

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.

About this walk

Walk out and under the fabulous Second Severn Crossing, explore the past in New Passage and return to Severn Beach down calm greenways where nature quietly carries on in the shadow of a mighty motorway on this great walk sponsored by SUEZ.

Length

5.5 km - about 2 leisurely hours, starting at Severn Beach station.

Under foot

The walk follows public footpaths with short sections of roadway. Do take care on the roads, especially when crossing, as cars may be moving as speed and at some corners visibility is restricted. You may encounter cyclists and horse riders as well as cars. Wellies are advisable in wet weather!

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.

Regular Walk

Severn Beach Stride

Explore our series of regular and easy access walking routes

Easy Access Routes

Buggy and wheelchair friendly routes

- 1 Little Littleton Loop 2km
- 2 Severn Beach Short North 2.5km
- 3 Severn Beach Short South 3km
- 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

Severn Beach Stride



REGULAR WALK


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Second Severn Crossing

Regular Walk 

Severn Beach Stride

Start: Severn Beach Railway Stn, BS35 4PL.

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

Turning left out of the railway station, walk to the end of Station Road and up onto the flood defences. Take in the view **A!** Turn right (north); you'll walk along the Severn all the way to New Passage. Enjoy the wide open space and the big skies - the view is wonderful whether the tide is in or out.

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. Walk on for the great views of the underside of the bridge.

When you get to New Passage **C**, you'll see some information about the site's past at the old ferry pier. Looking north, you can see Aust Cliff and the Severn Bridge. This is a great area for birdwatching.

After passing the houses, turn inland from the Severn. Go through a wooden gate onto a

footpath that runs alongside the watercourse Chessell Pill, and then shortly crosses the Pill. Turn right after going through the kissing gate and carry on with the Pill to your right. Cross two footbridges and, when you come out to a lane, go right. In the past, Chessell Pill was navigable to this point **D** and a lot of trade passed this way.

Turn left at the junction with Redwick Road. At the mini-roundabout, **carefully** cross to your right and keep to the right-hand pavement as you walk down Green Lane. Where the road begins to rise again, you'll see another lane going off to the left; carefully re-cross the road and head down this lane.

At the end of the lane bear right and back onto a public footpath. Follow the path as it bears left (you're crossing over the entrance to the Severn Tunnel) and then along the greenway, out of sight of the motorway rushing nearby.

After about 500m, turn right onto the footbridge and cross up and over the M49 **E**. Then go to the end of the lane, turn left into Church Road and follow it to its end. Turn left into Gorse Cover Road and then right at the roundabout into Station Road. It's now a short walk straight ahead back to your starting point.

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, Shirley's Café or on our website www.aforgottenlandscape.org.uk/things-to-do.

