

B3 Cross under railway bridge and turn left at local produce along the way.

B2 Follow country lane past orchards to Deerton Street and Nichol Farm, which provides apples, pears and juice to retailers including Waitrose and John Lewis. The farm, with its historic royal connections, welcomes visitors, but be sure to phone first. Look out for free range pigs feeding on windfall apples and homes selling

watercress grows in season. Take footpath to left of Peete House uphill across field, with hedge to right. Bear right on to country lane.

A4 At kissing gate turn right and head back along Saxon Shore Way to Conyer beneath a canopy of fruit trees, by hedges loaded with seasonal berries, overlooking orchards and sheep meadows. Pass through kissing gate by pub once again and pick up route at B1.

A3 Continue ahead, past North Quay, through kissing gate. Follow footpath left and follow the old brickworks road and sea wall beside Conyer Creek. At way marker turn left, look out for the wrecks of wooden boats that once transported bricks to London. Continue on until the horizon opens out to The Swale and the Isle of Sheppey beyond. You will see Fowley Island and hear its many wetland birds. Note paths to the old brickworks, where you will find remains of the area's industrial past, including old kilns. Stay on the sea wall path as it threads its way along the shoreline.

Conyer Loop

B1 Re-trace your steps back along the road to the junction, with Conyer Wharf on your right. Turn left and follow the road out of village, passing Stone Chimney Farm, flanked by pear, apple and cherry trees. Continue straight on along Teynham Street, with Hinkleys Mill on your left. Note the short detour on your right to St Mary's Church - one of Kent's pre-Conquest minster churches. Continue on, passing the no through road on the left, to Peete House. Be sure to pause at the crystal clear dyke in front of the house where

Conyer to Lewson Street

Otherwise, continue your walk at B1. Loop directions (A3-A4) in the panel opposite. Wish to take a detour to The Swale, follow Conyer



A2 At road, follow Saxon Shore Way ahead into The Quay. Stay on this road, which takes you to the Ship Inn pub and restaurant on your left. If you

A1 From Teynham railway station cross the footbridge and turn right into Station Row. Pass in front of cottages and join footpath with paddocks to left. Continue right, following fence past allotments on your right and an orchard on your left. Keep straight on at the crossing in the footpath and pass through kissing gate. Walk on through fields of grazing sheep, keeping apple and pear orchards on your right, through three more kissing gates. Cross wooden bridge, with views to Swale Marina at Conyer to your left. Keep orchards to your right.

Teynham to Conyer

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. Many sections of the walk end at a spot where you'll find a pub or restaurant. In addition to the core route, there are two extra loops you can add to your walk, one to The Swale and old brickfields at Conyer and the other to the picturesque village of Lynsted. Each loop is detailed in the directions below. There are several places to leave your vehicle in Teynham if arriving by car, including the railway station, the car park next to the Co-op and on street, where appropriate. You may also leave your vehicle at the Black Lion in Lynsted. If not driving, you can catch a train to Teynham.



The home of English cherries

From manicured orchards to distant reminders of the area's industrious brick-making past, you'll be bowled over by the tranquil beauty of this rich oasis, grazed by sheep and adorned with blossom in spring and abundant fruit in summer.

Your First Fruit trail begins close to the site of the King's original 105-acre orchards at Osiers Farm and New Gardens, to the west of Station Road. While areas of the expansive orchards planted by the monarch's fruiterer Richard Harris have been built on, you don't have to walk far before fruit trees greet you, lining your route through grazed pastures to the picturesque coastal hamlet of Conyer.

The area's renowned rich soil was once in great demand, not just for agriculture, but also for brick making. At Conyer Creek the remains of this once thriving industry are still in evidence on the waterfront, where bricks were carried to the capital by sailing barge. Today, much of this land has been turned over to wildlife and you can catch fine views of nearby Fowley Island, a natural nature reserve for wetland birds and the occasional seal, and farmland across the water on the Isle of Sheppey.



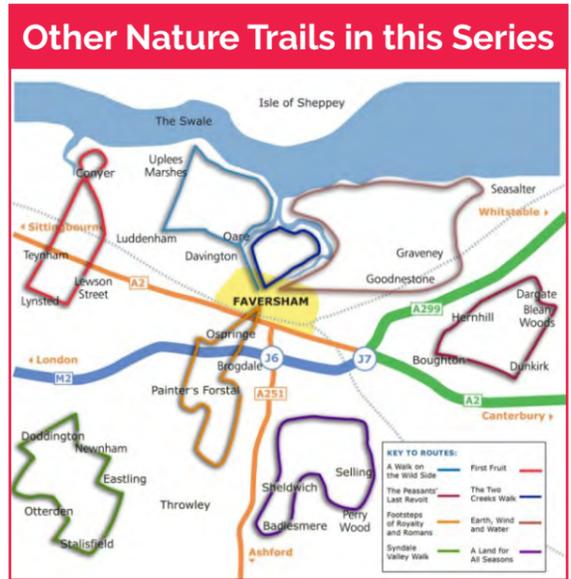
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- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control and on a lead around livestock
- Consider other people
- Remember to always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

For more information about how to safely enjoy the countryside, visit the following website or scan the QR code
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First Fruit

Discover the home of English cherries on this unique trail through the fruit bowl of Britain in the heart of Kent



Explore the fruit bowl of Kent

5-11 miles

ALL FITNESS LEVELS

a disused quarry on your right. Continue with orchards on your left. On reaching an open field, continue ahead to the main road (this is the A2).

B4 Take care crossing this busy Roman road and take the footpath opposite about 50 metres to the right, passing between fields and orchards. The hedge is a great place to forage for cherry plums and blackberries. As you reach a farm track crossing this path, continue ahead to quirkily named World's End. Turn right at junction with Lewson Street.

Lewson Street to Teynham

C1 Continue to the Plough Inn. This Shepherd Neame pub has a great reputation for fine ales and local food and provides a perfect place for a break. If you wish, detour to the picturesque village of Lynsted, following the Lynsted Loop directions



(D1, D2 and D3) in the panel below. Otherwise, continue on, walking past The Plough on left, as road bears right. Leave road when it turns sharp right, taking track ahead. Continue ahead to road, with apple orchards opposite. Turn left. After about 75 yards turn right on to unmade road. Continue ahead, passing Cherry Gardens on right. Turn right where path swings left. Follow edge of field, continuing uphill at waymarker to road and then turn right.

C2 Look out for sheep grazing in orchards and thatched cottages. Continue to main road and turn left into Teynham, passing the Dover Castle Inn, another great place to enjoy the local food and drink. Cross the busy main road into Station Road (you may care to use the pedestrian crossing). Continue along road to railway station.



Lynsted Loop

From The Plough at Lewson Street take concrete farm track, with corn fields on your right and apple orchards on your left. Join the lane at the end, with the Atcost building ahead. Turn right and continue along this road, passing oast house on your right.

D1 Pass through kissing gate on right before bungalow and follow fence line through fields where sheep graze, with panoramic views to the Isle of Sheppey. Note the strawberries growing in polytunnels on your left as you pass through four gates before crossing kissing gate at country lane. Cross this road and the kissing gate opposite and walk along edge of wood downhill to gate at the end. Cross next field diagonally to left and follow path through woods to Lynsted (Linde Stede - the place of the lime tree). At Lynsted you will find Park Farm Community Cherry Orchard, one of the country's last remaining traditionally managed orchards.

D2 At road turn right, with 15th-century St Peter and St Paul Church ahead. Pass the Black Lion pub and guesthouse on your left - a great place for local hospitality and food - and take the left hand fork in road (signposted Woodstreet and Rodmersham) and then the public footpath on your right.



D3 Continue to concrete farm track and turn right through pear orchards to Lynsted Lane. Turn left. After 50 yards, turn right through bushes into field. Walk diagonally left across field towards house. Pass along footpath by house. Cross road through kissing gate. Walk diagonally right across field towards end of fence line and then towards telegraph pole. Pass through kissing gate to road and turn left. Take up the main route at C2.



Walk Overview

Distance: 5.5 miles (8.8km) 3 hours (no stops)
Lynsted Loop 4 miles (6.4km). Conyer Loop 2 miles (3.2km)

Fitness level: Core route suitable for all fitness levels

Toilets: No public toilets - facilities at pubs

Refreshments: Restaurants, pubs and shops en route

Transport: Main railway station at Teynham www.thetrainline.com

Pay phones: Conyer, Lynsted, Teynham

Parking: Teynham railway station, Parish car park, Teynham, Black Lion at Lynsted

Map: OS Explorer 149

