

# CYCLING DISCOVERY MAP

Starting point: *Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex*

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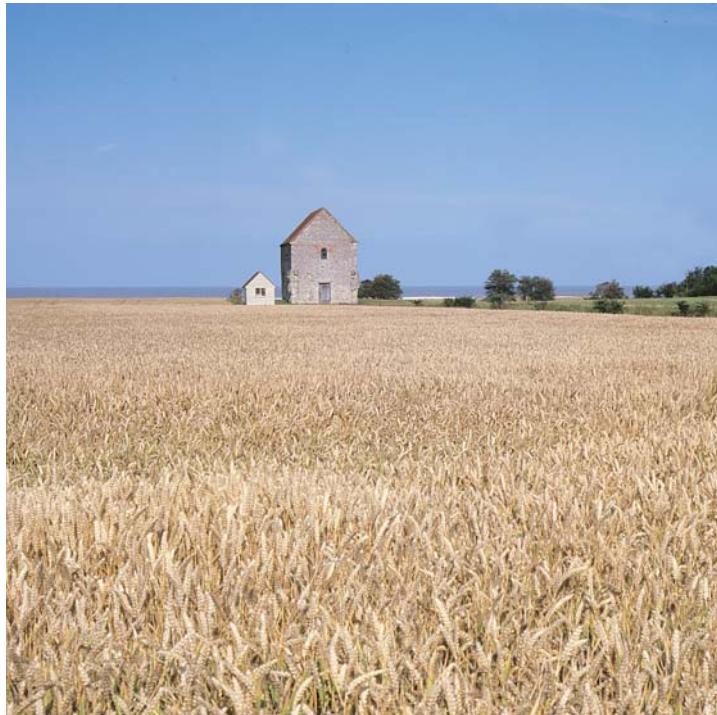
Distance: 25 miles/40 km (or with short cut 12 miles/19 km)

Type of route: Day ride - moderate, circular; on roads



## TWO RIVERS' WAY

This cycle ride starts from one of England's leading yachting centres, Burnham-on-Crouch. From here the route heads north to explore the Dengie Peninsula, situated between the Rivers Blackwater and Crouch. Here, under a backcloth of sky, saltmarsh and water, are weather-boarded villages and tiny sailing hamlets. Much of the countryside was reclaimed by man from the sea and today is internationally renowned for its wildlife. Along this route you can take a ride on a real steam train, visit the Saxon church of St. Peter's and try the local oysters at Burnham.



St. Peter's-on-the-Wall, Bradwell on Sea

### Essential information

**Starting point:** Burnham-on-Crouch - High Street, beside clock tower.

**Alternative starting point:** Southminster - Railway Station (off Station Road). Located 2 miles north of Burnham-on-Crouch. Join the route by turning R out of the station car park, then immediately L into Station Road. At the T-j with the High Street, turn immediately R onto North Street (B1021), SP 'Tillingham 4, Bradwell on Sea' for 1/4 mile. Start from 'direction no. 4'.

**Car parking:** Burnham-on-Crouch - High Street (free); Millfields (free); Providence/Ship Road (free). Southminster - Railway Station, off Station Road (charge made).

**Nearest railway station:** Burnham-on-Crouch (3/4 mile north of the High Street). Southminster (1/4 mile east of route).

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**Summary of route:** Burnham-on-Crouch - Mangapps Railway Museum - Southminster- Asheldham - Dengie - Dengie Marshes - Tillingham - Bradwell on Sea - Bradwell Waterside - St. Lawrence Rural Discovery Church - Steeple - Burnham-on-Crouch

**Distance:** 25 miles/40 km.

**Short cut:** From Asheldham, west along unclassified road to Mayland, 23/4 miles (4 km). Total route with short cut, 12 miles (19 km).

**Terrain:** Mostly flat. Easy climb to St. Lawrence Discovery Church. Lowest point - 13 feet (4 metres) between Dengie and Tillingham. Highest point - 124 feet (38 metres) between Steeple and Burnham-on-Crouch.

**Cycle hire:** Burnham-on-Crouch - Raven Auto Spares, 20 High Street (01621) 783344.

**Cycle repair:** Burnham-on-Crouch - Burnham Cycle and Auto Centre, 97 Station Road (01621) 782061; Raven Auto Spares (see cycle hire above).

**Ordnance Survey map area:** Landranger 168 - Colchester.

### Key to Symbols & Abbreviations

	Cycle Parking
	Places of Interest
	Refreshments
	Children Welcome
	Picnic Site
	Shop
	Toilets
	Tourist Information
	Caution/Take care
L	Left Turn
R	Right Turn
T-j	T-junction
SA	Straight Across/Ahead
X-roads	Cross roads
SP	Sign-posted
NS	Not Sign-posted

Bradwell on Sea



# Points of Interest

(listed as you would find them along the route)

Planning to visit any of the places of interest on this route, we advise you to telephone in advance to confirm exact opening days and times. Refreshment establishments listed on this map are just a small selection of those available. For further information, please contact the nearest Tourist Information Centre.

**A Burnham-on-Crouch** - quiet, unspoilt riverside town, famous for yachting, oysters and smuggling tales. The quayside is lined with colour-washed houses, boat-building yards and sailing clubs. The clock tower dates from 1877.

**High Street;** 'Fiveways' Supermarket car park (Foundry Lane); Railway Station.

**Burnham-on-Crouch and District Museum** (Coronation Road) - local history, including maritime and agriculture. Open Apr-Nov. Admission charge. (01621) 782184.

**Riverside Park** (Millfields) - countryside park on banks of river, adjacent to yacht harbour. Reed bed and boardwalk area. Open all year. Admission free.

**St. Mary's Church** (3/4 mile north of High Street along B1021) - 'The Cathedral of Dengie' built 12-14th C. It once stood at the centre of the medieval settlement. But during the Middle Ages the nucleus of the town moved to the quayside to take advantage of the growth in sea trade.

Wide selection throughout town.

The Quay; Millfields (automatic).

Riverside Park.



Burnham-on-Crouch

**B Mangapps Railway Museum** - large collection of railway relics, two restored stations and working steam/diesel locomotives (rides). Open Feb-Dec. Admission charge. (01621) 784898.

**C Southminster** - large village on edge of Dengie marshlands.

Railway Station (off Station Road).

**St. Leonard's Church** - contains a beautiful rood screen. A former vicar, Dr Alexander Scott was chaplain on board HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar.

**The Kings Head** (01621) 772216.   
 **The Queens Head** (01621) 772315.

**Station Arms** (01621) 772225.

High Street car park (automatic).

**D Asheldham** - tiny marshland village set beside a brook.

**Asheldham Pits Nature Reserve** (Rushes Lane) - former gravel pit, now wildlife haven with species of wildfowl. Open all year. Admission free. (01621) 862960.

**St. Lawrence's Church** - 14th C. with brick battlements. The site of a prehistoric camp stood to the west.

**E Dengie** - small and scattered village. The 14th C. church (St. James) sits within the grounds of the hall, home of the former lord of the manor. 19th C. bellcote.

**F Dengie Marshes** - once a waterlogged area, until reclaimed from the sea by 17th C. Dutch engineers to create a rich farming land for crops and market gardening. Today there are open views of the marshes, with its wildfowl and grazing cattle.

**G Tillingham** - picturesque village, property of St. Paul's Cathedral in London since c.610 A.D. The square is surrounded on three sides by traditional white weather-boarded houses.

**St. Nicholas Church** - 13th C. with walls six feet thick at the tower end. Norman door way in nave.

**The Cap and Feathers Inn** (01621) 779212.   
**The Fox and Hounds** (01621) 779416.

**H Bradwell on Sea** - pretty village set around its church.

Bradwell Lodge (a fine Tudor house) was used as a studio by the artist Thomas Gainsborough.

**St. Thomas Church** - 14th C. with unusual lock-up set in its churchyard walls. Brick tower (18th C.).

**RAF 'Bradwell Bay' Memorial** - memorial (cast iron model of Mosquito bomber) to the personnel who served at former airfield (1942-45). Closed in 1946, most of the site has now reverted to agriculture.

**The Cricketers** (01621) 776013.   
**The Kings Head** (01621) 776224.

**I Just off the route** - St. Peter's-on-the-Wall (2 miles north east of Bradwell on Sea). Oldest Saxon church in England, built on the foundations of the Roman shore fort of Othona in 654AD, by the missionary Bishop St. Cedd. It has also been a warning beacon for shipping and a barn. Open any reasonable time. Admission free. (01621) 776203. Nearby is Bradwell Cockle Spit, a nature reserve of shell bank/saltmarsh, home to shore-nesting birds. Open all year. Admission free. (01621) 862960.

**J Bradwell Waterside** - hamlet and marina set alongside the Blackwater estuary, which along with the Dengie Flats is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The saltmarshes and inter-tidal flats are one of the most important over-wintering sites in Western Europe for wildfowl/waders.

**Green Man Inn** (01621) 776226.

**K St. Lawrence Rural Discovery Church** - Active church. Exhibitions of local interest. Panoramic views.

Open end May-Sept. Admission free. (01621) 779319.

**L Steeple** - small village of thatched and weather-boarded houses. Fine church with tall steeple and red-tiled roof.

**St. Laurence's Church** - late Early English style with tall steeple and red-tiled roof.

**The Star Inn** (01621) 772646.   
**Sun and Anchor** (01621) 772700.



RAF 'Bradwell Bay' Memorial

# ROUTE DIRECTIONS

**STARTING POINT:** Burnham-on-Crouch (High Street, beside clock tower).

**A** Burnham-on-Crouch - unspoilt riverside town.

**1** Leave the town along High Street/Station Road (B1021). The road goes over the railway bridge and then passes the junction with the B1010. Remain on the B1021 towards Southminster.

**B** Mangapps Railway Museum - large collection of railway relics.

**2** At the mini roundabout continue SA (NS).

**C** Southminster - large village.

**3** Turn R into the High Street, then immediately L beside the Kings Head pub into North Street, remaining on the B1021, 'SP Tillingham 4, Bradwell on Sea 6'.

**4** Turn R, remaining on the B1021, SP 'Tillingham 4, Bradwell 6'.

**D** Asheldham - tiny marshland village.

**Short cut (2<sup>3/4</sup> miles).** Total route with short cut - 12 miles.

On the outskirts of Asheldham, as the road turns sharply to your R, turn L onto Green Lane, SP 'Latchingdon'. Remain on this road for 2<sup>3/4</sup> miles.

Please now continue from 'direction no. 18'.

**5** As the B1021 bears L around a sharp corner, turn R onto Hall Road, SP 'Dengie'. This road takes you down onto the Dengie Marshes.

**E** Dengie - small and scattered village.

**6** When you reach the T-j in the middle of nowhere, turn L onto Bridgewick Road (NS).

**F** Dengie Marshes - former waterlogged area.

**7** Turn R to rejoin the B1021 (South Street), SP 'Tillingham, Bradwell on Sea'.

**G** Tillingham - weather-boarded houses.

**8** Turn R, SP 'Bradwell B1021'.



Burnham-on-Crouch

**9** Turn R (beside the petrol station), SP 'Bradwell Village, St. Peter's Chapel 2'.

**H** Bradwell on Sea - village set around its church.

**I** Just off the route - St. Peter's-on-the-Wall (turn R beside Bradwell church onto East End Road for approximately 2 miles). Oldest Saxon church in England.



Tillingham

**10** Turn L onto Trusses Road, SP 'Latchingdon (B1010), Southminster (B1021)'. If you want to visit the RAF Memorial, then go SA here.

**11** Turn R onto the B1021 to visit Bradwell Waterside (a cul-de-sac).

**J** Bradwell Waterside - riverside hamlet and marina.

**12** Just beyond the Green Man Inn the road ends. Now retrace your route back along the B1021, SP 'Latchingdon 8, Southminster B1021'.



St. Peter's-on-the-Wall, Bradwell on Sea

**13** Turn L up the hill, SP 'St. Lawrence Church'.

**K** St. Lawrence Rural Discovery Church - local interest exhibitions.

**14** Turn R (NS) and follow the road down the hill.

**15** Turn L, SP 'Steeple and Latchingdon'.

**16** On the outskirts of the village of Steeple, turn L into Batts Road (NS). If you want to visit the village, then continue SA for a short distance.

**L** Steeple - thatched and weather-boarded houses.

**17** Turn R onto Foxhall Road, SP 'Mayland'. This road offers nice views.

**18** Turn L, SP 'Southminster, Burnham-on-Crouch'. The road goes gradually uphill.

**19** At the staggered X-roads with the B1018, go SA into Dairy Farm Road (NS).

**20** Turn L, SP 'Southminster'.

**21** Turn R back onto the B1021 (NS). Follow the road back to Burnham.



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