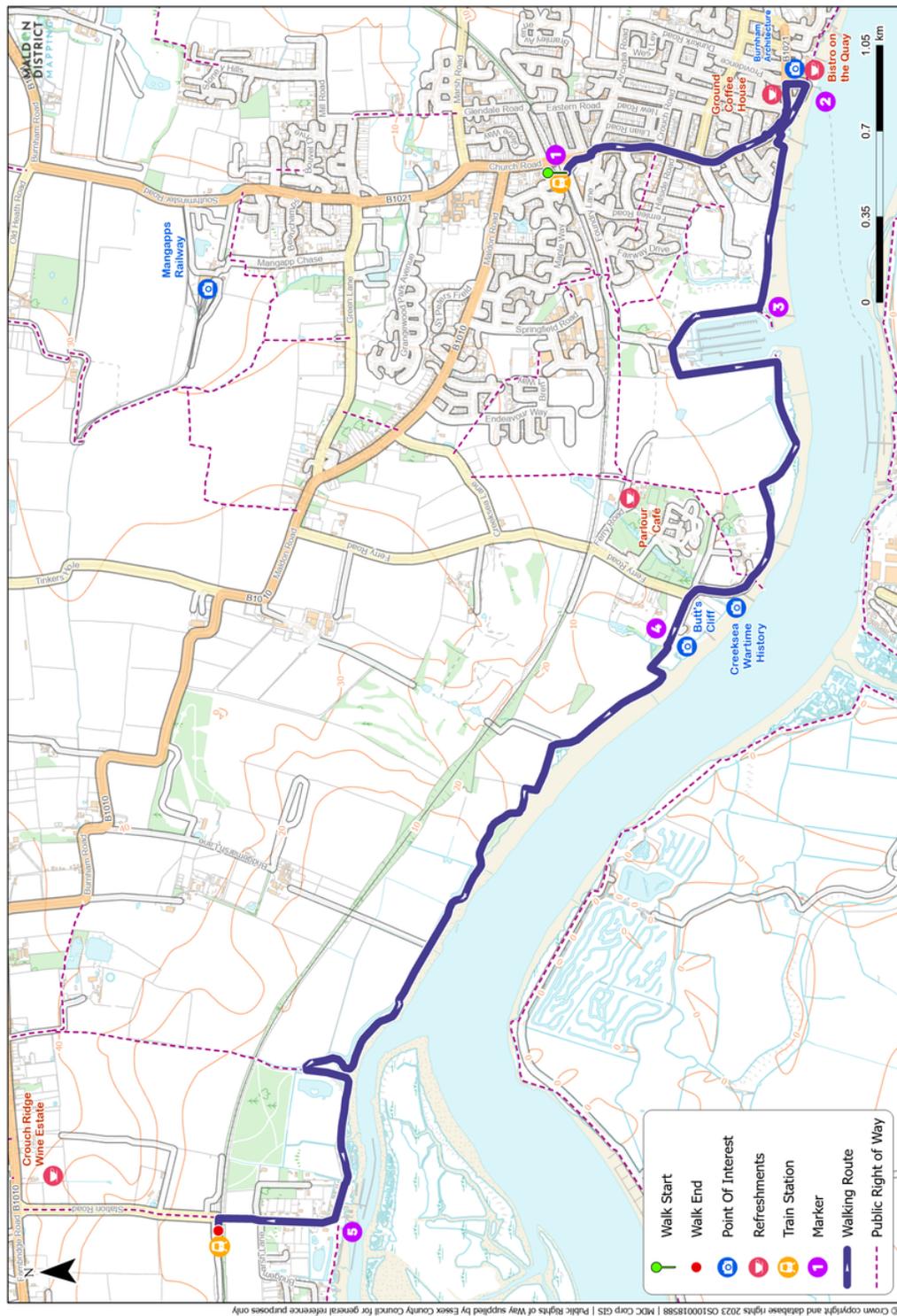
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Route

- 1.** The walk starts from Burnham-on-Crouch railway station. Turn right into Station Road, heading towards the town centre, passing the Co-operative supermarket on your right and then the **New Welcome Sailor** pub on your left. Follow Station Road as it bends left, where it becomes the High Street. Head towards the prominent **Clock Tower** on the right-hand side of the High Street, turning right into Shore Road (just before the Clock Tower) to reach the **Quay**.
- 2.** To your left as you face the river Crouch is the **Anchor Hotel** and to your right is the historic **Ye Olde White Harte**. Turn right here and continue along the attractive riverside walkway for over ½ mile, leaving the buildings of Burnham behind and entering the **Riverside Park**. On reaching the large **marina**, turn right and head northwards, away from the river.
- 3.** Walk around the edge of the marina, passing in front of the marina buildings, then walk south to re-join the seawall by the river. Continue along the seawall path for ½ mile, passing the attractive hamlet of **Creeksea**. Where the seawall path ends, join the road (Ferry Road) which goes past the old ferry slipway on your left and head up the road away from the river for 300 yards. The road bends left, then right. On the right-hand bend look out for the signposted footpath on your left, just past a small house. Go through the kissing gate and follow the path along the left-hand edge of the field for 250 yards.
- 4.** In the corner of the field, turn left onto the path in the hedge gap, ascending the steps back onto the seawall path (heading west). In two thirds of a mile, there is a small deviation away from the river, when you encounter **Butts Cliff** (simply referred to as **The Cliff** on Ordnance Survey maps); here the path veers off to the right and climbs to the top of the cliff. On a day with good visibility, there are excellent views east from here of the **Crouch Estuary, Wallasea Island** and **Creeksea**, and towards the **Crouch Valley, Canewdon** and **Althorne** to the west. Around 1¼ miles after descending **Butts Cliff**, you reach **Bridgemarsh Marina**.
- 5.** Cross the stile and turn right onto Station Road, heading north away from the river. In ¼ mile, cross the railway level crossing and turn right into Althorne railway station car park, where you can wait for a train to take you back to Burnham-on-Crouch railway station, where we started the walk.