

Bradwell-on-Sea

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County Essex

Location Bradwell-on-Sea

Distance (km/miles) 18.2km/11.4 miles

Time taken 6 hours

Degree of difficulty moderate



Bradwell Marina Tower

Descriptive introduction

Once you have left the couple of villages at the start you enter a desolate landscape of marsh then mud-bounded coastline. The scream of birds and the buffeting of the wind are likely to be your only accompaniment until, after walking for miles along the sea wall, you arrive at the church of St Peter-on-the-Wall built by St. Cedd, Bishop of Essex in 660.

The first views of the church are impressive as it stands isolated against the background of the sea. The real surprise is the experience you get on entry. Many are influenced by the quiet dignity of this ancient church which has been prayed in over many centuries.

Walk

- 1. Start** Go left of the Marina Tower on a surfaced drive. At end of the Marina passing right of a brick building and climbing onto a bank. Soon descend left to a field and go right around the field edge to go right through a waymarked gap and along the right edge of another field. Continue across the next field to a road.
- 2. 1.5 km/0.9miles** Cross to a bridge and go forward to the street and turn left then right alongside a fence. Now continue across fields and woodland edges to join a lane past Packards Farm. Swing right to eventually reach a road.
- 3. 3.8 km/ 2.4 miles** Turn left and continue into the village of Tillingham. Go left through the churchyard and bear left to leave by a gate. Go right on a farm track to the right of a hedge. Keep forward to join a lane, continuing between barns at Dots and Melons. Where the track swings right, keep forward to cross a bridge in the left corner of a field. Cross a ditch and go left then right on a track until you reach wide bridge to the right. Cross and go left with ditch on the left. Now keep forward with the sea wall on the horizon. At an old sluice, follow the ditch to the right and, at a corner, go left to eventually reach Marsh House pumping station.
- 4. 9.2km/5.7 miles** Go left up the sea wall which you follow for over 2 miles. Halfway along you will have to pass a strange transmitting station. Just before reaching a house and scrub go left down a bank to reach the Chapel of St Peter on the Wall.
- 5. 13.3km/8.3 miles** Walk away from the entrance along a broad track which joins a lane and eventually a road into Bradwell-on-Sea.



6. **16.4 km/10.2 miles** At the church go right. Continue out of the village, passing one junction and taking a wide track diagonally left at the next. Continue across fields to a road. Go forward and left at a fingerpost after a pub. Go left at the marina to your car.

Information Centre

Terrain flat, good paths

Stiles 1

Suitable for all fit adults and older children

Start/parking – GR 994 077 Bradwell Waterside, drive into Bradwell Marina to the right of the tower, it costs £1

Nearest town Burnham-on-Crouch

Refreshments pubs and cafes in Bradwell-on-Sea and Tillingham

Public toilets none

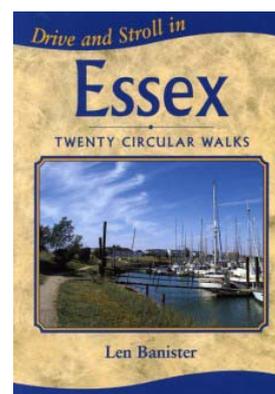
Public transport none

Maps Ordnance Survey Explorer 176

If you love walking in the Essex countryside then **Len Banister's book 'Twenty Circular Walks'** will be your ideal companion for some stunning walks.

Walk to an ancient wooden church in Greensted and walks beside the great Essex coastal walls are just a couple. The walks vary in length from 2 and a half to 6 miles and are all based on good local pubs, cafés or tearooms. Information such as how to get to the start and where to park are given. There are also photographs of places along the way and numbered sketch maps.

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BRADWELL-ON-SEA CP

TILLINGHAM CP Tillingham Marshes

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Sales Point

Tip Head

OTHONA ROMAN FORT

St Peter's Way

Glebe Outfall

Sandbeach Outfall

Marshhouse Outfall

Howe Outfall

Bradwell Nuclear Power Station

Electricity Switching Station

Airfield (disused)

Down Hall Farm

Down Hall

Down Westick

Westwick Farm

Woodyards

Orplands

Kennel Barn

Delameres

Mill End

Curry

Bradwell Hall

Middle Grove

Byhams

Blackbirds

Sampsons

Mark Farm

Shingleford

Tillingham Hall

St Peter's Way

Marsh Road

St Peter's Way

White Horse Farm

The White Horse

Weymarks Farm

Electricity Switching Station

Irrigation Reservoirs

Caravan Park

East Hall Farm

Eastlands

East Hall

Munkins Farm

Blackberry Grove

Bradwell on Sea

Bradwell Lodge

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