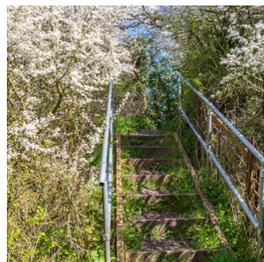


## Points of interest

### Sail Lofts

The Sail Lofts were built at the turn of the 20th century to house the sails of J class racing yachts during the winter months. Several J class yachts from Tollesbury took part in the America's Cup between the wars, including "Endeavour" and "Flying". The restored lofts now house small offices and a tearoom.



### Crab and Winkle Line

The Kelvedon and Tollesbury Light Railway, affectionately known as the "Crab and Winkle" Railway, opened in 1902. It ran from Kelvedon to Tollesbury, with stations along the way at Feering, Tiptree and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. Sadly, in 1951 British Railways decided that the line was unprofitable, and it was closed to both passenger and freight traffic.

### Trinity Lightship

Originally known as LV-15, the lightship was built in 1954 for Trinity House in Dartmouth and served between 1954 and 1987 in Morecambe Bay, the Bristol Channel and the English Channel. She was purchased by the Fellowship Afloat Charitable Trust (FACT) in 1988 and converted into a residential outdoor activity centre for young people.



### St Mary the Virgin

The Grade II\* Listed parish church, standing at the highest point in the village, was built around 1090, possibly using materials from an earlier Saxon church and Roman bricks. Once owned by St Mary's nunnery at Barking, then by Thomas Cromwell, the church contains a fine 18th century font and some 16th century brass monuments.



## Refreshments

The Loft	01621 869063	thelofftearoom.com
The Harbour View	01621 869561	the-harbour-view.co.uk
Tollesbury Café	01621 869980	@tollesburycafe

More locations available at [visitmaldondistrict.co.uk/food-and-drink](https://www.visitmaldondistrict.co.uk/food-and-drink)

## TOLLESBURY SALTMARSH STROLL

### Short Walk

This spectacular walk explores the historic village of Tollesbury with its bustling marina, historic lightship, seawall and wildlife-rich saltmarshes



A mix of pavements and field paths, some of which can be muddy. There are two sets of steps on the route



1 hr 15m to 1 hr 30m



3.4 miles



The famous "Magwitch Trees"

## How to get here



Woodrolfe Road car park CM9 8SE



Bus 91 (from Witham), 92 (from Colchester) and 95 (from Maldon) to The Square



Explorer 184



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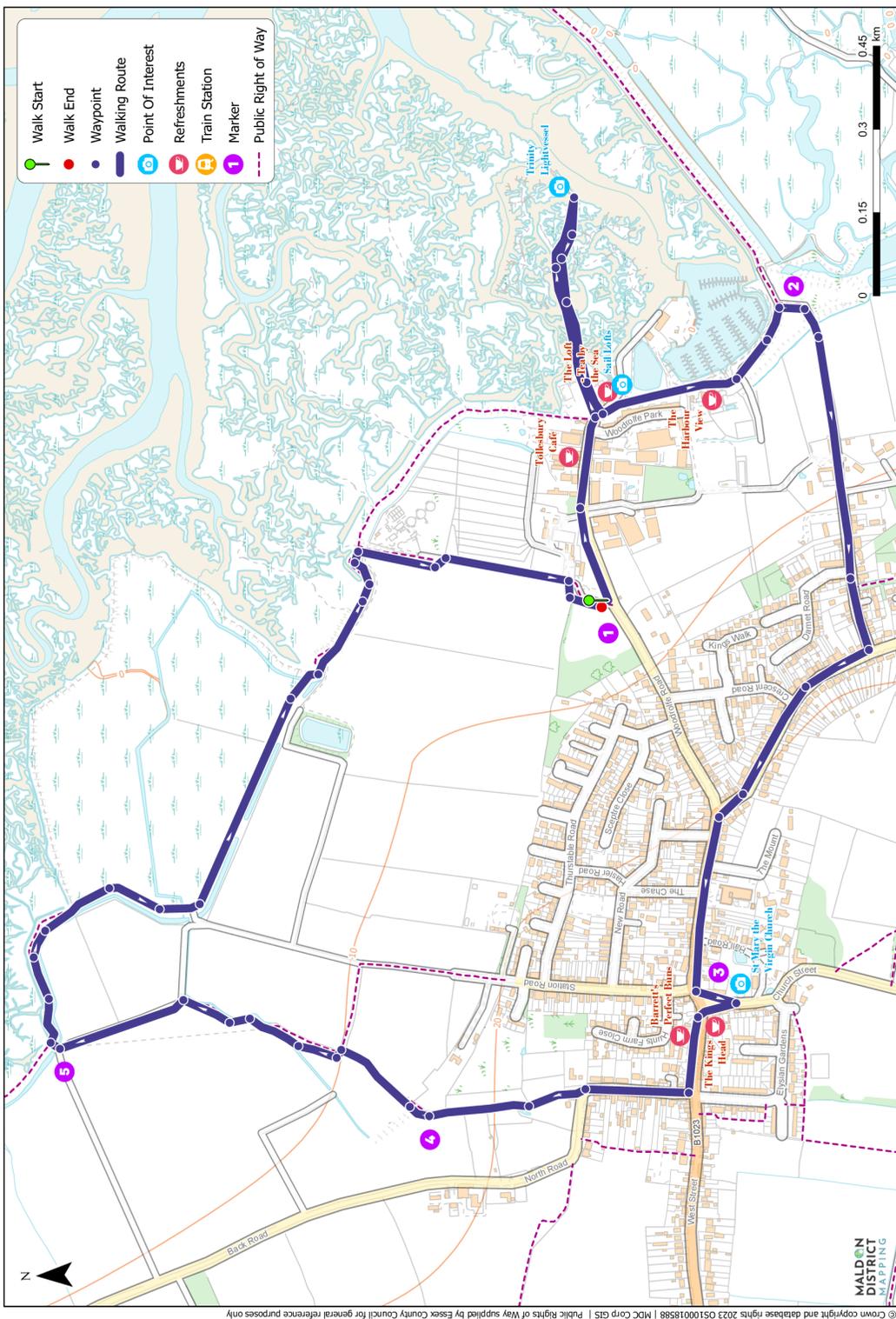
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# Route

1. Leave the car park, turning left onto Woodrolfe Road. In 350 yards, after passing the **Tollesbury Café** and then **Tollesbury Sailing Club** on the left, turn right and ascend the grassy bank to take the footpath along the sea wall. Alternatively, if you want to take a closer look at the **lightship**, take the signposted footpath adjacent to the beautifully restored **sail loft** buildings on the left. This is an out and back stroll of about half a mile. The main walk route continues ahead on the sea wall, passing the open-air saltwater summer swimming spot **Woodup Pool**. The path then passes in front of **Tollesbury Marina** clubhouse (and **Harbour View Bistro and Bar**), with the marina to your left. Follow the track around the marina (this soon bears left), then after 200 yards look for a **wooden seat** on a grassy mound on the right. Ascend the mound to take in the view of the marina, Tollesbury Wick and Mersea Island.
2. Descend the mound to the right of the seat and take the footpath which turns right. This path soon becomes enclosed by bushes and trees. Go ahead on this narrow path. In 300 yards the path re-enters the village. Continue ahead for a further 350 yards until you reach the T-junction with Mell Road. Turn right onto Mell Road. In quarter of a mile (with Woodrolfe Road off to the right), the road bends left and becomes East Street. Follow this for 350 yards until you reach The Square (Church Street), with the **King's Head** pub on the corner.
3. Turn left into The Square to visit to the parish church of **St Mary the Virgin** and the **old village lock-up**. On leaving The Square, turn left and enter the High Street, with the King's Head on your left and Barrett's the bakers on your right. After 150 yards, turn right onto North Road. There is an interesting collection of old houses along this road. Where the road takes a sharp bend to the left, take the footpath going straight on (with high hedges bordering the path). After a while, you will ascend some steps onto a bank, which has steps down the other side. Here, the path crosses the route of the former "**Crab and Winkle**" railway line.
4. Go ahead until you reach a T-junction of paths; take the path to the left, which almost immediately goes through a gap in a hedge and takes a right turn. In 150 yards go over the footbridge and turn right to follow the path along the right-hand edge of the large field. In 200 yards, ignore the track heading off to the right towards the sea wall; instead, continue ahead, with the hedge on the right. Eventually, the path approaches the sea wall. Turn right away from the path and ascend the grassy bank, then turn right once on the sea wall.
5. Go ahead on the sea wall for three quarters of a mile, passing the so-called **Magwitch Trees**, a line of dead trees running towards **Tollesbury Fleet**. The trees died because of flooding during a managed retreat of the sea wall. The opening shot of the 2011 BBC series *Great Expectations* was filmed here. On reaching the fingerpost and bench, turn right away from the sea wall (signposted "Information Hub"). Follow the path (which turns left into an enclosed path with hedges) for quarter of a mile until you return to the car park.

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