

Walk Number B2

BOTOLPHS BRIDGE



Explorer map – 138

Distance – Arox. 4½ miles

Time to complete – allow up to 2½ hours

Dog Friendly walk

Parking on road outside the Botolphs Bridge Inn

Botolph's Bridge is named after the English monk Saint Botolph. To learn more about the link between Saint Botolph and the village visit Botolph's Bridge Inn.

This walk is not for anyone who has difficulty in climbing steep hills or are not at a reasonable state of fitness.

The walk starts at the Botolph's Bridge Inn and is very level for the first mile and a half. The next half a mile is a steep climb of 489 feet. This is followed by a similar distance downhill before levelling out for the final stretch back.

The paths can be very muddy throughout the year after any period of rain.

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Having left the Botolph's Bridge Inn cross the bridge and follow the West Hythe Road to the Royal Military Canal. Cross the bridge and take footpath on the left.



Continue along footpath for about 20 minutes passing West Hythe Dam on your left. Look for path on your right. Turn right and cross wooden bridge.



Follow footpath as it climbs steadily upwards. Look out for wild animals in the enclosures to your left. To your right you will see some old Roman ruins. Take time to enjoy the view of the marshes and the castle at the top of the hill.

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At the end of the path turn left and continue ahead crossing two roads.



At the end of the path turn left down the Bridleway. Look out for wild animals in their enclosures. This section of walk is downhill and very steep. At the bottom cross bridge and turn left to follow the Royal Military Canal.



Continue along path bearing left at the pill box. Turn right at the West Hythe Dam. Turn left and follow path back to West Hythe Road. Turn right and continue back to the Botolph's Bridge Inn.

Note: - Please follow the country code and ensure all gates are left closed and that dogs are kept on leads where farm animals are around.

When walking it is the walkers' responsibility to ensure they stay on public rights of way.