

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 Norden Park-and-Ride (11 km 7 mls)
- Walk 3** Norden 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 and in leaflet form at Dorset Tourist Information Offices. 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

Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs

Check weather conditions and take adequate maps and equipment.

Leave gates and property as you find them

A gate may be open to give animals access to water, so leave gates as you find them and use access points provided.

Protect plants and animals and take your litter home

Don't touch animals and be careful not to leave a lighted match or a smouldering cigarette behind.

Keep dogs under close control

Your dog must not scare or disturb wild or farm animals. Pick up after your dog and dispose of the results responsibly.

Consider other people

Share transport or use public transport where possible and don't block access.

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 at www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk.



WALK 4d WAREHAM QUAY AND WAREHAM WALLS



- **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:- X53, Exeter/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 Bonnett's Lane car park maximum time 4 hours (pay); side roads in Sandford.
 - **Approximate distance:** 2.5 km , 1.5 mls allow 1 hour.
 - **Facilities en route:** refreshments in Wareham, toilets at Wareham Station, Wareham Quay and Howards Lane.
 - **Nature of route:** grassy paths and some roads.
 - **Special interest:** the River Frome, Wareham's Saxon Walls and St Martin on the Walls, Wareham's Saxon Church.
 - **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, Wareham Forest and Sika Trail; Walk 4c - Wareham Quay and Rivers Frome and Piddle.
 - **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 left following a signpost indicating the Walls Walk.
Just after the cottages on your left take the track up onto the walls.
- Follow the path along the walls until you reach a point where there is an open area on your left. Keep to the right of the open space and follow the wall as it bears left.

The path drops down to the road. Carry on straight ahead and down the hill to the main road. (At this point, St Martin on the Walls, Wareham's Saxon Church, which is worth a visit is 50 m along the road on your left.)

Go across the road and go up Shatters Hill, which is almost directly opposite. Go straight on at the first junction.

- At the first opportunity take a path on your right back up onto the walls.
Keep to the top of the walls, dropping down occasionally to cross a road.
- When you pass a car park on your right, drop down to the road junction and take Pound Lane which lies opposite just to your left.

Proceed down Pound Lane passing the old brewery on your right and then turn right into Tanners Lane and then left into Abbots Quay. This leads to the main road and the Quay is then opposite, across the road.



Wareham



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