



Tendring CAMRA RambAle route 8

Brightlingsea to Clacton-on-Sea

Start: Railway Tavern, Brightlingsea
Finish: Old Lifeboat House, Clacton-on-Sea
Total Distance: 9.1 miles

Railway Tavern to Foot Ferry

Total distance : 0.5 miles (Map 1)

When leaving the Railway Tavern, as you face the Co-Op with the community centre to your right you will want to take Colne Road which is roughly straight across (not Silcott Street which is the road next to the Co-Op). There is a sign to the Foot Ferry. After a while the road turns right then left into Waterside (where it turns right the Sun Inn used to be to your left). If you have time you may want to call at the Yachtsman's Arms. In May 2017 this was Cask Marque accredited and on their ale trail. Both this and the Railway Tavern were in Tendring CAMRA's Pub passport.

After the Yachtsman's Arms fork right and walk to the end of the jetty and await the arrival of the ferry (usually on the left). At the time of this walk in May 2017 this was scheduled for 1pm.

Foot Ferry to Mash & Barrel

Distance: 1.0 miles (Map 2)

You will get off the ferry at Point Clear onto the beach. Follow the beach around to the sea wall, then turn left along the wall. This takes a slightly longer route than cutting through the holiday park, but is more scenic.

Just before the wall starts to curve around to the left you can drop down to the right and join a road called North Wall. Exit the cul-de-sac (walk to your right), then follow the main road around to the left, then around to the right past a parking area. Just after that is a footpath into the entertainments area to your right—take that. The Mash & Barrel is beyond the outdoor pool and to the right of the indoor swimming pool. In May 2017 this pub is Cask Marque accredited and on their ale trail.



Map 2—dropping off the seawall, calling at the Mash & Barrel, then taking Dumont Avenue to get back to the sea wall.

Mash & Barrel to the seawall

Total distance : 1.0 miles (Map 2)

Leaving the Mash & Barrel keep the building to your right until you can see the car park at the park entrance. Cross the roundabout and follow Point Clear Road up the hill turning right into Beacon Way, then turning right at the end into Dumont Avenue. Follow Dumont Avenue as it curves around to the left and at the end take the track to the right down towards houses 110 and 112, and a footpath runs down the side of the field beyond. In the corner of the field, possibly slightly concealed in trees is a footbridge which gives access to the sea wall.

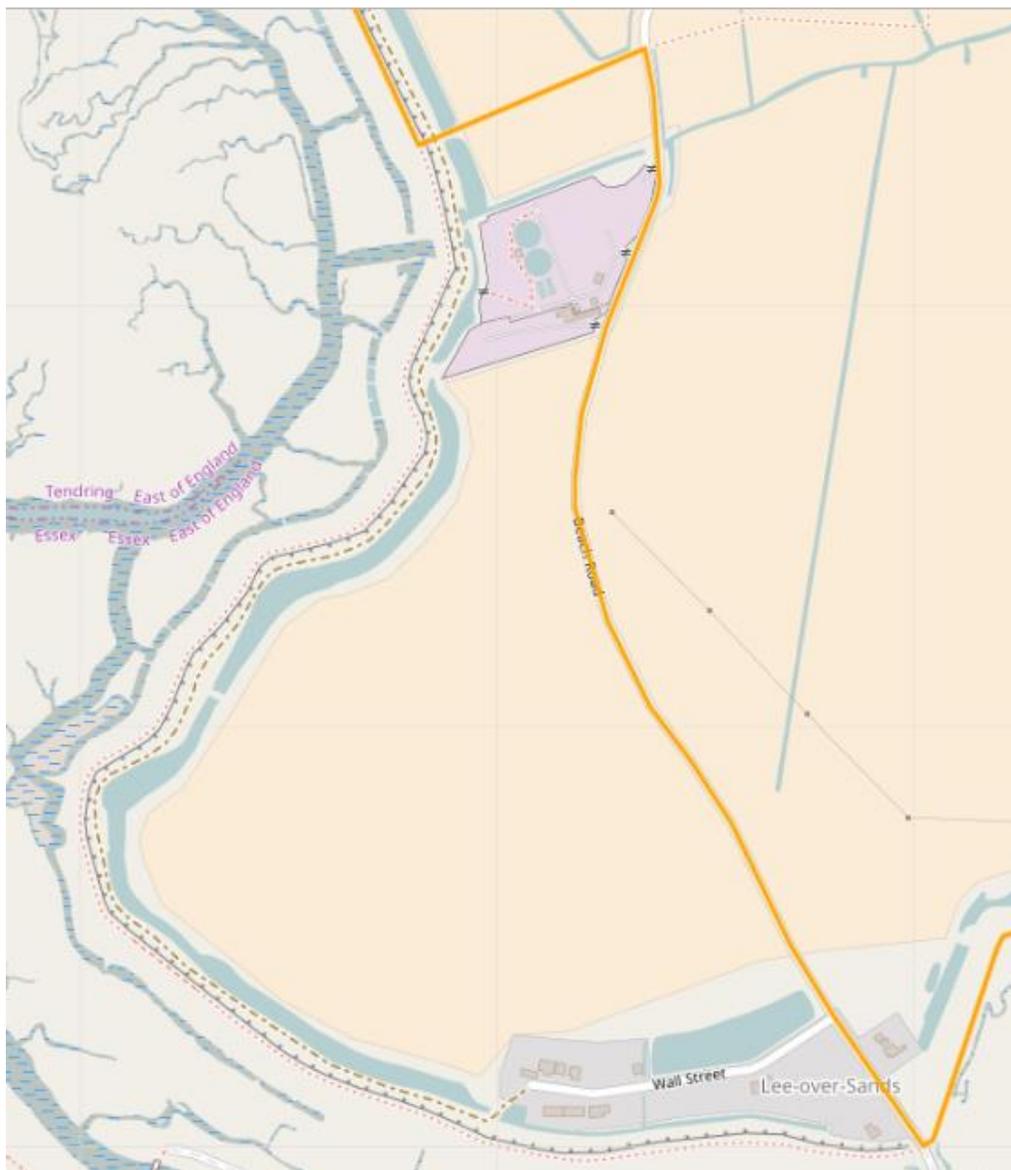
Seawall to Lee-over-Sands

Total distance : 1.7 miles (Map 3)

Follow the sea wall for almost a mile to where steps (or possibly just a hand rail) lead down to the left. Note, before reaching here part of the wall is a permissive footpath so it may be necessary to divert to get to Lee-over-Sands. The worst case would be to retrace your steps to Dumont Avenue, continue along Point Clear Road, then take Lee Wick Lane. The walk was tested in April 2017 without such problems.

This handrail marks where you re-join a public footpath as you leave the permissive part of the route. Turn left and follow the path across the field to the road, then turn right and follow the road until you re-join the seawall at Lee-over-Sands.

An alternative route which gives some slightly better views towards Bradwell involves staying on the seawall (also a public footpath) all the way to Lee-over-Sands. This adds about 0.25 miles to the walk, and being a little less walked the grass can become long and make walking more of an effort, and perhaps damper if soon after rain.



Map 3—leaving the seawall to get to Lee-over-Sands, showing the alternative of continuing along the sea wall which adds about 0.25 miles to the walk.

Lee-over-Sands to Sailor Boy, St Osyth Beach

Total distance : 1.5 miles (Map 4)

There is little to be said about this section of the walk, or indeed the rest of it now you're basically following the seawall to Clacton. About half way along this section and out of sight to your right on the seaward side of the wall is St Osyth Naturist Beach, and shortly before you reach St Osyth Beach the Bel-Air Estate to your left includes the Village Inn (no real ale last time we checked) but don't get side-tracked and just follow the wall until you get to St Osyth Beach. The Sailor Boy complex (pub/café/etc) will be visible to your left.

Sailor Boy, St Osyth Beach to Never Say Die, Jaywick

Total distance : 1.6 miles (Map 4)

After leaving the Sailor Boy get back on the seawall and follow it to Jaywick, until you reach Brooklands. Follow Brooklands to the other end and just before you reach the mini-roundabout with Tamarisk Way the seawall path continues to your right—take it. Watch out for the Never Say Die—it is at least the 8th exit from the wall and brings you into Sea Glebe Way. The pub is visible from the wall. In May 2017 the pub was in Tendring CAMRA's Pub passport



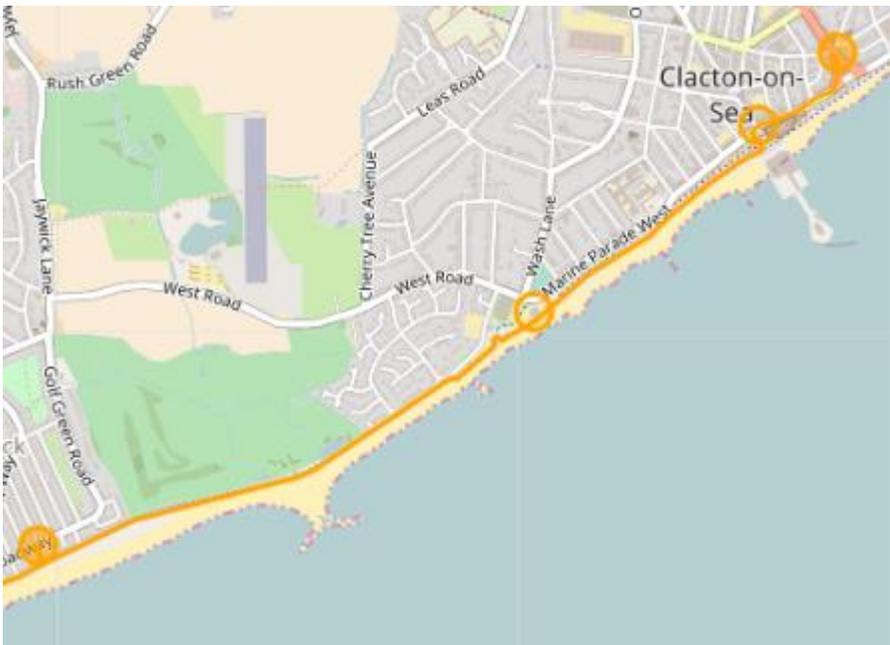
Map 4—Lee-over-Sands to Never Say Die, Jaywick via Sailor Boy, St Osyth Beach

Never Say Die, Jaywick to Old Lifeboat House, Clacton

Total distance : 2.1 miles (Map 5)

Return to the seawall (either back the way you came from the end of Sea Glebe Way, or walk east along Broadway and take any of the next side roads to your right). After leaving Jaywick you will pass the golf course, and a Martello Tower before reaching the outskirts of Clacton, another Martello Tower and then the Toby. Continue along the seafront, either at low level or taking the gradual uphill slope, until you get to the pier and the Moon and Starfish. Follow the pavement along Marine Parade East, crossing Colne Road, Orwell Road, Beach Road, then follow it round to the left at Anglefield and take the crossing to the Old Lifeboat House.

In May 2017, both the Moon & Starfish and the Old Lifeboat House were in Tendring CAMRA's Pub passport, and the Toby Carvery and Moon & Starfish are both Cask Marque accredited and on their ale trail.



Map 5—Never Say Die to Old Lifeboat House. Optional stops Toby (1.2 miles from Never Say Die) and (0.7 miles from Toby) are shown as unfilled orange circles.

Please check pub opening times before attempting this route. Check WhatPub <http://www.whatpub.com> for the latest information, or check directly with the pubs themselves:

Railway Tavern, Brightlingsea	No number
Yachtsman's Arms, Brightlingsea	01206 302342
Mash & Barrel, Point Clear	No number
Sailor Boy, St Osyth Beach	01255 821062
Never Say Die, Jaywick	01255 479090
Toby, Clacton-on-Sea	01255 425739
Moon & Starfish, Clacton-on-Sea	01255 222998
Old Lifeboat House, Clacton-on-Sea	01255 476799

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