

Walk 4: Burnham-on-Sea Circular



Length: 1.4 miles – 2.3km

Good for: All walkers

Theme: History, Nature

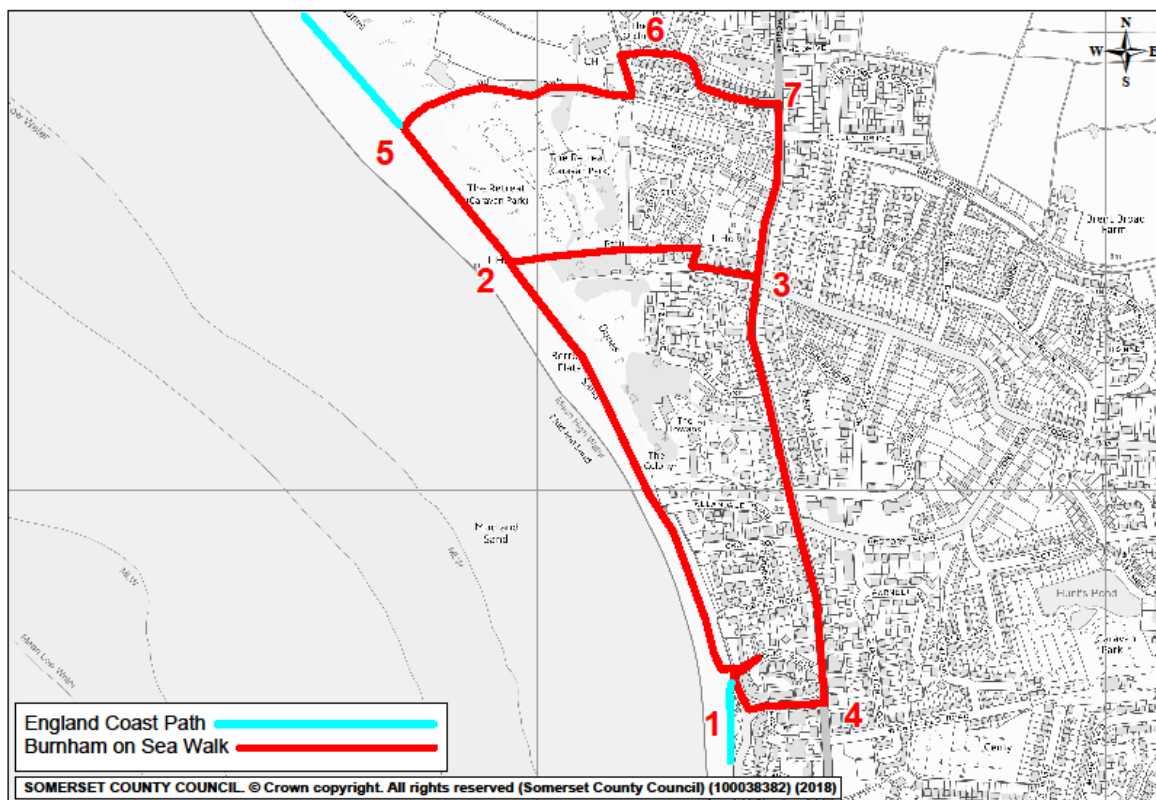
Duration: 1 - 1½ hours

Notes: *Burnham-on-Sea sits at the mouth of the River Parrett and the end of the second longest strip of sand in Europe. It is a town of surprises from its independent shops to its short pier and three lighthouses. There is an information centre on the Esplanade and a choice of places for refreshment.*

Points of interest:

- Pavilion
- Lighthouse on legs
- Hinkley Point C
- Steep Holm
- Amazing sunsets

Map:



Directions: From the northern end of the Promenade (1), walk down the steps and follow the footway round to the right with the wall on your left. From Burnham on Sea Esplanade you can see Britain's shortest seaside pier, built in 1911, which was the first concrete structure of its kind in Europe. The Pavilion today attracts thousands of visitors and is open for refreshments and amusements. Looking across the Channel you can see Hinkley Point C, the first new nuclear power station to be built in the UK for 20 years.

At the end of the wall, turn left follow the England Coast Path signs up the ramp towards the beach. Turn right and follow the ECP along the beach for approx. ½ mile/800m until you come to a well-worn path almost level with the only active lighthouse in Somerset (2).

The nine-legged Low Lighthouse was built by Joseph Nelson in 1832 and recently voted one of the top 10 most beautiful lighthouses in the world by the Huffington Post. There are also two other inland lighthouses, no longer in use, although one can be rented for holiday accommodation.

Leave the beach and follow the path until you reach the road (Gore Road) continue along Gore Road until you reach the main Berrow Road (3). Turn

right and walk along Berrow Road until you come to Sea View Road (4). Turn right into Sea View Road and continue back to where you started on the Promenade.

To extend the walk, do not leave the beach at point (2) but continue north along the beach until you reach another path on your right (5). Leave the beach and take this path, which eventually turns sharp left then right before emerging onto St Christopher's Way (6). Walk all the way along St Christopher's Way until you reach the main Berrow Road (7). Continue to point (3) and follow the instructions above.

Joins with walk 3 to make a longer walk.

Facilities: Burnham Information and Rescue Service (BiARS) is open daily and should have information on facilities in the town.