

## 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](http://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.

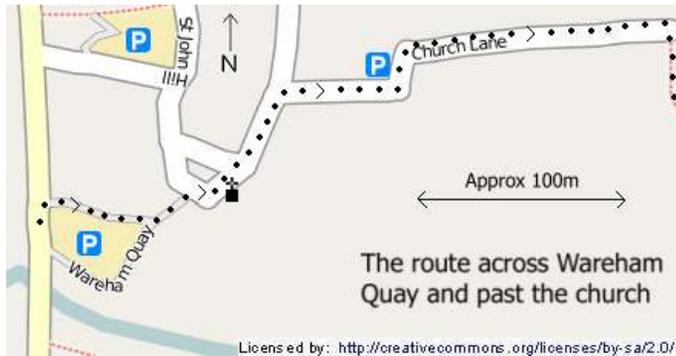


### WALK 4c WAREHAM QUAY AND RIVERS FROME AND PIDDLER



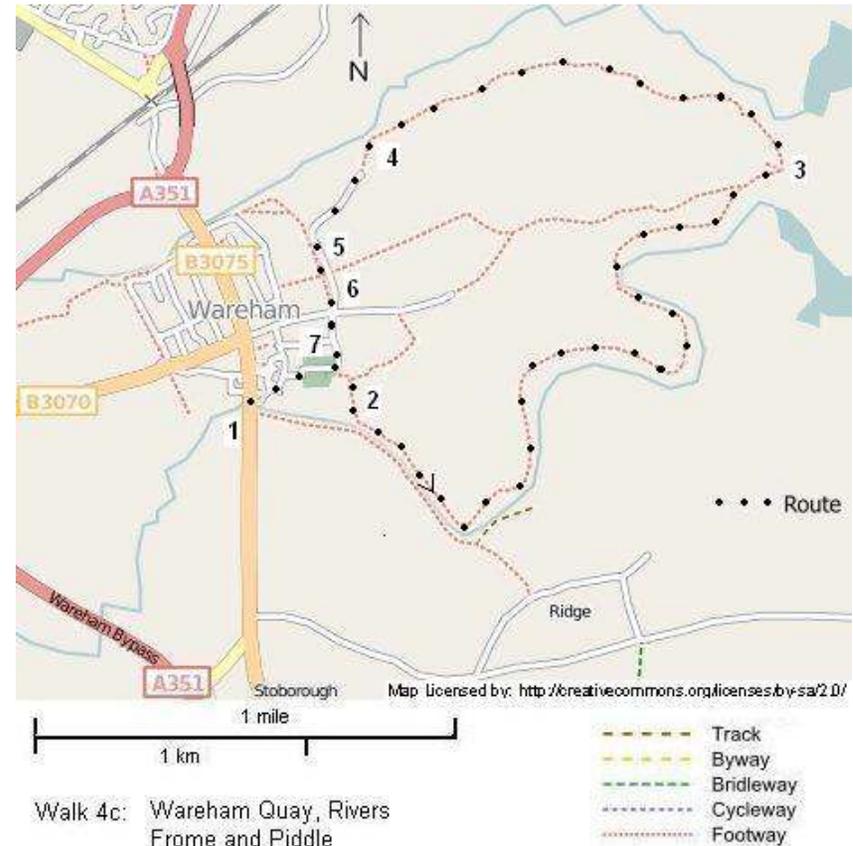
- **Start:** Wareham Quay.
  - **Ordnance survey map:** OL15 Start and finish grid reference: SY 924 872
  - **Transport** (check current timetables):
    - Wilts and Dorset bus: 40 Poole/Swanage.
    - First Group:- X54, Weymouth/Poole via Wareham
    - South West Trains: Poole, Bournemouth, Wareham and Holton Heath stations.
    - Car Parking: Streche Road and Conniger Lane (off Church Lane) car parks (pay) in Wareham town centre, also Bonnetts Lane car park maximum time 4 hours (pay); side roads in Sandford.
  - **Approximate distance:** 7 km (4½ mls), allow 2 hours.
  - **Facilities en route:** refreshments in Wareham, toilets at Wareham Station, Wareham Quay and Howards Lane.
  - **Nature of route:** riverside path and heathland; some roads.
  - **Special interest:** the River Frome and Wareham's Saxon Walls.
  - **Connecting trails:** Purbeck Way, Purbeck Way West, Wareham Two Rivers Walks, Wareham Forest Way, and the Northport Greenway all link to this walk. (Leaflets available from Tourist Information Centres in Wareham and Swanage.)
  - **Connecting harbour walks:** Walk 4 – Wareham Quay to Sandford; Walk 4a - Wareham Station, Wareham Forest and West Mills; Walk 4b – Wareham Station and Wareham Forest, Walk 4d – Wareham Quay and Wareham Walls.
  - **Waymarks:** -the linear walks are now waymarked with small, green roundels but these may not give the correct directions for the circular walks.
1. Starting from the entrance to the Quay head for the far left hand corner of the open space and go through a short alley to Church Green and the church.  
  
Pass the church on your right and follow the churchyard wall around to the right. Keep to the road as it turns left then right as it passes through the cemetery. At the end turn right into a lane, which turns left then right around a pumping station.
  2. Just past this take the right hand path to join the river bank path after a

wooden boardwalk, signed 'River path' and follow this path for about 3 km along the River Frome.



3. Ignore a sharp left turn off the path and then carry on until the path reaches a point near the edge of the harbour and turns left. Soon after you will pass through a gate and enter open ground. Keep left and continue for about 2 km with the woods on your left (W).
4. When you reach a kissing gate on your left leading on to a lane, follow the lane which develops into a tarmac road, until you reach a point where the lane turns sharp left alongside the base of the Wareham Walls.
5. Turn left and climb up onto the walls. Turn left onto the path along the top.
6. Continue along the walls to the end after passing over Bestwall Road and then drop down to the road to join a lane leading to the left of some cottages.
7. This brings you to the cemetery where you turn right and follow the road to the church.

Passing the church on your left, take the little alley opposite and just slightly to your right into the Quay.



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River Piddle