



Title: Fambridge to Burnham

Distance: 10½ miles

Time taken: 4 hours

Location: North Fambridge, nr Burnham-on-Crouch, CM3 6NP

Parking: NCP at Station, CM3 6NP

OS Explorer Map: 176

Grid Ref.: TQ 857 978

Bus: Taxi only

Train:  Wickford - Southminster line

Refreshment: North Fambridge: Ferry Boat Inn

Althorne: Three Horseshoes (CM3 6DP)

Burnham on Crouch: The Anchor Hotel, The Star Inn, Cabin Dairy Tearooms

PEAR Rating: 

## Walk Description

This tranquil riverside walk is designed for access by train. The Crouch Estuary is a haven for birdlife and heaven for boating enthusiasts. There are great views of unspoilt land either side of the estuary, disturbed only by the cry of seabirds and the occasional hum of a distant train passing along the valley floor.

Starting at N.Fambridge Railway Station, the walk goes past the Owl Cam at Blue House Farm, and onto the sea wall by Fambridge Marina. If a 5 mile walk is your limit you can divert at Althorne Marina to Althorne Train Station, also on the Southminster Line. From Althorne, the path continues on the sea wall with views of wading birds and the changing landscape of the Crouch estuary. The terrain is flat apart from a small section inland at "The Cliff" and Creeksea. After walking around the Burnham Yacht Harbour, the walk ends on The Quay where there is a selection of fine hostelrys.

## Directions

**A.** Exit North Fambridge railway station and head south towards Fambridge Road (1). Continue south for a quarter of a mile and take the gravel path which forks left from the bend in the road (2). 20265

**B.** Check out the Owl Cam at Blue House Farm, before taking the gate to its right (3) 20270 Follow the field edge path for 230 yards to a field gate, and head south to the steps up on to the seawall (4). (20278). On the seawall, turn left and head east.

- C.** After about a mile and a half the path heads north east around Bridgemarsh Island, another Site of Special Scientific Interest (5).
- D.** Eventually you come to some signs of human habitation, which is Althorne. If you want to return via Althorne train station, which is a third of a mile north of the Creek, turn left (6) at the marina, up the track past 'Papillon'.
- E.** Alternatively, press on towards Burnham on Crouch. After a quarter of a mile, the path turns north around an inlet (7). 20338 At the end of the inlet, a gate to the right enables you to carry on along the side of the estuary.
- F.** Carry on walking along the river. After two-thirds of a mile, the path heads inland and ascends the Cliff. As you descend, you will see gap between the hedgeline by a small jetty, where you can pick up the seawall path again (8). 20343
- G.** Two thirds of a mile after this, the path again heads inland (Inlet L) 20357, where you turn left down some steps to a gate (9) (20357). Pass along the field edge heading east.
- H.** Exit the field through a gate, and turn right on a track towards the marina. Carry on east along the coastal footpath (10) 20362
- I.** Go inland through Burnham Yacht Harbour and return to the river walk into Burnham on Crouch. From there, tea rooms by the War Memorial (11) 20378 and pubs are available on or near The Quay.
- J.** The train station can be found by joining the High Street and walking north west to join Station Road (12). 20395 The station is approximately three-quarters of a mile from The Quay.

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The Route Map PDF can be downloaded from this page: [Description & Map](#)



The Route Photos PDF can be downloaded from this page: [Photos](#)

This route description is not meant to be used in isolation, it is one piece of a three part guide to the walk. The other two pieces are the route map, and the numbered photographs. The walks work best when the description, map and the photos PDF are printed off and used in conjunction with each other.

The numbers in brackets in the description refer to specific points along the route, marked with numbered symbols and these in turn are matched to illustrative photographs which show you the lie of the land.



These symbols are shown at strategic points along the route, overlaid on a 1:50K Ordnance Survey map: [Online OS Map at www.essexwalks.com](#).