WALKING in the COUNTRYSIDE

The Sea Wall. These paths are quite long and on a cold day the wind can be very cutting. There are no short cuts back and no pubs *en route*. Also beware of adders lurking in the undergrowth! So be prepared, take provisions and wear suitable clothing. A mobile phone is useful in case of emergencies.

Farm Animals. Sheep are generally timid animals and run away from walkers; cattle are often inquisitive and approach people; horses may do either! Use these paths carefully and quietly.

Remember, a Public Right of Way (PRoW) provides an access route only, and the land either side is still PRIVATE PROPERTY!



Always keep to the waymarked paths
Keep dogs under close control
Guard against all risk of fire
Leave property and gates as you find them
Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
Protect wildlife, plants and trees
Make no unnecessary noise

LEAVE ONLY FOOTSTEPS TAKE ONLY PICTURES ENJOY YOUR WALKING!

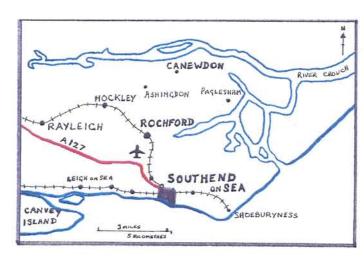
CANEWDON

The nearest rail station is in **Rochford**. The bus service is infrequent, with **none** on Sundays.

Canewdon Church is set on a hill and can be seen from miles around. This is reputedly the point from where King Canute (or Cnut) and his troops faced the army of Edmund Ironside, who was camped on Ashingdon Hill to the west, prior to the Battle of Assandune in 1016.

Much more recently, during WWII, Canewdon was the site for one of a chain of **radar stations** built along the south and east coast of Britain. These played a vital part in the defence of our country, particularly during the Battle of Britain.

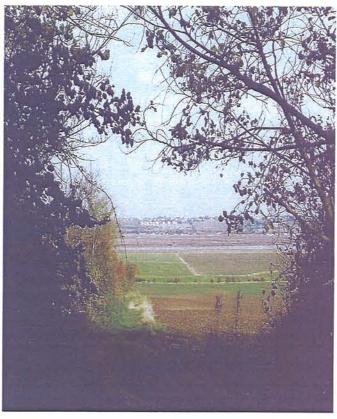
It is recommended that Ordnance Survey Map Explorer 176: Blackwater Estuary, should be used in conjunction with this leaflet.



Location Map of Canewdon

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CANEWDON FOOTPATHS

(Note: the distance given is the length of the numbered footpath (FP) only. None of the individual paths is a circular route. On average it takes ½ hour to walk 1 mile.)

From the Church to FP 5 which runs down to the sea wall. Mainly across fields (which can be very sticky in wet weather). Good panoramic views of the Crouch Valley.

From the Church to Lark Hill Road, crossing two fields.

From Lark Hill Road to Apton Hall Road.
A pleasant walk around and across fields.

From Gays Lane (adjacent to The Village Stores), the path first goes down a steep hill, then across two bridges and over some stiles, to reach Upper Raypits. At this point there is a link, via a very short FP 25 through the farmyard to the sea wall (FP 22). This section is part of the long Roach Valley Way. From Upper Raypits, FP 4 turns in a south westerly direction to link with FP 1 near Pudsey Hall.

From Pudsey Hall Lane over stiles and around open fields to the sea wall.

Footpath 7 % km (½ mile) North from Lark Hill Road, this route follows Pudsey Hall Lane to the end, where it turns west and links up with FP 5. From Gardiners Lane to Apton Hall Road, via Ballards Gore Golf Club...but beware of flying golf balls when crossing the fairways! This is one route with a pub a short walk from either end (The Anchor or The Chequers to The Shepherd and Dog).

Footpath 11 ½ km (½ mile)
A short cut from Lambourne Hall Road (to
the south from near Lambourne Hall), to
Creeksea Ferry Road.

From Lambourne Hall Road to Creeksea Ferry Road, near Lion Creek. This walk can be very sticky across the open fields when wet, but there are good panoramic views of the Crouch Valley towards Burnham.

Footpath 13 ¾ km (½ mile) Links Lambourne Hall Road (on the north side, near Lambourne Hall) to FP 12.

From Creeksea Ferry Road (east of the junction with Lambourne Hall Road) in a southerly direction, it links to a footpath in the parish of Paglesham which leads to West Hall.

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This is part of the Roach Valley Way and leads from Creeksea Ferry Road, not far from Lion Creek, in a generally southerly direction towards the sea wall on the Canewdon Parish boundary. It links with two Paglesham footpaths, one of which continues on to The Punch Bowl.

From Lion Creek near Creeksea Ferry Inn, this footpath follows the sea wall halfway around Wallasea Island. This area is remote, with no short cut back and nowhere for sustenance en route! Remember to take some refreshment and suitable clothing in case of inclement weather. Wallasea Island is an important habitat for many species of birds and mammals.

Footpath 22 7½ km (4¾ miles)
Again, this is continuous sea wall, from
Lion Creek nature conservation area in the
east, to FP 5 in the west. A section of this
footpath is also part of the Roach Valley
Way. This route is remote and similar
conditions apply as for Wallasea Island.

Footpath 24 1 km (½ mile) This path links FP 1 (near Bolt Hall) to Pudsey Hall Lane (FP 7).

Footpath 26 ½ km (½ mile) From FP 15, this path goes in a southeasterly direction to the Canewdon Parish boundary, towards Paglesham Churchend, and The Punch Bowl.

Bridleway 2 km (1½ miles) From Lark Hill Road, this follows FP 3 for a short way before branching off to the east, then continuing southwards to link up with Apton Hall Road.

The Roach Valley Way describes a 23 mile circular walk around south-east Essex, published by Essex County Council.

