

Follow the Country Code - Respect, Protect, Enjoy

- Park sensibly - don't block gates or drives.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Leave farm animals and machinery alone. If you think an animal's in distress, alert the farmer.
- Keep to the public right of way.
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- Keep your dog under effective control and pick up after your pet - dog mess can harm livestock.
- It is good practice to keep your dog on a lead around livestock; however, if cattle or horses try to chase your dog, it's safer for both of you to let your dog off the lead to run away.
- Plan ahead, dress for the weather, and wear appropriate clothing.
- Be aware you may not have a mobile signal in places during your walk.

Sanderlings at the shoreline



About this walk

Wonderful views greet you along the River Severn on this great walk sponsored by SUEZ. Experience the big skies and fresh breezes. The Severn always looks amazing, tide in or tide out. Great views of the Second Severn Crossing. Then follow a quiet route back through the village to the starting point.

Length

2.5 km - a little over a leisurely hour, starting at Severn Beach station.

Under foot

This is an easy access walk suitable for prams and wheelchairs. The entire route is paved. You may encounter cyclists; take care when crossing streets. The route takes the easiest gradient up onto the flood defences.

Food and drink

Refreshments are available at Down's Bakery and Shirley's Café in Severn Beach. There is also a McColl's in the village. There are public toilets next to the McColl's.

Parking

The route starts and ends at Severn Beach Railway station; taking the train from Bristol is a lovely way to arrive in Severn Beach. If you do drive, you can park in the village; please park sensibly.

Easy Access Route Severn Beach Short North

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Easy Access Routes
Buggy and wheelchair friendly routes

- 1 Little Littleton Loop 2km
- 2 Severn Beach Short North 2.5km
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- 4 All Around Avonmouth 2km
- 5 Lamplighter's Walk 2km

Regular Walks
Different lengths, mostly off-road

- 1 Hill Hike 5.5km
- 2 Windbound Wander 3.5km
- 3 Oldbury Outing 5km
- 4 Oldbury-Kington Loop 6km
- 5 Long Littleton Loop 7km
- 6 Two Bridges Loop 10km
- 7 Severn Beach Stride 5.5km
- 8 Spaniorum Skyway 9km
- 9 Lawrence Weston Moor Loop 2.5km
- 10 Shire Stroll 2.5km





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Explore the
Lower Severn Vale Levels

2 Severn Beach Short North



EASY ACCESS ROUTE



Length: 2.5 km -
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Severn Beach Short North

Start: Severn Beach Railway Stn, BS35 4PL.

The description assumes you are going clockwise around the route, but it is signposted in both directions.

Turn left out of the railway station and shortly turn right into Beach Road. After you pass all the shops, cross the road (so you are on the river side) and take the paved ramp (just past 100 Beach Road) into the park. Then go left up the ramp onto the flood defences. Take in the views **A**!

With the River Severn on your left, carry on along the path. The grassed area to your right was formerly a boating lake when Severn Beach was a popular resort.

A little later on you'll see a park home estate on your right. This is Salthouse Farm where salt was extracted from the tide for salting the salmon caught in the Severn opposite.

As you get closer to the Second Severn Crossing, notice where the land starts to jut out into the river **B**. When the Severn Tunnel was built, spoil extracted from the tunnel was deposited here, creating new land. Notice, too, a fenced-off area to your right. You're passing over the tunnel here; beside you massive beam engines used to pump water out of the tunnel during its construction (1866-1888). What remains here now are back-up pumps and a ventilation shaft from which you can hear trains passing beneath.

If you want a slightly longer walk, carry on right under the Second Severn Crossing for a unique view of this wonderful feat of engineering. Otherwise, turn to your right on the far side of the fenced area. Carry on down this path; it becomes Shaft Road. This road is very quiet but do take care as there is no pavement. This road runs directly above the tunnel, so if you feel the ground vibrating, it isn't an earthquake, it's just the train passing through!

At the bottom of Shaft Road, turn right into Beach Avenue. But before heading off, note the large red and pink house opposite. This is **C** Crossing Cottage; built in 1898, it served as a cottage for the guard who operated a railway crossing that used to be here. In 1964 it became a private house.

Continue down Beach Avenue and soon take the first right into Beach Road. Follow this road past the park and back to the shops and the start of the walk.

For more on the history of Severn Beach and New Passage, follow Pilning and Severn Beach History Group's self-guided Severn Beach Heritage Trail or their New Passage Heritage Trail. Guide leaflets are available at Down's Bakery and Shirley's Café or on our website at www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/things-to-do.

