

Western Yar Estuary Easy Access Ramble

The Western Yar Estuary Circular Walk is approximately 3.8 miles/6.1 km long and at a fairly brisk pace takes about 1.5 hours.

Yarmouth has been a settlement since about 991. Its old name of Eremue came from Ermud - meaning 'muddy estuary'!

Before the bridge was built, a small ferry carried passengers across the estuary. The first road bridge was built in 1863 and replaced with the current one in 1987.

The Western Yar is home to many different creatures and is a key spot for wading birds and waterfowl, especially in the winter. Keep an eye out for little egret, oystercatcher, curlew, brent goose, black tailed godwit, lapwing, wigeon and redshank.

Please take care, particularly across muddy fields and close gates behind you.

Sea level around the Isle of Wight's coast is rising at around 6mm a year. This rate is thought to be accelerating.

The saltmarsh is a very vulnerable habitat and private land, please keep to the paths.

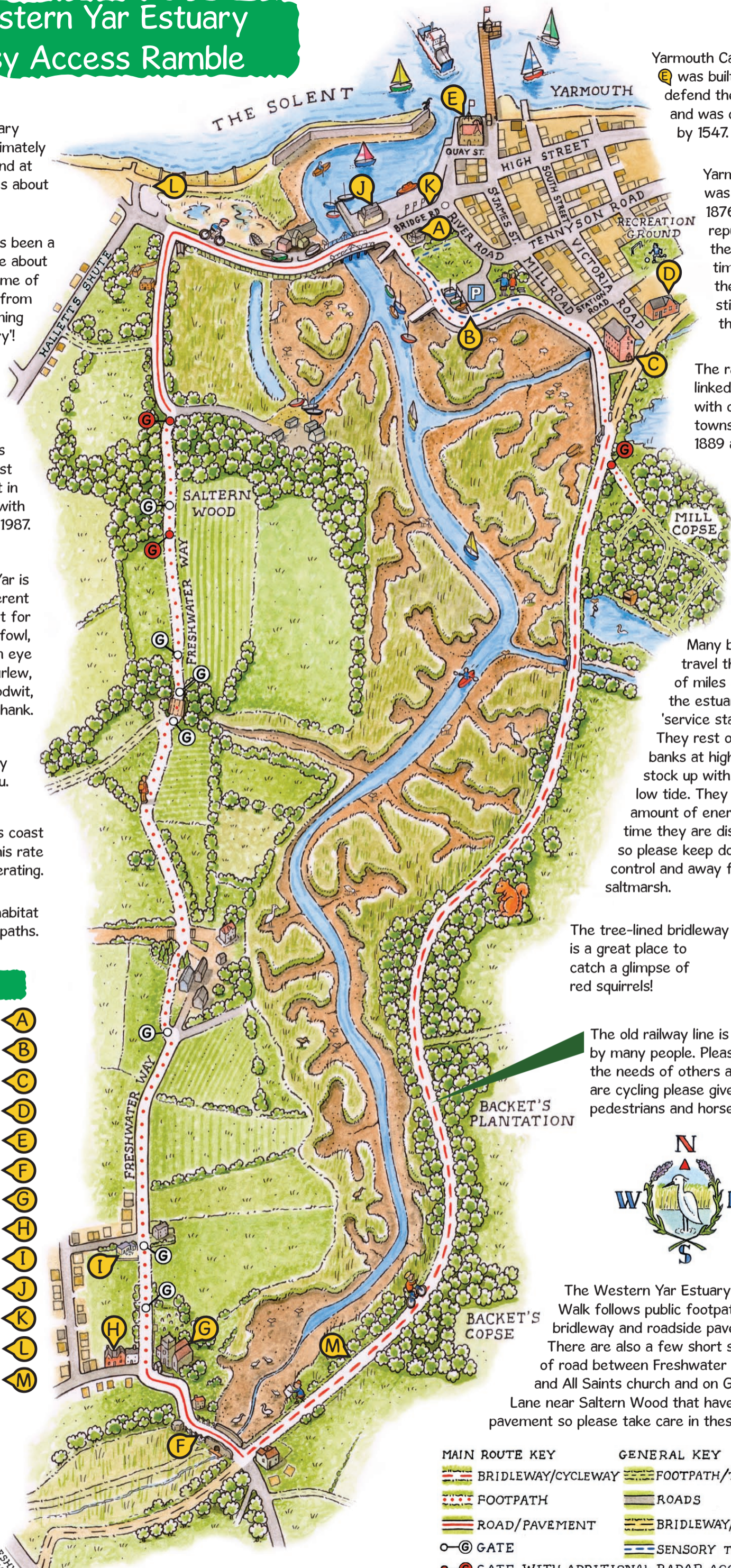
Key to features

- Yarmouth Sailing Club **A**
- Information board **B**
- Yarmouth Mill **C**
- The old railway station **D**
- Yarmouth Castle **E**
- Freshwater Causeway **F**
- All Saints Church **G**
- The Red Lion (PH) **H**
- Farm shop and cafe **I**
- Harbour office **J**
- Bus station **K**
- Information Board **L**
- Information Board **M**



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Please remember to wear suitable footwear!



Yarmouth Castle **E** was built to defend the town and was completed by 1547.

Yarmouth pier was built in 1876 and is reputed to be the longest timber pier in the country still open to the public.

The railway linked Yarmouth with other Island towns between 1889 and 1953.

Many birds travel thousands of miles and use the estuary as a 'service station'. They rest on the banks at high tide and stock up with food at low tide. They use a huge amount of energy each time they are disturbed so please keep dogs under control and away from the saltmarsh.

The tree-lined brideway is a great place to catch a glimpse of red squirrels!

The old railway line is shared by many people. Please respect the needs of others and if you are cycling please give way to pedestrians and horses.



The Western Yar Estuary Circular Walk follows public footpaths, brideway and roadside pavement. There are also a few short stretches of road between Freshwater Causeway and All Saints church and on Gasworks Lane near Saltern Wood that have no pavement so please take care in these areas.

MAIN ROUTE KEY	GENERAL KEY
BRIDLEWAY/CYCLEWAY	FOOTPATH/TRACK
FOOTPATH	ROADS
ROAD/PAVEMENT	BRIDLEWAY/CYCLEWAY
GATE	SENSORY TRAIL
GATE WITH ADDITIONAL RADAR ACCESS	

