



The Alderton Swan
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Opening times: -

Due to seasonal variations in our opening times we recommend checking our website or call the above number where a member of the team will

Walk to Bawdsey Ferry

Approximately 8.5km / 5.3m

Along tracks, paths, beach and road
to the beautiful Bawdsey Ferry

A ferry ride across the River Deben can extend this walk into Felixstowe. The Ferry runs daily between 10:00 & 18:00 daily May to September. Contact 07709411511 for further details and times outside these dates.

Could be muddy in places with some uneven paths. Not suitable for push-chairs, wheelchairs or cycles

Route also available free to follow on
www.ViewRanger.com

1. Leave The Alderton Swan crossing the road and turning left. At the crossroads take the right hand rough track that is Beach Lane. Continue along this passing houses into open country side. On reaching a small ditch keep this to your right and continue over two footbridges until reaching the elevated sea defences. Turn right, away from Shingle Street, to enjoy raised views across the fields and sea. Alternatively continue onto the beach prior to turning right. Take care of the fragile flora, fauna and geology of this precious area.
2. Whichever route taken will lead to Bawdsey Beach where the path on the sea defences is the only route. Continue heading south passing new sea defences and Martello Towers. A series of lagoons with plentiful bird life will be seen on your right, these are settlement ponds for the local sewage works; a good display of nature making the best of man's interference with nature. The pathway ends at the East Lane Battery, defences during the Napoleonic Wars and both World Wars. Here leave the sea wall and continue the journey along the concrete road that passes the old Observation Tower.
3. Stay on this road way as it becomes a tarmac road. At the road junction, where the primary school is situated, take the left fork heading for the main road. On arriving at the road turn left. Unfortunately, due to coastal erosion this is now the only route available to Bawdsey Ferry. Along the way you will pass the historic Bawdsey Manor, where radar was developed. There is a visitor centre, but closed until September 2017 for restoration work. However, there is a good alternative at The Boathouse Café adjacent to the ferry quay.



Please follow the Countryside Code whilst on this walk, especially: -

- Take litter home with you
- Dogs to be kept on leads or close control as there are working farms with livestock in the area
- Take dog excreta away to ensure others can enjoy the walk.
- Do not damage trees and other vegetation as these provide valuable habitat for the wild life.
- Care must be taken on the roads; they are relatively quiet but agricultural vehicles use them at all times of the day.
- Stay on the designated footpaths.



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