
Route Direction

This walk begins in Faversham in the public car park on Forbes Road, just behind the Co op. There are a number of car parks on the route and some free on-street parking.

1. Walk to the lefthand end of the car park and turn RIGHT into the narrow alley (Dorset Place), signposted Town Centre & Hospital. At the bottom continue straight across Stone Street into Bank Street, passing the cottage hospital on the LEFT. At the entrance to the car park turn RIGHT and after a few yards turn LEFT onto a path beside the car park leading toward the public toilets. Aiming to the RIGHT of the Nat West Bank sign ahead, walk through the alley into the Market Place with the Guildhall immediately ahead.
2. Aim slightly RIGHT and walk along the narrow road (Middle Row) passing the New Royal cinema on the right (an old style cinema, worth a visit). At the end of the road, where it rejoins Court Street continue ahead to the pedestrian crossing. There is an interesting Victorian post box here. Continue ahead with the Shepherd Neame brewery offices on the Left and what was the building of the second brewery in Faversham, Ridgley's (now private dwellings, a restaurant and supermarket) on the Right.
3. At the next junction where Quay Lane goes downhill to the left and Abbey Street is ahead, walk a few steps on to the turning on the RIGHT. This is Church Street leading to St Mary of Charity church. The 'crown spire' is a local landmark and stands almost 50metres high. At the church turn LEFT along the path through the churchyard which continues on a narrow lane toward Abbey Place, passing the old Queen Elizabeth grammar school & Physic garden on the left and the new grammar school to the right. Just after the new grammar school's main gate take the foot/cycle path on the RIGHT. Continue on this path, crossing a small stream, just before reaching Gordon Road. Go straight on until the road becomes unmade but go straight ahead to meet another road (Abbey Fields).
4. Turn LEFT and continue ahead to a junction with the entrance to Iron Wharf ahead. Turn RIGHT at this junction and after passing what appears to be an old school building take the next turning on the LEFT. Continue on this track until reaching the main gate of the water treatment works and turn RIGHT onto a footpath skirting the treatment works. Follow this path down to a bridge over a small stream. Cross the bridge and turn LEFT. The path eventually leads up to the raised path alongside Faversham Creek.
5. Turn LEFT and follow the creek back toward Faversham passing through Iron Wharf and on to Standard Quay. Continue through Standard Quay with its antique shops, tea rooms & the old barges moored alongside the quay. Turn RIGHT where the road bends round to the left

with the Anchor pub on the corner and after a few steps turn LEFT down a narrow path toward Belvedere Road. Continue on this road to meet Quay Lane and turn RIGHT.

6. Continue on Quay Lane and turn RIGHT into Bridge Road and cross the swing bridge over the creek. Once across the bridge turn immediately LEFT crossing a small patch of grass to a footpath that follows the creek. Where the path meets the road, turn LEFT then almost immediately LEFT into Flood Lane. Follow this, passing through a green and the entrance to the Stonebridge Ponds allotments to the junction with West Street and turn LEFT.
7. Follow this street with its ancient buildings, (and also an incongruous supermarket building) to the junction. Cross over the road and continue uphill on the now pedestrian West Street. At the top continue past the Guildhall once again but go straight on, along Market Street and then East Street passing Preston Street to the RIGHT and meeting the crossroads where the main Post Office is situated.
8. Cross the road and turn RIGHT onto Newton Road. Then take the first LEFT into Institute Road to an alley between the houses which is opposite the entrance to the car park. Continue along the alley to the first junction and turn LEFT toward St Mary's Road. Turn RIGHT then almost immediately LEFT into William Street. Continue along William Street, crossing over St. John's Road to meet the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Take the path which cuts diagonally across the park toward the Faversham Rugby Club and the extended bridge over the both railway lines. *Do not leave the bridge at the first set of steps on the LEFT but continue on until passing over both lines.* On reaching the road turn RIGHT into Preston Avenue.
9. At the first junction turn RIGHT into Makenade Avenue where at the end turn LEFT, continuing on Makenade Avenue to meet the main A2 Canterbury Road. Continue on this road, passing Salters Lane on the Left and then an old thatched cottage, slightly hidden from the road on the RIGHT. Just past this cottage and between houses take the signed footpath on the RIGHT leading into the Preston Park Estate. Follow this path to the church, the spire of which can be seen ahead.
10. On reaching the church turn LEFT and continue on to Preston Lane, passing the impressive old vicarage on the RIGHT. At the end of the road turn RIGHT. (The Elephant pub is just a few yards to the LEFT). At the end of the road take the subway under the railway line to meet Forbes Road on the other side. Turn LEFT here and follow the road back to the car park.

A stroll round Faversham

A level 5 mile (8K) walk taking in many ancient sites in around this delightful town



