

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.



WALK1c LILLIPUT FOOTPATHS, VIEW POINT AND EVENING HILL



- **Start:** Junction of Sandbanks Road and Blake Dene Road, Poole. Post code BH14 8HA.
- **Ordnance survey map:** OL15. Grid reference: start and finish SZ 038 900
- **Transport** (check current timetables): Morebus from Wilts and Dorset 52, Poole/Sandbanks, Yellow 20, CastlePoint/Poole alight Blake Dene Road.
South West Trains: Poole and Parkstone stations.
Car Parking: side roads.
- **Approximate distance:** 2 miles, basic walk, 2½ miles with view point addition. Allow 1 hour to 2 hours.
- **Facilities en route:** café and toilets at Parkstone Yacht Club. Access via Turks Lane.
- **Nature of route:** footpaths, tarmaced paths and roads, no stiles.
- **Special interest:** views of Poole Harbour.
- **Connecting harbour walks:** Walk 1 – Poole to Greenlands; Walk 1a Poole Park, Poole Quay and Baiter, (a Walks4softies walk).
- **Waymarks:** NB the linear walks are now waymarked with small, green roundels but these may not give the correct directions for the circular walks.

- (1) Walk up Blake Dene Road from its junction with Sandbanks Road and at the junction with Austin Avenue, turn right on to a footpath.

Come out onto a road, Brownsea View Avenue.

- (2) Cross the road, bearing slightly right, to get to the footpath in the corner, Footpath 57 to Anthony's Avenue.

Viewpoint addition, alternative to (2). Turn left onto the road. Follow this road up as it bends to right and left. At the top of the road, where it becomes a private road leading to some flats, turn right into an alley. At a T-junction, turn left along a path into the woods. At another T-junction turn left and take the next left fork at a triangular shaped clearing, after which you come to the Blake Hill viewpoint.

Retrace your steps. At the triangular clearing, bear right, and right again at the next junction. When you see the block of flats, turn right into the

alley and left back onto the road to walk down to where you left the footpath. Turn left along Footpath 57 to Anthony's Avenue.

- (3) Go straight across the next road and soon pass a school on your left.

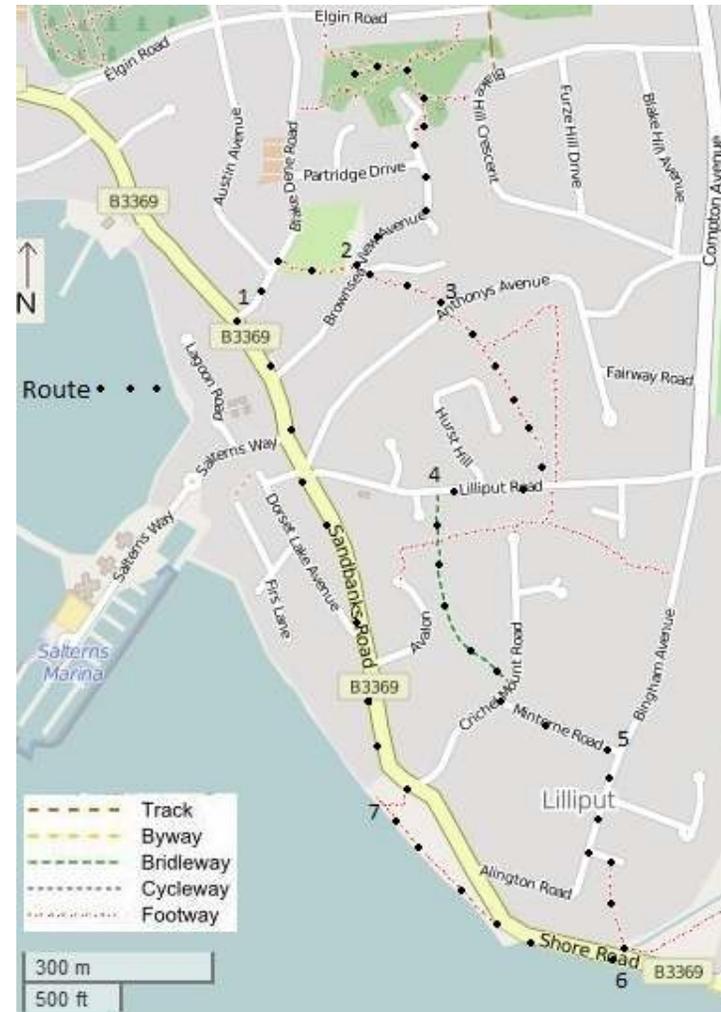
Turn right onto the school entrance driveway and then right onto Lilliput Road. Pass one estate road on your right.

- (4) Turn left along a minor road signed as a bridleway. Soon, at a cross path go straight ahead into a small wood. Arrive at a road and turn right and then immediately left into Minterne Road.
- (5) At the T-junction turn right into Bingham Avenue/Allington Road. Take the second left into Allington Close and soon take the footpath on your right, which emerges into Shore Road.
- (6) Turn right and cross the road (now called Sandbanks Road). When you come to a boat club house on your left, take the tarmac path that forks left off the road to go down to a promenade along the harbour's edge. Walk along the promenade.
- (7) At the end of the promenade, take the steps up on your right to reach Sandbanks Road again, remembering to turn and admire the view, from the well-known Evening Hill view point, as you come to the top of the steps.

Turn left and walk along Sandbanks Road. Cross the road at the lights and continue past the shops until you arrive at the bottom of Blake Dene Road, your start point.



Evening Hill, Poole



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