

This walk is one of a number of walks promoted by Great Coates Village Council.

These walks have been chosen, and all walked, prior to publishing to showcase the countryside, industry and what's available close to our village.

Walks have been combined with enjoying a drink or meal at a local pub and some walks utilising the train service from Great Coates.

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- Walk 1 8.5 miles 3 hrs Industrial Countryside
- Walk 2 4 miles 1 hr 20 min The Freshney Wildlife & Wetlands
- Walk 3 5.7 miles 2 hrs The Healing Circle
- Walk 4 4 miles 1 hr 20 min Stallingborough and The Anti Aircraft Battery
- Walk 5 3 miles 1 hr Train, Lunch & A Stroll
- Walk 6 5 miles 2 hr 10 min Humber Havens and Claypits
- Walk 7 6.5 miles 2 hr 45 min Freshney Valley
- Walk 8 7.5 miles 4 hr 10 min Timber, Havens and Claypits

## Humber Havens and Claypits

After a short 20 minute journey to New Holland this walk takes you along the Humber Bank, the former clay pits and tileries finishing in Barton Upon Humber where the train will return you to Great Coates.

An abundance of wildlife awaits you on a good day along this relatively flat and pleasant walk with various eateries along the way to help you along.



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Walk No	Distance	Time
6	5.0 miles	2hr 10mins



# The Route

Joining the train at Great Coates we board for the 20 minute journey to New Holland. Don't forget to buy a return ticket to Barton as we'll return from Barton.



**1** Disembarking at New Holland, you'll cross over the railway turning left and following the road with the railway track on your left. Follow the road round to your right as you head out towards the Humber Bank.

**2** Continuing to walk along the banks of the Humber and depending on the day and time you walk you need to keep your eyes peeled for various wildlife, mainly birds.



The former clay pits are a haven of activity as is the Humber bank itself.

**3** As you approach Barrow Haven you'll pass on your right what appears to be an old 'look out', possibly from



the war. Shortly afterwards, on your left you'll just be able to make out the remains of the old tileries and on your right there are the remains of an old wall made from the tiles produced here.

**4** Follow the path through the Barrow Haven ship yard. This is a working dock yard so please be careful especially if there is a boat moored as it may be working so follow any instructions.

**5** Walking out, across the railway follow the road straight ahead for around 5 minutes arriving at the Haven Inn. Highly recommendable for both food and drink.



Now suitably replenished walk back along the road towards barrow Upon Humber. Cross the railway line and turn left, crossing the foot bridge followed by a right turn to walk the opposite side of the Haven back out to the Humber Bank.

**6** This is the start of the Barton and Barrow Claypits Trail ([www.humbernature.co.uk/projects/claypits-heritage-trail](http://www.humbernature.co.uk/projects/claypits-heritage-trail)).

This whole walk into Barton is again flat, quiet and all in all very pleasant. Along the way you'll come across various posts with information about the walk and using a Smartphone, look for the QR code and you'll be presented with the information on your phone.

**6** All of the former clay pits are now used by clubs and the second lake you come to is now home to a sailing club, but in its day it produced clay supplying Portland Paint in Hull. The clay was transported across the Humber from a wharf which is still present today and if the tide is out you'll also see two wrecks of old stone barges.



On a lucky day you may see Kingfishers, Shoveler, Gladwall and Pochard ducks and if your really lucky you may witness the Bittern, a rarely seen gold and black heron like bird.

Once the home of numerous, busy brick and tile manufacturers, one site still produces tiles today. Since 1840 William Blyth's Hoe Hill Tile Works have produced tile sand you can still see the several different types of kiln.

**7** As you continue the walk you'll have the option of turning off the track and walking through the Waters Edge Country Park or continuing along the Humber walking around the Waters Edge Business Park on you're left and Barton Haven on your right.

**8** Head off to the left, down the track, across the car park picking up the walk way alongside the Old Rope Works.

If you chose to walk through Waters Edge, you will arrive in this area as well.

Walking along the pleasant walkway keep going straight and you will arrive at Barton railway station.

If you are too early for the train, why **9** not nip into the White Swan for a refreshing beverage and the home of numerous good quality, real ales.

Just don't enjoy it too much and miss your train back to Great Coates.

