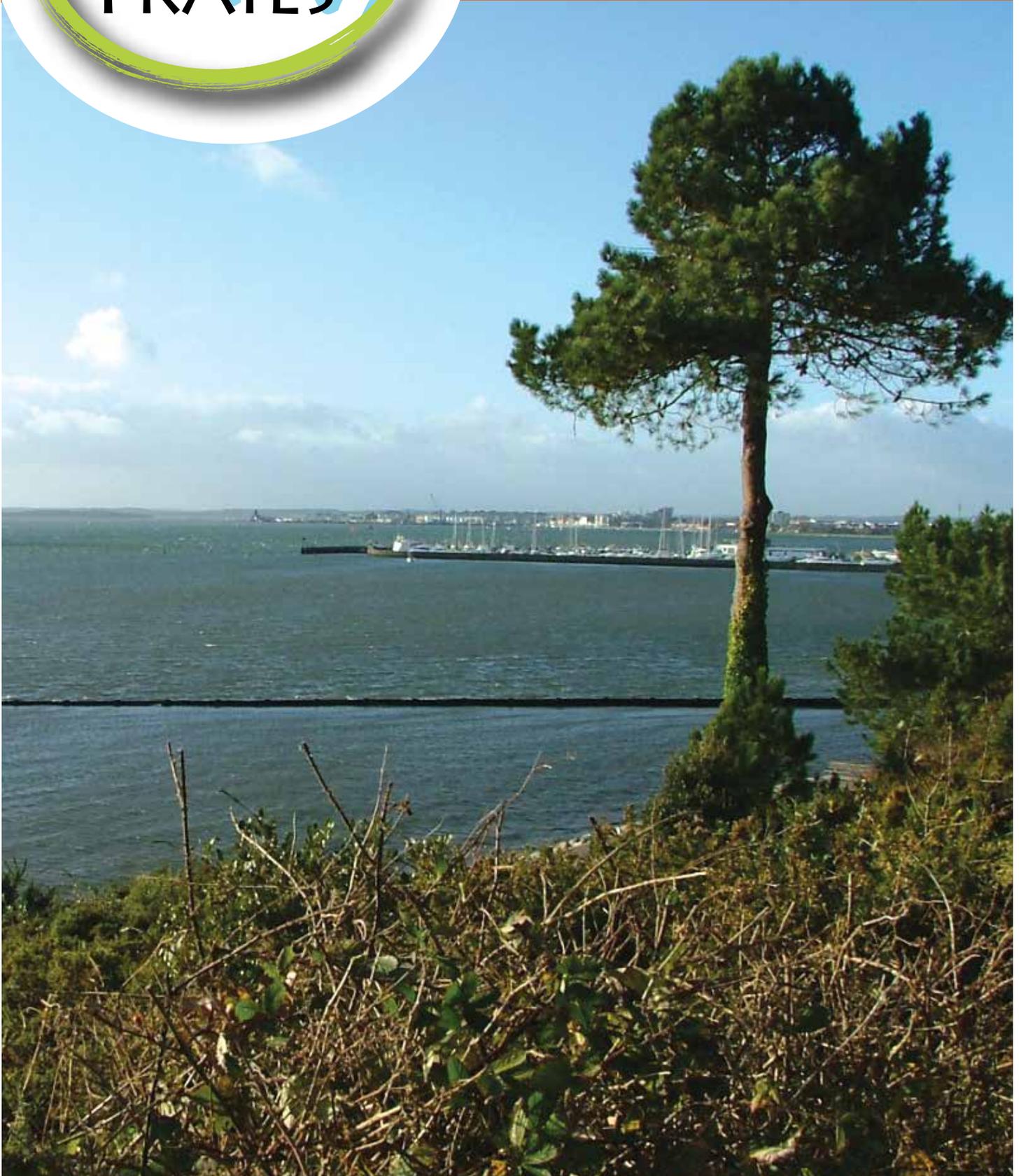




# WALK 1

## POOLE TO GREENLANDS



## LOCAL HISTORY

### GEOLOGY

Over the Studland Ferry towards Studland village, the glorious sandy beach gives way to the magnificent cliffs at Old Harry and a chalk ridge that runs from Studland to Lulworth, forming the backbone of the Isle of Purbeck.

This is also the start of the Jurassic Coast, which stretches from Studland to the mouth of the River Exe in Devon and spans the entire dinosaur period of history, the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous eras. The fossils were mostly laid down on the ancient seabed.

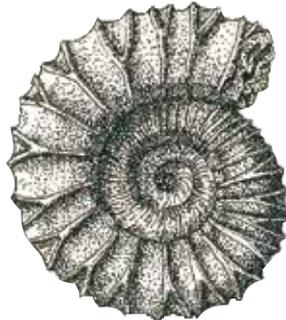
Many of the cliffs have a characteristic slant to them, due to slow but spectacular upheavals in the rocks as they were lifted into their current positions.

Walking westwards is truly walking back in time, as the oldest deposits are found at the Devon end of the coastline and the youngest here at the Purbeck end.

Changes in sea levels have altered the shape of the harbour over the years. In Tudor times, Poole was almost an island, making it defensible against invaders.

### PEOPLE

In the time of Henry VIII, a blockhouse was built on Brownsea to guard the harbour entrance. The men of Poole had to muster to defend it, which was much resented. Brownsea Castle today is quite modern, having suffered two major fires and much remodelling by successive owners.



The Italian inventor Marconi spent 8 years living at the Haven Hotel, experimenting with wireless telegraphy between Sandbanks, Brownsea, the Isle of Wight, and the Royal Yacht moored at Cowes.

### TOWNS AND VILLAGES

The old part of Poole has many ancient buildings. Because of the links with the Channel Islands, the exchange of British beer for French wine underpinned Elizabethan trade.

Poole became a very important link in the trade with Newfoundland from the beginning of the 16th century and successful merchants built themselves fine mansions, including Upton Country House. The Napoleonic wars brought this time of plenty to a close, and bankruptcy to many.

In more recent times, Poole has grown rapidly. The coming of the railway changed the landscape, enclosing and creating Poole Park, crossing Holes Bay and the mouth of Lytchett Bay. A foundry in Poole made locomotives, including those used on the Purbeck tramways and the output from Poole Pottery became world-famous. Carter's tiles walled the London underground network. Poole has now become a popular destination for tourists and is also home to Sunseeker, famous for its motor yachts and sports cruisers, which are exported around the world.

### WAR

Studland beach was used for exercises during World War II, particularly during the run-up to D-Day. As a defence, oil could be pumped out to sea and lit. This was never used in anger.

## WALK 1: POOLE TO GREENLANDS

Ordnance survey map: OL15

**Grid reference:** Start - SZ 011 903  
Finish - SZ 025 843

**Transport:** (check current timetables)

**Bus:** Route One Poole Circular, More Bus 8, 9 circular Poole/Turlin Moor. Return Purbeck Breezer 50 Swanage/Bournemouth via Sandbanks (from Goathorn Farm bus stop). Change at Westbourne to return to Poole or catch Purbeck Breezer 60 Poole/Sandbanks.

**South West Trains:** Poole Station.

**Car Parking:** Poole, Whitecliff, Sandbanks.

**Approximate distance:** 12 km (7.5 miles) allow 4 hrs.

**Facilities en route:** toilets in Poole and Sandbanks and on Whitecliff Recreation Ground; refreshments in Poole and Sandbanks.

**Nature of route:** very good tarmac from Poole to the Ferry, beach and heath from Ferry to Greenlands Farm. No stiles.

**Special interest:** Historic Poole, Haven Hotel and Marconi at the Ferry.

**Connecting trails:** South West Coast Path at the Ferry, E9 at Evening Hill.

**Note:** a compass would be useful.

The route given uses Open Access land, roads, footpaths and bridleways that are public rights of way. Please note that while walkers can use any of these, cyclists and horse-riders are permitted to use only the roads and bridleways.

## 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. Open Access is shown on our maps by pale yellow. Sometimes restrictions on access may be in place, please check details online or observe notices en route.

# WALK 1 ROUTE ~ POOLE TO GREENLANDS



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You can get to **Poole Quay** using **Route One** or **More Bus no. 8 circular** from **Poole Bus Station**, or by walking through the **Dolphin Shopping Centre**, out along **Kingland Crescent** and left down the **High Street** (about 1 km).



Custom House, Poole Quay

- 1 Leave **Poole Quay** with the harbour on your right (it is worth taking time out to explore **old Poole town** and museum). Go around the **Old Lifeboat Museum** (the HQ of the RNLi is also in **Poole** along **West Quay Road**) and follow the path around **Baiter** and into **Whitecliff Park** along the water's edge.

**Poole Old Town** ~ Close to the Quay, the old town of Poole has some houses dating back over a thousand years and many fine Georgian buildings.

**Log Boat** ~ A 2,500 year old log boat is on show in Poole Museum. It was recovered from near the harbour entrance.



Baiter Park

**Isolation Hospital** ~ Baiter was once the location for an isolation hospital.

**Ammunition Dump** ~ The remains of a Tudor ammunition dump are still visible along the shore on Baiter.

- 2 At the end turn left into **Turks Lane**, then right onto **Footpath 122** and left into **Pearce Avenue**.

Turn right onto **Sandbanks Road**. Follow this through **Lilliput** to **Evening Hill** (considered to be the best harbour view in Poole).



Evening Hill

Here, opposite **Crichel Mount Road**, turn right down the steps and go all the way down to the water's edge and follow the promenade around to the left. This ends when you reach a small roundabout and some shops after about 2 km.



View from Sandbanks Road

- 3 Bear right at the roundabout into **Panorama Road**. (You could go along **Footpath 82** to a small beach here.)

You will come to a road on your right leading down to the ferry. Cross over the harbour entrance via the ferry.

**Romans** ~ The Romans used Poole Harbour as a supply route and the remains of a Roman road went from a fort at Hamworthy to a fortress near Wimborne (Lake Farm).

**Charter** ~ Poole was granted a charter over 750 years ago which gave it certain independent rights. Some of these are still celebrated today.

**Newfoundland Trade** ~ Poole was a very important link in the trade with Newfoundland during the great days of sailing ships.

**Sandbanks** ~ As recently as the 1920s, the Sandbanks peninsula was open heath and sand dunes but it is now home to some of the most expensive properties in the UK.



Studland Ferry

**Pirates** ~ Pirates have a long tradition in Poole. The French and Spanish once sought revenge on them by raiding the town looking for the chief culprit Harry Paye. When he couldn't be found they hanged his brother, causing Harry to sail out and capture a hundred ships and then return to Poole. The French then destroyed Poole by fire. Old Harry Rocks are named after Harry Paye.

**4** Continue past the boatyard on your right and the toll booths. At the first gate on the right, turn through the sand dunes to the beach. At the beach turn left and follow the shoreline. During high tide you will have to follow small paths on the heathland, keeping close to the water.

When you reach a sandy bay follow the shore around to the peninsula (**Jerry's Point**). After rounding the Point, keep close to the shoreline for just over 0.5 km eventually walking alongside a bank thickly covered with gorse and heather on your left.

**5** Where the bay turns north-west towards the next point and where the bank on your left comes to an end, leave the shore via an unsigned track on your left and follow it to the left and then right to go towards the road. After a few hundred metres you will come to a substantial track running from north-east to south-west, near and parallel to the road.

**6** Turn right on this track. Continue along this track, which runs parallel to the road until you reach the access lane to **Greenlands Farm**.

**7** Turn left onto the lane.

**8** Turn left to rejoin the road at the bus stop, where you can catch a **50 Poole/Swanage bus**. (If time permits, cross the road to a track leading towards the Little Sea and a bird hide. As recently as Tudor times, this stretch of water was open to the sea.)



Greenlands

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# POOLE HARBOUR

Purbeck and the Isle of Wight were once joined, Old Harry and the Needles having much in common. The rivers Frome and Piddle join at Wareham, and drain much of Dorset. Originally, these joined the Stour and the Avon at Christchurch with all these joining the Hamble to break out into the Channel through Spithead, east of the Isle of Wight. Since the end of the last Ice Age, about 12,000 years ago, the sea level has risen dramatically. The sea eventually broke through the chalk ridge, flooding the river valleys and dividing off the Isle of Wight.



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## POOLE HARBOUR TRAILS LEAFLET SERIES

**WALK 1** - Poole to Greenlands - 12 km (7.5 miles).

**WALK 2** - Greenlands to Norden Park-and-Ride - 11 km (7 miles).

**WALK 3** - Norden Park-and-Ride to Wareham - 12 km (7.5 miles).

**WALK 4** - Wareham Quay to Sandford - 12 km (7.5 miles).

**WALK 5b** - Sandford to Turlin Moor - 13.5 km (8.5 miles).

**WALK 6** - Turlin Moor to Poole Quay - 11km (7 miles).

Other connecting routes can be found on our website.

Check your nearest Tourist Information Centre for information on other local walks.



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