

ACCESSIBLE RAMBLES IN SUSSEX

Worthing, Littlehampton, Bognor area

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WORTHING, LITTLEHAMPTON BOGNOR AREA

BOGNOR TO CLIMPING AND LITTLEHAMPTON grades 1,3 and 4



The red line on the map shows the main route. The black line shows the diversion on roads that is necessary at high tide.

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Grid reference: SZ 920986 (Bognor Marine Drive West) TQ 024022, Littlehampton Station

Map Landranger 197, Explorer 121

Summary: A linear seaside ramble including some of the few non-urban beaches in this part of the world.

Public Transport: Railway stations at Bognor and Littlehampton. For buses see www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

Car parking: See details

Accessible toilet: at Felpham and possibly elsewhere

Refreshments: See details

Grade: 1 from Marine Drive to a point 1.3 km past Felpham Sailing Club and from Littlehampton to Climping. 3 or 4 in between these points. See below.

Length: 9km from Marine Drive to Climping. A further 3.5 km from Climping to Littlehampton. There is no significant ascent or descent on this route.

More details

The linear route starts at the car park in Marine Drive West where there are public toilets and heads in an easterly direction along the tarmac surfaced promenade.



Continue through Bognor where there are numerous ramped access points to the promenade passed Butlins to Felpham and join footpath 3052, continuation of the promenade. At this point there is level access from Canning Road and the Lobster Pot cafe which open all year round.

The path continues in an easterly direction with a tarmac surface for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile until its junction with bridleway 3043/1 passing The Boathouse cafe (only open from the Spring to Autumn) and the Felpham Sailing Club. Level access can be gained to the path at this point from Blakes Road. Public toilets are located next to the Sailing Club set back from the path.

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During the winter months parts of the path between the Sailing Club and the junction with the bridleway can become covered with shingle thrown up by the sea and which might cause problems for wheelchair and buggy users.

The path continues in an easterly direction from the junction with the bridleway for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile until Sea Lane, Middleton on Sea is reached. The surface of this part of the path is mainly earth and grass which becomes very muddy after rainfall. At Hannah's Groyne, before reaching a wide kissing gate, there is a section of 200 yards where the surface is loose shingle which would be difficult to transverse for a wheelchair or buggy. The end of the path is marked by a wide kissing gate.

Wheelchair and buggy users wishing to continue to Elmer and Climping will need to use the highway. Firstly Sea Lane (no footpath for much of its length) and then in Middleton on Sea turning right along Elmer Road which has a tarmac path beside the road, in some parts only on one side of the road. Non wheelchair and buggy users can, but only at low tide, continue towards Elmer along the beach.

Footpath 829 commences at the entrance to the private housing estate and continues along the road until a ramp to the top of the beach. The path continues for $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in an easterly direction towards Atherington and Climping. Initially the path surface is firm but stony however halfway along become loose shingle and not very suitable for wheelchairs and buggies. You may want someone to research its current state for you. At Atherington there is a private car park with toilets, open during the summer period. The car park is below the level of path but there is no ramp access to it.



Editors note: From Climping it is possible to continue to Littlehampton. Exit the car park to the east to find a bridleway that is used as a cycleway. This will take you north to Climping Village, where you join Brookpit Lane. Turn right here and then turn right again at Ferry Road. This used to be the main road to Littlehampton but is now a dead end as the bridge is not safe for cars, so is very quiet. Cross the bridge. Ignore the turning on the right (River Road) but instead take the next turning right into Terminus Road, where you will find the railway station on your left.

DOWNNS ABOVE STORRINGTON Grade 2 or 4?

Horsham District Council have published a walk on the downs above Storrington. Details at <http://www.horsham.gov.uk/Files/RackhamHillStorr.pdf>

Routes we have not researched yet. Would you like to research them?

Bridleways in the Angmering Park area
Whiteways Lodge (A29 to Stane Street)
Arundel park north/south or circular
Wiston post office / Hole steet / north up North Lane green lane to woodman's farm
Oldhouse Lane north to Blue idol ((east of Broadford Bridge, W Chiltinmgton)
THE FURE: Rowfold / Fewhurst Farm Lane north south) east of Billingshurst
South Downs Way and other paths from Kithurst Hill car park, near Storrington.