

The Solent Way, Hythe to Hamble



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Distance:	7 miles
Start:	Hythe

The Solent Way is a 60-mile long-distance coastal walking route from the seaside town of Milford-on-Sea past the hustle and bustle of seafronts, quiet yachting harbours, deserted marshland and saltings to finish at Emsworth Harbour.

The Way has been divided into 8 sections, each providing a really good day out. Choose between deserted coastal marshes or promenades and candy-floss, seaside picnics or cosy riverside pubs, and shingle beaches with exhilarating views.

There are castles and forts to explore, ships, submarines and museums to visit - and always with the smell and sound of the sea beside you. Walk past some of the finest marshes and lagoons in the south with rare species to look for such as foxtail stonewort, lagoon shrimp and starlet sea anemone.

The route is well waymarked with a Tern on a green arrow and is shown on Ordnance Survey maps Explorer OL22, 119 and 120 at 1:25 000 scale and indicated on these maps with a green diamond and the name of the route.

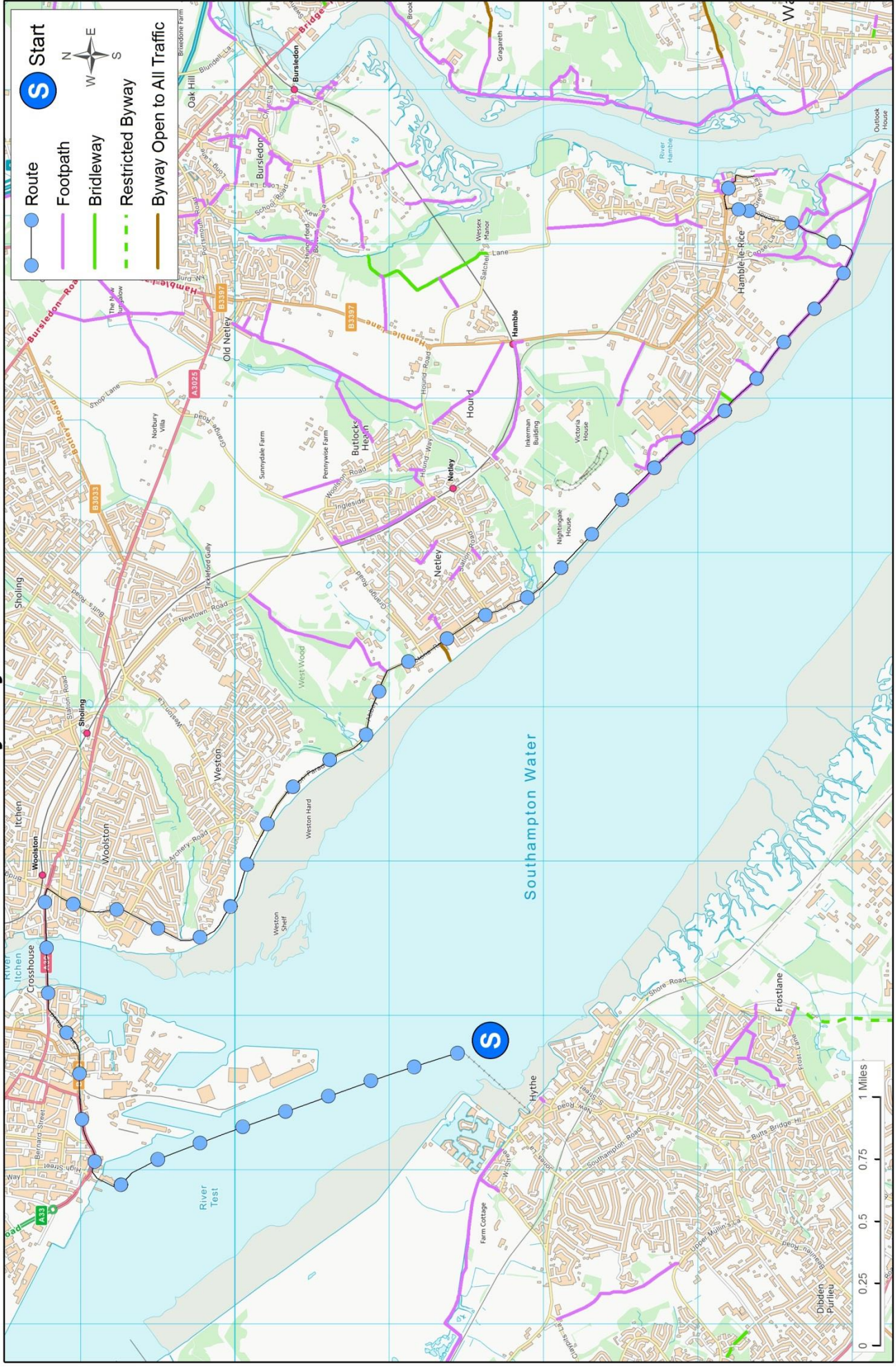
Directions

At Hythe Pier catch the ferry to Southampton's Town Quay where there are many places to visit.

Leave Southampton and cross the Itchen Bridge to Woolston, once a great aircraft and shipbuilding area. The route returns to the shoreline passing Westwood Woodland Park, Netley Castle, the ruins of Netley Abbey and the popular Royal Victoria Country Park.

Stop for a ride on the miniature railway or play on the beach before continuing along the shore and up the River Hamble to the delightful waterfront village of Hamble-le-Rice.

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