

**B1** Leave St Bartholomew's on churchyard track to tarmac lane and turn left. Pass through gate ahead. Continue on grass path to open gateway and head left across pastures to gate. Cross railway track and walk diagonally right across field to gap in reeds and then continue straight ahead uphill across field to road. From here you have a fantastic view of farmland, with polytunnels glistening in the sunshine and Faversham parish church in the distance.

## Goodnestone to Seasalter

Bartholomew's at Goodnestone. Over a kissing gate to the tiny Norman church of St right. Look out for the east house as you turn right alone. Continue on, keeping poplar trees to your 10-14 tonnes of strawberries a day on this farm supplying all the main supermarkets. Workers pick area is a major centre for UK soft fruit production, around Graveney seven months of the year. The with polytunnels left and right, where strawberries and raspberries are grown on 100 acres in and plums. Continue on across arable ground into field passing hedges of seasonal berries and cherry Follow path beside former watercress beds, through the trees on your right at School Farm. As you emerge you will see the old east house Continue on public footpath through hop garden. arable field, heading left to gap in willow hedge.



**A3** Continue on footpath with railway line on your right to kissing gate and cross track. Cross another corn field. Cross field to hedge line on your left.

Keep the hedge on your left, climbing uphill to 1910. The footpath now opens on to grain fields. Abbey Brickfield, in operation from around 1850 to left, a remnant of Faversham's once flourishing on your right. Look out for the chimney on your and Gordon Road, taking the path behind houses Henry Will. Continue ahead through Park Place Faversham's great royal abbey, destroyed under On your left are playing fields, once the site of detour to Faversham's impressive parish church). The footpath to your right provides a short drama Arden of Faversham. Take the public footpath ahead, with the grammar school on your



**Planning your walk**  
 Feel free to start your walk at any point: as this is a circular walk you'll always return to where you began. We've also included a shortcut that allows you to enjoy part of this route at a more leisurely pace by following the Nagden Loop detour.  
 Many sections of the walk end at a spot where you'll find a pub, restaurant or tea room to help fortify you for the next stage of your walk – or perhaps offer a welcome treat once you've finished the whole route.  
 There are several places to leave your vehicle if you are arriving by car, including the Queen's Hall long-stay car park near Faversham railway station and near The Sportsman at Seasalter.  
 If not driving, you can take a train to Faversham.



**A2** Pass the welcoming Phoenix Tavern before turning right into Abbey Place. At its corner is Arden's House (No 80) where Thomas Arden was murdered in 1551 on the direction of his unfaithful wife. The chilling tale is still told in the stage

**A1** Your walk begins in Faversham's bustling Market Place, lined with timber framed buildings, restaurants and tea rooms and home to a busy street market on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. With the Visitor Information Centre behind you, and the impressive stilted Guildhall to your left, walk straight ahead through Market Place passing the oldest independent brewer, crossing the road ahead into Abbey Street where you will find one of the country's finest collections of period homes.

## Faversham to Goodnestone



## Mother nature's coast and country harvest

Explore an exquisite Kent landscape where the riches of earth, wind and water are harvested in one of the most dynamic, yet enigmatic, corners of the county.

You'll be mesmerised by the diversity of this living patchwork, formed by man working in harmony with mother nature - a major centre for soft fruit, with traditional marsh reared lamb, spreading wheat fields, secret wildlife reserves and 21st century wind farms.

Your earth, wind and water walk takes you through a magical mix of farming country, from medieval England to the modern day; an inspiring journey from past to present, from fertile countryside to the open coast. You'll pass wind caressed wheat fields, harvested using satellite technology, historic hop gardens and watercress beds of yesteryear.

As you head for the coast through the wide open marshes at Graveney and Seasalter, the sweeping terrain is home to abundant wildlife and award winning salt marsh lamb. You'll also learn about a historic secret of the marshes and its nearby pub that helped shorten the Second World War.

## The Countryside Code



### RESPECT - PROTECT - ENJOY

If you follow the Countryside Code wherever you go, you will enjoy walking in Kent and help protect the countryside now and for future generations.

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control and on a lead around livestock
- Consider other people
- Remember to always follow the Highway Code

For more information about how to safely enjoy the countryside, visit the following website or scan the QR code  
[https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en\\_GB/countrysidecode/](https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/countrysidecode/)



## Other Nature Trails in this Series

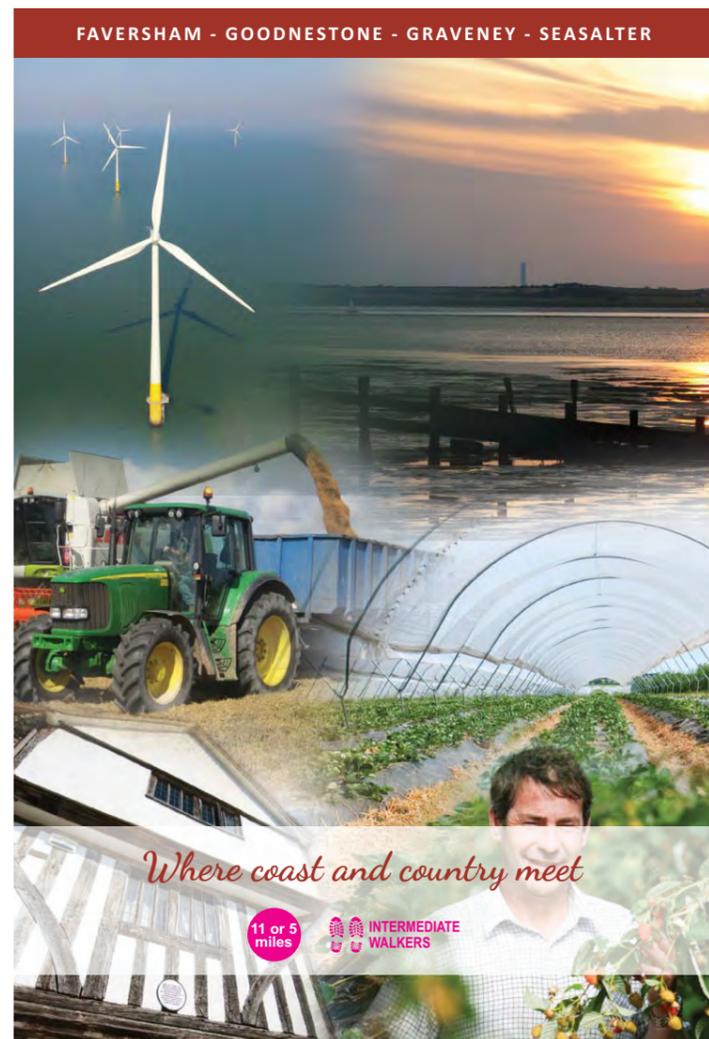


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## Earth, Wind and Water

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Where coast and country meet

11 or 5 miles INTERMEDIATE WALKERS



**B2** At road, with orchard ahead, turn right and then left just past Graveney Village Hall across open farmland. You will see Graveney Church ahead and Whitstable clinging to the hillside in the distance as tractors work the surrounding countryside. At grass track turn left, keeping hedge on your right (the fine medieval church at Graveney is a short detour to your right).

**B3** At tarmac, you may take a shortcut to Faversham via Broom Street (see directions in Nagden Loop panel) or continue on the main route, by turning right after 50 yards through gate into a blackcurrant field. Keep hedge on your right follow the footpath through a gap in the hedgerow on your right. Follow path diagonally to the left, cutting the corner off field, to gap in hedge. Continue straight ahead through pastures, keeping ditch to your left. Cross wooden bridge and bear



### Nagden Loop

Continue on tarmac lane into farmyard, with polytunnels of strawberries on your left and right. Stay on the track, following way-markers ahead until you reach gap in hedge in front of you. Cross road and footbridge over ditch into orchards and bear right, with hedge line to your right. Stay on the path until you reach metal gate. At gate turn right. Turn left into horse paddock through kissing gate and re-join main route at C3.

right to second bridge, bearing diagonally right uphill across field to lane. Cross lane to gap in hedge and follow footpath diagonally right, downhill across arable field towards pylon. Here you will see The Kentish Flats wind farm standing proudly out in the Thames Estuary. At wooden shed continue on through scrubland, then cross the field towards the road to a kissing gate.



**B4** Remaining in the field turn left and follow the marked footpath alongside the road until you reach a gated track - pass through the kissing gate, bearing left to reach the sea wall after approximately 100 yards.



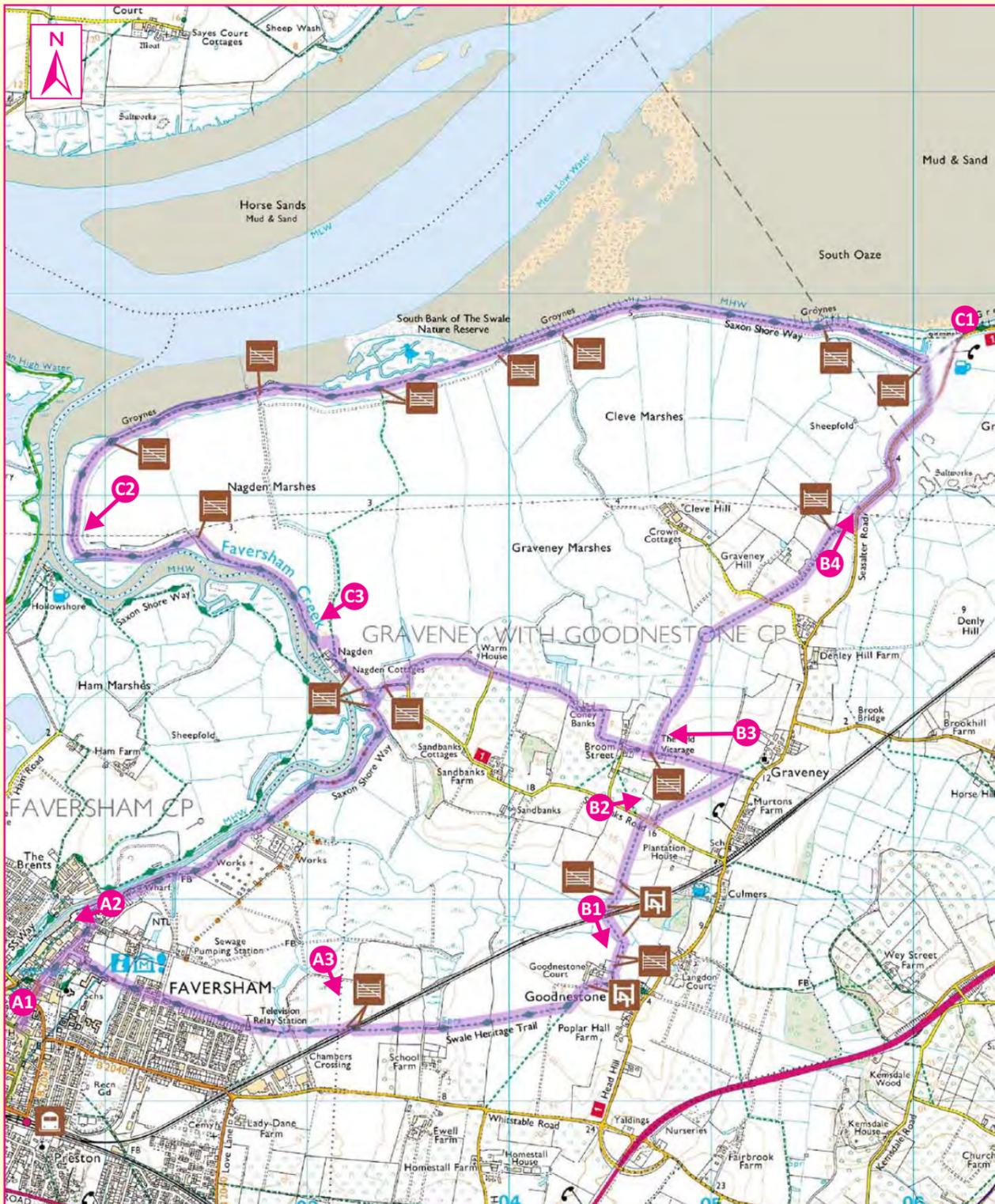
### Seasalter to Faversham

**C1** Turn left along sea wall, passing through kissing gates along your way. Look out for golden samphire, sea lavender and lizards on the foreshore - an internationally-acclaimed haven for wildlife - and sandy Castle Coote nature reserve on your right. Cornfields, grazing cattle and birds accompany you as you make your way along the sea wall from where you will spy Harty Church across The Swale on the Isle of Sheppey.

**C2** Continue on sea wall, now with Faversham Creek on your right and cereal fields on your left. Then follow the diverted path left behind a bungalow, emerging on track. Pass through gate and then a kissing gate on your right into a paddock.



**C3** Follow the path, keeping the creek on your right as it winds its way back to Faversham. Creekside moorings now lie ahead. Cross footbridge into Iron Wharf boatyard, keeping the creek on your right to Standard Quay and the ancient Monk's Granary, built from the Abbey's dismantled refectory, with its tea room and shops. Turn left out of the quay, passing The Anchor on your left. Turn right into Abbey Street as you return to Faversham, with its welcome supply of specialist shops and places to eat and drink.



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 Public house   
 Viewpoint  
 Place of worship   
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 Refreshments   
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### Walk Overview

**Distance:** 11 miles (17.7km) full walk: 4.5 hours (no stops) Shortcut 5 miles (8km), 2 hours  
**Fitness level:** Suitable for all fitness levels  
**Toilets:** Central car park behind Market Place  
**Refreshments:** Restaurants, pubs & tea rooms on route  
**Transport:** Main railway station at Faversham [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)  
**Pay phones:** Faversham town centre  
**Parking:** Queen's Hall long stay car park near Faversham station; The Sportsman at Seasalter  
**Map:** OS Explorer 149