

# About this walk

This easy walk has fantastic open coastal views as well as shaded woodland paths. On the shore it takes in the wreck of the Nornen, still clearly visible after running aground during a storm in 1897. Luckily, all ten crew and the ship's dog were rescued by Burnham lifeboat. Berrow is part of one of Europe's longest strips of sand and is backed by dunes. Because of this, it has become a favourite for film and television companies.

This walk is tidal - please check tide times at [tidetimes.org.uk](http://tidetimes.org.uk) before setting off to ensure you can complete the walk safely - Burnham-on-Sea is the closest recording station.

## Photo credits

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## Useful websites

[nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path-sw](http://nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path-sw)  
[somersex.gov.uk/england-coast-path](http://somersex.gov.uk/england-coast-path)  
[visitsomersex.co.uk](http://visitsomersex.co.uk)



To report any problems on the footpaths during your walk visit:  
[somersex.gov.uk/report-a-problem-with-a-public-right-of-way/](http://somersex.gov.uk/report-a-problem-with-a-public-right-of-way/)

ENGLAND  
COAST PATH  
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# Berrow Beach Circular

2.3 miles / 3.5km | 1.5 hours | Easy



# On your walk...

The England Coast Path is well waymarked and easy to follow. The acorn symbol of the National Trails is found on waymarks and fingerposts along the route.



Where your walk takes you away from the Coast Path it will be signed with the standard waymarks shown here:

Footpath Bridleway Permissive path

Stay safe and follow the Countryside Code on your walk and always follow guidance on local advisory signs. You can see the Countryside Code at [www.gov.uk/countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code).



Dogs are welcome on these walks but always keep your dog under close control near livestock and wildlife, especially ground nesting birds, and always clean up after your dog and dispose of dog waste in an appropriate bin.

For more information about this walk or to download a .gpx file, scan the QR code or visit [nationaltrail.co.uk/short-routes/berrow-circular](http://nationaltrail.co.uk/short-routes/berrow-circular)



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## WALK KEY INFORMATION & FACILITIES



**Distance:** 2.3 miles/3.5km

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Map:** OS Explorer 153: Weston-super-Mare & Bleadon Hill

**Grade:** Easy



### Access:

An easy walk on the sandy beach, local footpaths and some paved paths and sections of boardwalk. Due to the sandy sections it is not suitable for wheels. Please check tide times at [tidetimes.org.uk](http://tidetimes.org.uk) before setting off to ensure you can complete the walk safely.



### Getting here:

By car to the car park at the Church of St Mary, Berrow, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 2LL. It is also accessible from bus number 20 from Burnham-on-Sea or Weston-super-Mare. To find out more visit [travelsomersex.co.uk](http://travelsomersex.co.uk)



### Facilities:

There are public toilets and a café at Berrow beach and shops and amenities on Berrow Road, which is easily accessible during the inland sections of the walk.

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## DIRECTIONS

The walk starts at the car park of St Mary's Church **1**, Berrow. This 13th century church nestles amongst the sand dunes and was once whitewashed and acted as a beacon for sailors. If it is open during your walk head inside to admire the beautiful stained glass windows.

Enter the church yard and follow the path past the church and up the slope to a gate on the far side of the church yard, go through the gate and turn left until you reach a T-junction. Turn right here and follow the path through the dunes. Dunes like these are becoming rarer in the UK and a section of dunes north of here is now a protected Conservation Area.

When you reach the beach **2** the wreck of the Nornen **3** is about 100 yards (80m) to your right. Looking out to sea you can see Steep Holm, an uninhabited island in the middle of the Bristol Channel, and Wales in the distance. To the south is Hinkley Point Power Station - the first new nuclear plant in 20 years to be built in the UK.

For the short walk turn left and stay on the beach for about 15 minutes until you see two used paths into the dunes. Take the second of these **4** and follow the path over the boardwalk bearing left onto the track through the golf

course and heading the signs about golf balls. After crossing another path you reach a metal kissing gate **5**. Skip ahead here to the next mention of this gate.

For the longer walk turn left at **2** and stay on the beach for about 25 minutes before turning into the dunes on a marked bridleyway **6** about 100 yards (80m) before the Burnham-on-Sea Low Lighthouse **7**. As you top the dunes here you can also see the High Lighthouse **8** ahead and to the right, though this is no longer active.

The path takes you past Burnham and Berrow Golf course before you take a sharp left passing the entrance to the Club house **9**. Opened in 1891 its first professional, J H Taylor, went on to win the Open championship five times. Continue on this path through the trees, which includes sections of boardwalk, and out onto the golf course until you reach a crossing path where you turn right to a metal kissing gate **5**.

Go through the kissing gate and immediately turn left onto a quiet street. After a short distance take the left fork and follow this footpath skirting the golf course until you reach a junction of paths. Take the path straight ahead to retrace your steps to the car park.