

Points of interest

Maldon Quaker Meeting House

Built in 1821, this handsome building is set in a burial ground where the headstones have the same size and lettering in Quaker testimony to equality. Internally, the building has two separate rooms; originally one for women and one for men, although since 1830 men and women have met together. The Georgian benches and tiered elders' benches remain.



Cooks Yard

Shipwrighting has been carried on here for many years; maybe since Saxon times. From 1874, the yard was run by Walter Cook, and then his son, Clifford. Sailing barges were built and are now repaired here, and Topsail Charters uses the yard mainly for the repair and maintenance of its fleet of barges, which lie at Hythe Quay between trips.

Steam Tug Brent

Prior to coming to Maldon she spent all her working life in the London Docks. Brent came to Maldon in 1971 and for many years steamed here on the river. Since 2011 she has been owned by the Steam Tug Brent Trust which plans to restore her. Brent has all her original steam machinery and is mainly unchanged from her working days.



St Mary's Church

Known as the Fisherman's Church as its tower once served as a mariner's beacon for boats coming up the River Blackwater. The Church dates back to 1130 but there is evidence dating back to Roman Times. A stained glass window design is based on the dying prayer of Saxon hero Earl Byrhtnoth, which gives thanks for the joy in his life.

Refreshments

The Queen's Head

01621 854112

thequeensheadmaldon.co.uk

Fish on the Quay

01621 853463

fishonthequay.net

Promenade Park kiosks

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MALDON RIVERSIDE TRAIL

Heritage Walk

A gentle walk exploring Maldon's historic waterfront, with plenty of opportunities to detour and explore or enjoy refreshments along the way



A gentle walk; with steep paths and some steps



Allow 2 hours



1.3 miles

Walking trail in association with Maldon Heritage Group

How to get here



Butt Lane Car Park, Maldon CM9 5HD



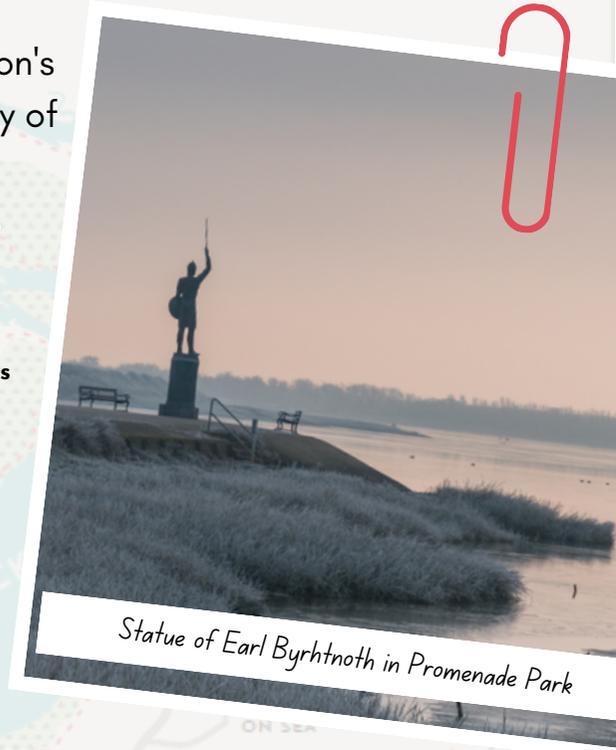
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Statue of Earl Byrhtnoth in Promenade Park

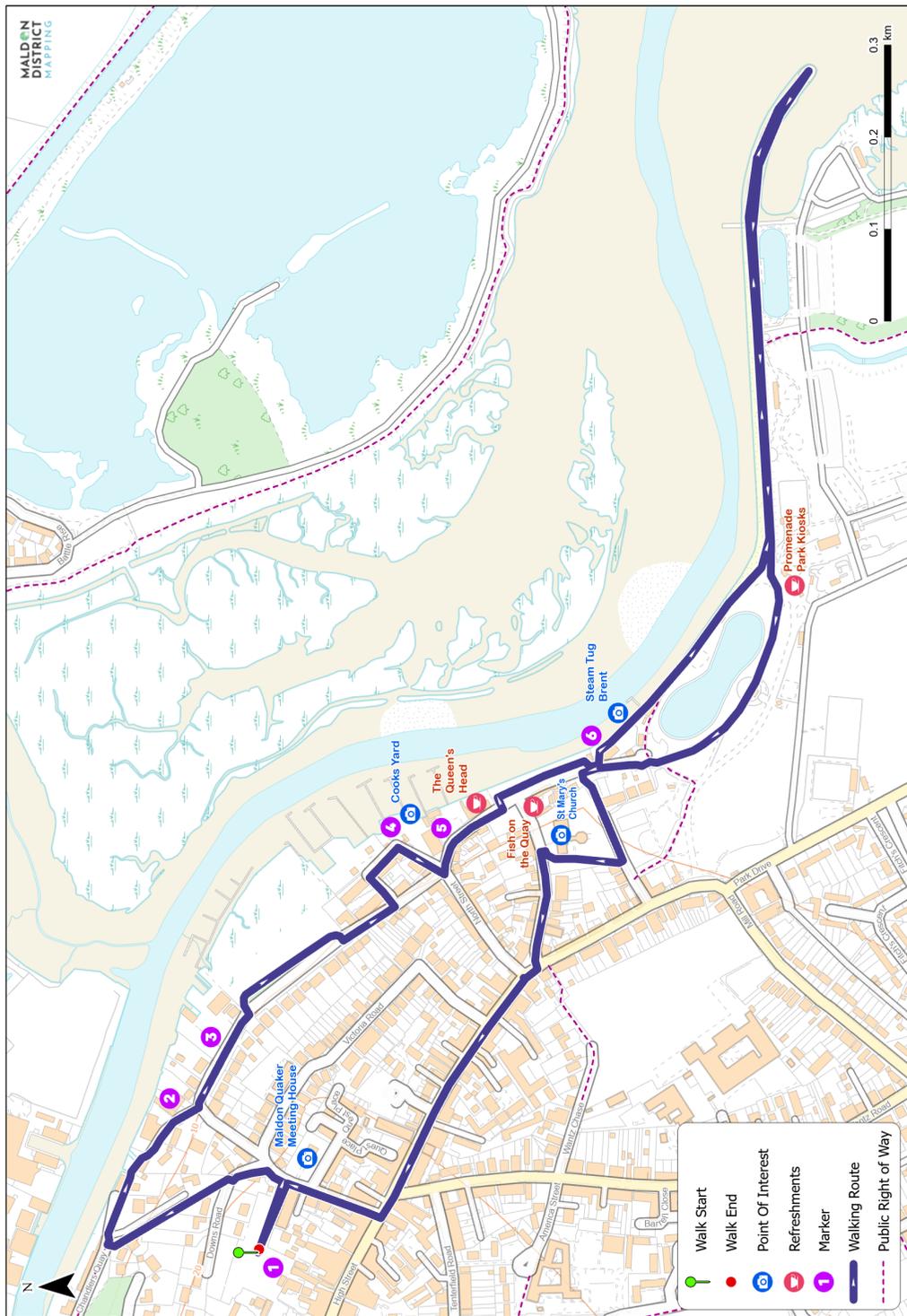
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Route

1. Start at **Butt Lane Car Park** (pay and display). You can see the **Quaker Meeting House** opposite the entrance. From the entrance turn left and take The Downs footpath towards Chandlers Quay. Turn right at the bottom of the footpath; keep away from riverbank and follow signposts. This brings you past the old slipway.
2. You are now by **Maldon Saltworks** (not open to the public). The original and extended buildings are still in use, note the black silos. Salt has been produced in Maldon by the evaporation method for centuries. Maldon Salt came into being, on the present site, in 1882. It is still run by the Osborne family who took ownership in 1922. The site was visited by the Queen in 2010 and a Royal Warrant was granted in 2012. Head up slope away from the Saltworks and keep ahead on to Downs Road.
3. Pass the Downs Road Boatyard on the left and then take the path through the grassy area to your left where you can see varied watercrafts in mud berths. Take the next left into Chelmer Terrace. At the end of Chelmer Terrace, by **Hedgecock's Yard**, turn right and follow the unmade track, admiring the row of cottages and The Blue House. At the end turn right.
4. On your right is **61 North Street**, the former home of Master Ship Builder John Howard (1849-1915), a qualified naval architect and one of Maldon's most famous barge builders. He was famous for his "stackie" barges, known as "hay up and dung down" because they were loaded with hay and straw at Maldon and returned with London horse muck for the fields. Walk past the chandlery, the start of The Hythe where in Victorian times there was a blacksmith's forge and workshops.
5. The **red brick wall** marks the boundary of the Sail Lofts, which once made sails for the barges. The grassed area was used for spreading the canvas sails out so they could be painted with preservative; fish oil mixed with red ochre, giving the sails their traditional red brown colour. Opposite is a row of traditional fishermen's cottages. Walk along **Hythe Quay** past **The Queen's Head** on the left then the 16th century building that is now **Fish on the Quay** and the **Little Ship Club** on the right.
6. Head into **Promenade Park** and past the **Steam Tug Brent** and the **Bath Wall Parliament** where local fishermen used to meet. Follow the waterfront to the **statue of Byrthnoth** at the end of the promontory. On the way back, go around the lake and back out of the park, taking the steps on the right just before 32 The Hythe into St Mary's Lane (detouring if you wish to visit **Maldon Museum in the Park**). Follow the path through the churchyard at **St Mary's**, turning left when you reach Church Street. At the end, turn right into the High Street taking you back to Butt Lane, on your right by **The Rose and Crown**.