

POOLE HARBOUR TRAILS

Our aim is to provide easily recognised cycling and walking routes around Poole Harbour. The walking route around the harbour is divided into 6 linear walks:

- Walk 1** Poole to Greenlands. (12 km 7½ mls)
- Walk 2** Greenlands to Purbeck Park, formerly Norden Park & Ride (11 km 7 mls)
- Walk 3** Purbeck Park, formerly Norden Park & Ride, to Wareham (12 km 7½ mls)
- Walk 4** Wareham Quay to Sandford (12 km 7½ mls)
- Walk 5b** temporary walk, Sandford to Turlin Moor (13.5 km 8½ mls)
- Walk 5** Sandford to Turlin Moor – next phase of Poole Harbour Trails project
- Walk 6** Turlin Moor to Poole Quay (11 km 7 mls)

The above walks can be found on www.pooleharbourtrails.org.uk. Each of the above linear walks is associated with several circular walks, Walk 1a, 1b etc. leading to local attractions or additional viewpoints, all of which can be found on the above web site.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures

OPEN ACCESS LAND

Open Access is a right of access on foot. Riding bikes or horses (except on bridleways designated public rights of way), driving vehicles (except mobility vehicles), camping or feeding animals are not allowed. Dogs must be on a short, fixed lead up to 2 metres long near livestock and from 1 March until 31 July to protect nesting birds. Sometimes restrictions on access may be in place, please check details online.



WALK1b POOLE QUAY, UPTON COUNTRY PARK AND HOLES BAY



- **Start:** Poole Quay.
- **Ordnance survey map:** OL15 Grid reference: start and finish SZ 011 903
- **Transport** (check current timetables):
Wilts and Dorset bus: Many bus routes go to Poole Bus Station. Route One Poole circular to Poole Quay. 8 and 9 circular Poole/Hamworthy/Turlin Moor.
South West Trains: Poole and Hamworthy stations.
Car Parking: town car parks in Poole, pay. Side roads in Hamworthy.
- **Approximate distance:** 9 km, 5.5 mls allow 3 hours.
- **Facilities en route:** tearoom and toilets in Upton Park, refreshments and toilets at Poole.
- **Nature of route:** footpaths, tarmaced paths and roads, no stiles.
- **Special interest:**
- **Connecting trails:** Castleman Trailway at Upton Park.
- **Connecting harbour walks:** Walk 1 – Poole to Greenlands; Walk 1a Poole Park, Poole Quay and Baiter, (a Walks4softies walk).
- **Waymarks:** -the linear walks are now waymarked with small, green roundels but these may not give the correct directions for the circular walks.

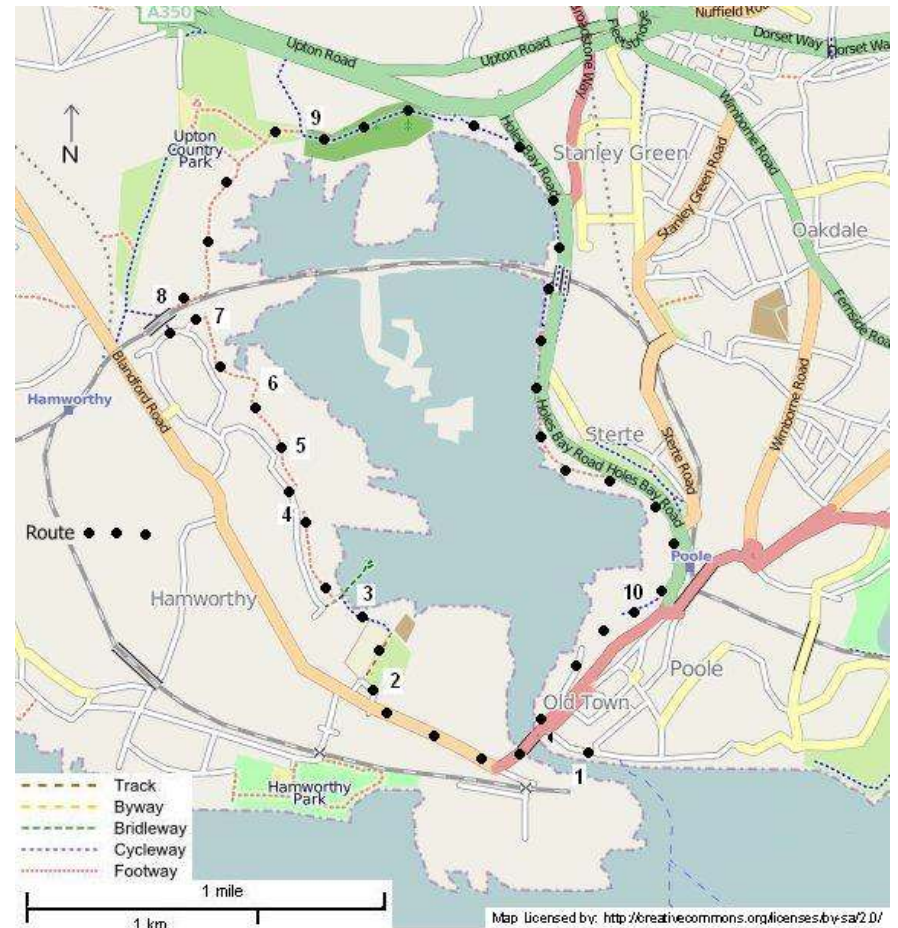
- (1) Facing the sea, turn right (W) along the Quay and left on to the bridge. Cross the Little Channel and continue to a roundabout where you turn right on to Blandford Road. After about 500 m, turn right into Blandford Close.

(If you would rather start this walk from Poole Bus Station, you could either take bus Route One to Poole Quay, or the numbers 8 or 9 to Ashmore Avenue, Hamworthy and start this walk at point (2) below after walking back to Blandford Close on your left.)

- (2) The road turns left and before the school entrance turn right onto a track alongside the football pitch up to the top corner of the tennis court. Turn left and follow the track along the back of the courts until you come out onto the water's edge.
- (3) Turn left on the bridleway and right down the footpath between the houses and the harbour. Follow this through until you reach the boatyard and turn left up to the road.

- (4) Turn right along the road and turn in a while into the boatyard. Take the left hand pathway just before the entrance to the boatyard.
- (5) This turns right at the end of the boatyard buildings and leads on to open ground.
- (6) Head across the open ground towards the harbour and follow the pathways near to the shore around to the end near the railway embankment.
- (7) Turn left at the road between houses then right for a few metres before you go through a metal barrier on your right onto a footpath leading to an archway underneath the railway line.
- (8) Turn right at the gate in Upton Country Park and follow the track around as it winds its way alongside the embankment, over a long boardwalk and follow the footpath alongside the harbour. (If you want to stop for refreshments, take one of the signposted paths to the left to the tearoom and toilets.)
- (9) Continue to the gate and join the pathway that runs alongside Holes Bay.
- (10) When you arrive in Poole bear right, keeping Asda on your right to go down West Quay Road on to Poole Quay.

(If you wish to end this walk at Poole Bus Station, when you arrive in Poole, join Holes Bay Road on your left and cross over at the traffic lights just before it gets to the big roundabout. Take the underpass ahead of you under the flyover and turn left and then right on to North Street, which leads to the pedestrianised High Street where you turn left and cross the railway line. Enter the Dolphin Centre and walk straight through to the bus station.)



Walk 1b Poole Quay, Upton Country Park and Holes Bay

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