

WALK WHITSTABLE'S HISTORY

WHAT IS THE WALK?

As one of our annual Harbour Day attractions, we created a guided walk to help small groups discover the maritime history of Whitstable's harbour and shore line.

But that wasn't enough! We wanted to make sure that everyone has a chance to delve deeper into Whitstable's History beyond Harbour Day so we created this self-guided walk.

Each of the numbered stops in this guide is linked to an explanatory page [on our website](#). If you are viewing the PDF on your device, just tap the corresponding QR code. If you have the printed leaflet and a smartphone, you can get to the explanatory page by scanning the QR code*.

You can do the walk in any order, though we recommend starting at **THE HORSEBRIDGE** and once you have worked through the 12 stop points you can meander to the Harbour using back streets or taking in the sights of the High Street. There are plenty of places to stop along the way, so there's no need to rush!

The walk will lead you to some of the hidden places, explaining how the names and places in today's Whitstable connect directly with the family and working lives of earlier maritime generations. Be prepared for some surprises!

THE BIGGER PROJECT

The Harbour Day walks are a pilot for a more ambitious project by the Whitstable Maritime Trust to create a much longer, GPS guided, Maritime Walk from Whitstable along the coast to Faversham. People will be able to use their phones or tablets to access photos, voices, images and maps about a whole range of topics bird life, the environment, sea defences, oysters and fishing, boats and boat building, the wars and military history and more. It would be very helpful if you would let us know what information you would like to access on walk as well as any other ideas you may have. If you would like to help then please contact us via www.whitstablemaritime.org.uk/contact.

WHITSTABLE MARITIME

Whitstable Maritime is a charity that aims to maintain and strengthen the town's economy by building on its maritime traditions and crafts. Through the restoration of historic vessels, providing active learning opportunities for all, on and off shore, and by the application of new technologies, it will enable residents, visitors, schoolchildren and students to explore the town's connection with the sea, past, present and future.

Amongst its many projects is developing a maritime coastal walk between Whitstable and Faversham that will use GPS to make a wide range of maritime information – boats, birds, fishing, history, the environment, coastal erosion and the like - available to walkers.

The history behind the walks is the herculean effort of resident historians Dr. Martin Watts of Christchurch University, Canterbury and Mr. Brian Baker who lives here in the town.

For more information visit www.whitstablemaritime.org.uk



Whitstable OYSTER WALK

NEW 2019 online edition
whitstablemaritime.org.uk/oyster-walk

an interactive guide
to the hidden and surprising
maritime heritage
of whitstable

WHO IS IT FOR?

Everyone! The walk is fairly accessible and we have tried to identify where steps and narrow passage are involved.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Just get yourself to **THEHORSEBRIDGE** and you can start! We have marked out a route but you need not follow it - you can access the information from the QR codes in whatever order is best for you.

If you are viewing this leaflet on a mobile device, just tap the map location or the QR code corresponding to your stop number on the map. If you have the printed version and a mobile phone you can scan the QR code* using the camera app.

If you can't access the internet when you are out and about, you can always find out about the walk and its maritime history before - or after - you walk!

*Requires QR code scanner app on some older Android phones

ALSO VISIT ...

On your way round don't miss out on stopping off at these places:

The Museum

shown as point 12 on the map - where you can explore in much greater detail what it was like to live and work in Whitstable in the past.

The Horsebridge Arts Centre

for local and curated art exhibitions, community cafe, classes, events and a shop stocked with goodies by local creatives.



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