

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.



WALK 5a SANDFORD AND ORGANFORD



- **Start:** Sandford.
- **Ordnance survey map:** OL15 Start and finish grid reference: SY 932 899.
- **Transport** (check current timetables):
Wilts & Dorset bus: 40 Poole/Swanage.
First Group:- X54, Weymouth/Poole via Wareham
South West Trains: Poole and Holton Heath Stations.
Car Parking: side roads in Sandford.
- **Approximate distance:** 8 km (5 mls), allow 3 hours.
- **Facilities en route:**
- **Nature of route:** roads, lanes, bridleways and footpaths.
- **Special interest:**
- **Connecting trails:**
- **Connecting harbour walks:** Walk 4 - Wareham Quay to Sandford; Walk 5 – Sandford to Turlin Moor (next part of Poole Harbour Trails project).
- **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 at the bus stop by the school take Keyworth Drive on the opposite side of the road to the school. (There is a pedestrian crossing nearby.)

Towards the end of this road turn left at the Labour Club buildings. The path goes behind the houses and eventually leads into a woodland path and a bridge.

Go straight on at the bridge to join a road.

2. Turn left on to Station Road.

At the traffic lights go straight across and continue down the road.

3. Turn left at the footpath sign after the Clay Pipe Inn. Follow this path along the side of the caravan park. Turn right at the first junction onto a grassy track.
4. At the junction with a bridleway turn left.
5. After just over 1 km turn sharp left and go down another gravel path for about 2 km.
6. At a four-way junction with a signboard for the nature reserve, turn left. (Here it is worthwhile diverting 250 m up the sandy track on your right which leads up the hill to a view point (x) from which you can see Poole Harbour and Arne, with Sandbanks in the background.)
7. After several boardwalks you will come out into an estate road in Sandford.

Turn left and follow the road around, passing a road on your right. The road will turn to the right then left and finally you will come to a short footpath on a bend leading off to the left onto the A351.

You can then catch a 40 Wilts & Dorset Swanage/Poole bus.



Keysworth



Walk 5a: Sandford and Organford

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