

SPRING Set off to the Sea

Length: 3¼ miles (5.4km)

Time the walk takes: Approx 1.5-2hrs

Things to note: Very steep steps near the beginning of the walk. *The walk crosses the race track at Brighton Racecourse, you can check race days here: www.brighton-racecourse.co.uk/whats-on
If you want to swim when you reach the sea, check tide times. There are public toilets and a cafe at the end of the walk (Undercliff Cafe 9am -6pm).

Return Bus Journey: Number 12, 12A or 12x to The Steine, then 49 or 48 to Moulsecomb or Bevedean

WALK TO OYINGDEAN

Starting from Bevedean Community Garden. Walk right, down the lane and cross over the road, Bevedean Primary school will be on your left.

1. After the school car park entrance turn left, walk a few steps then turn right through the metal gateway. Walk across Farm Green park. Cross over the road (Taunton Road) and turn right, at the T junction turn left onto Auckland Drive. Carry on round, up Auckland Drive passing the bus stop on your right until you get to The Hyde Business park sign, turn right here.

2. Walk round the industrial estate until you get to West Control Solutions which will be on your right. You will find a footpath directly after this building. Turn right to walk up the footpath. There are 25 sets of steps! Ranging from 2 and 7 steps in each set, take your time.

3. At the top of the steps, turn right towards the traffic lights. Once you reach the pedestrian crossing, cross over Warren Road, then walk left to cross over Wilson Avenue. There is a wooden gate on the side of the racetrack, walk through the gate onto the gravel pathway. As you walk along, the racetrack will be on your left. The path widens as you bend round slightly.

4. When you get to a section where there is choice of paths, with a notice board on your right, go through the gate on your left. Cross over the race track*, where you will enter a small car-park.

5. In the car-park walk right through the middle to the path. At the far end and you will see a vehicle barrier with a red sign, step over the barrier and on to the track. This is the main path now just carry on ahead. You will be walking with fields on your left and a golf course on your right.

6. As the chalk path comes to an end, you will see Bulstrode Farm coming up. Walk through the farm.

7. You will come out onto a road called Greenways this takes you all the way to the coast. Keep heading straight on through the village. Take care as some stretches of the village have no pavements. Carry on along here, nearer the sea you will pass what used to be St Dunstan's Blind Veterans home, (now a flat development) on your left.

8. Take the path as it goes slightly left heading under the underpass. Take the steps down to the seafront.

9. You have arrived at the sea! If you want a swim, check tide times before you set off (if it's low tide the sharp rocks make it very difficult to get in the sea). To find the bus stop for return journey go back up the steps and the bus stop is on your left.



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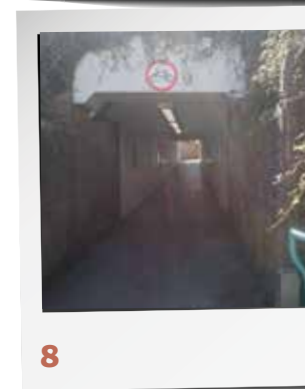
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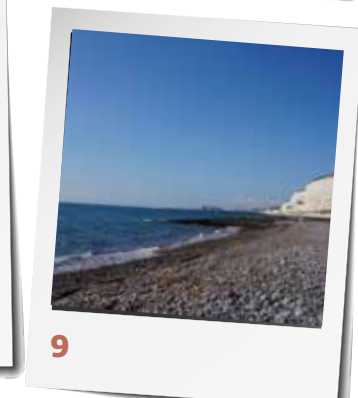
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Spring in Nature Engage your senses:



New buds and shoots emerging: try gently touching new buds on trees and shrubs what do the different textures feel like?



Enjoy the sweet honey-like aroma of bluebells.



Spot pollinators: Bees, wasps, moths, and butterflies, making the most of early bloomers like blackthorn.



Spot migratory birds such as Blackcap, Chiffchaff and Wheatear returning to the UK after winters in warmer climes.

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