

Optional Extra Strolls

Monopoly Walk Option 3: The Oare Walk

Distance: 12km (7.4 miles)

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Please note, The Oare Walk is a 12km plus walk (7.4 miles). There is the opportunity to explore the Oare Marshes Nature Reserve by joining other walks around the area. There is also a section of this walk that will take you along country lanes that do not have footpaths. Please ensure you have adequate provisions and suitable footwear. This walk is not wheelchair friendly.

Start: Stonebridge Pond, West Street

From Stonebridge Pond head up Dark Hill towards...

Bysing Wood Road

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As you come down Bysing Wood Road, you may notice an information board about the Davington Light Railway that took workers to Faversham's gunpowder factories at Uplees. The railway was in operation between 1916 and 1919.

Bysing Wood Road will come to an end at the sight of West Faversham Community Centre on the left. Here, cross the main road, known as the Western Link/B2045 and head over to the other half of Bysing Wood Road, past the entrance to the Oare Gunpowder Works until you find a road on the right named Tin Shop Hill. Head up this hill and follow the road until you come to a T Junction.

Please take care, there are no paths on this part of the walk.

Turn right at the junction and continue along Colegates Road, which takes you into Oare village. Carry on down the street, past The Three Mariners pub and down to the next pub, The Castle. (Do feel free to visit either of these establishments for refreshments, you still have a lot of walking to do!)

Next to The Castle is a footpath marked Saxon Shore Way. Go through the kissing gate into a field to the left of Oare Creek. Follow the path to the end of the meadow, up a couple of steps and through a gate, keeping the creek on your right. Enjoy the gorgeous views over mudflats and occasional shipwrecks.



Continue onto Oare Marshes Nature Reserve and enjoy the peacefulness and wildness of the marshes. It's impossible to tell that this area once housed three gunpowder factories.

You will come to the sea wall bird hide. From here you can rest and peer out onto migrating sea birds.

Leaving the hide behind, walk along the sea wall until you reach the slipway, turn left onto Church Road where you will find....

Artesian Well

'What relieving refreshment to greet your fine jaunt,
Fill a bottle with freshness, at this popular haunt.'

The artesian well is one of several drilled for the explosives factories. The water, naturally filtered through chalk, is cool, delicious and highly refreshing for the weary walker.

From here you can either then go back on yourself, or explore the area some more. All of the footpaths are clearly marked.

Once you are back at The Castle, turn left onto The Street and into Oare Road. Continue along Priory Row, down Davington Hill which brings you back to Stonebridge Pond.

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