

Overview of Wallasea Island to Burnham on Crouch section of the King Charles III England Coast Path.

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On 6 March 2024, the Secretary of State announced their decision to approve a stretch of the King Charles III England Coast Path in Essex between Wallasea Island and Burnham-on-Crouch.

[Natural England’s proposals](#) to the Secretary of State are still available to view.

Natural England will publish further details of the approved route in due course.

You can see the current status of the collection in the table.

Report number and title	Stage 5 (approved)
WIB 1: Wallasea Island to Ferry Road, Hullbridge	23 April 2021
WIB 2: Ferry Road, Hullbridge to Hawk Hill, Battlesbridge	6 March 2024
WIB 3: Hawk Hill Bridge to Clementsgreen Creek	6 March 2024
WIB 4: Clementsgreen Creek, South Woodham Ferrers to The Quay, North Fambridge	6 March 2024
WIB 5: The Quay, North Fambridge to Burnham-on-Crouch	6 March 2024

Wallasea Island to Burnham on Crouch – timeline.

- NE published proposals for public comment 29 January 2020.
- 8 week window of comment = closed 25th March. Legal lockdown 26th March, but a week earlier all advised to stay at home.
- Received 8 separate land owner/manager led objections to the proposals. Heard by the Planning Inspectorate. (PINS). Dec 2021 after we've all had the vaccine...
- Then a quick succession of Secretaries of State
- Final consideration and approval of route as proposed 6 March 2024.
- [King Charles III England Coast Path from Wallasea Island to Burnham-on-Crouch: Natural England's proposals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/king-charles-iii-england-coast-path-from-wallasea-island-to-burnham-on-crouch).

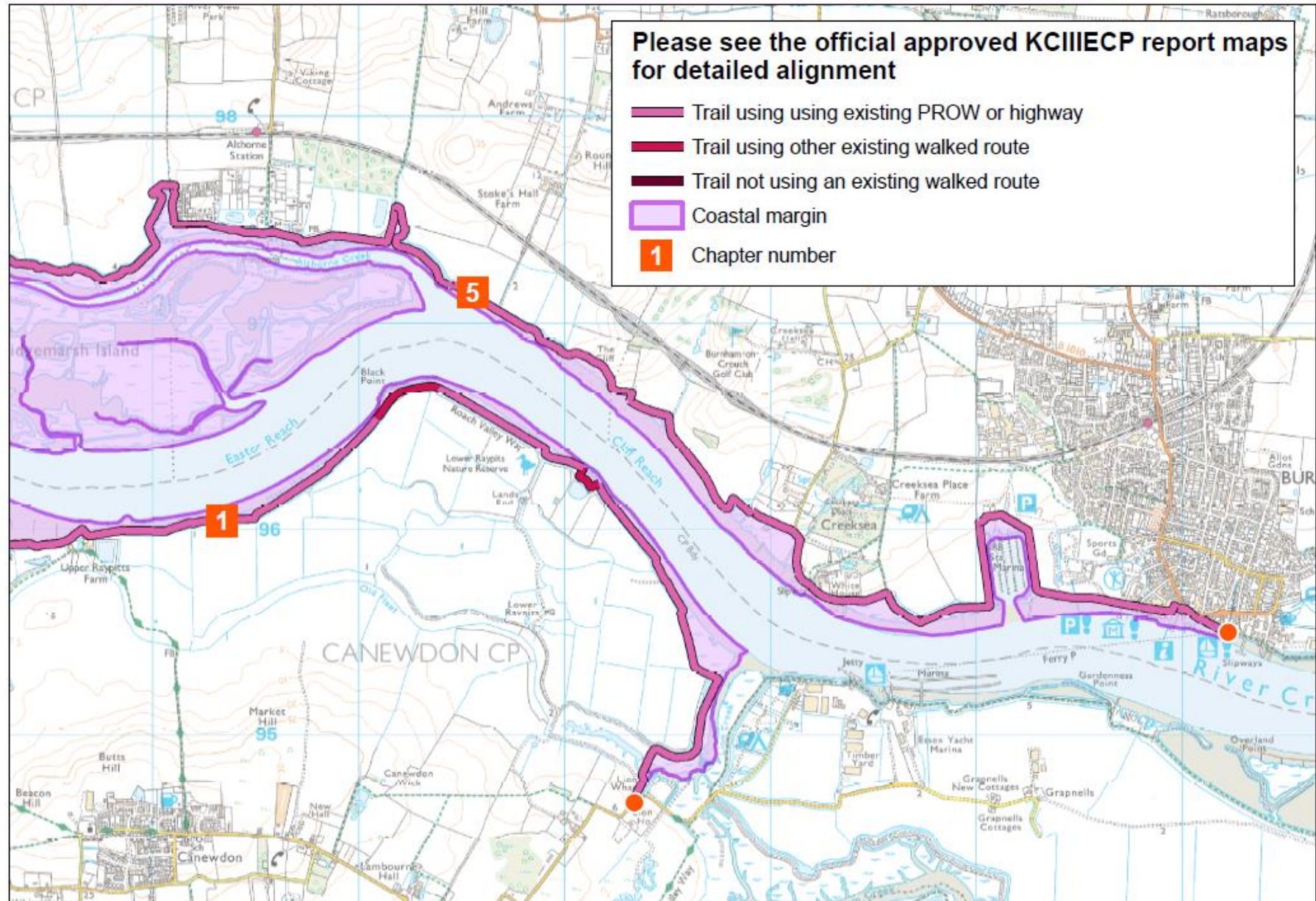
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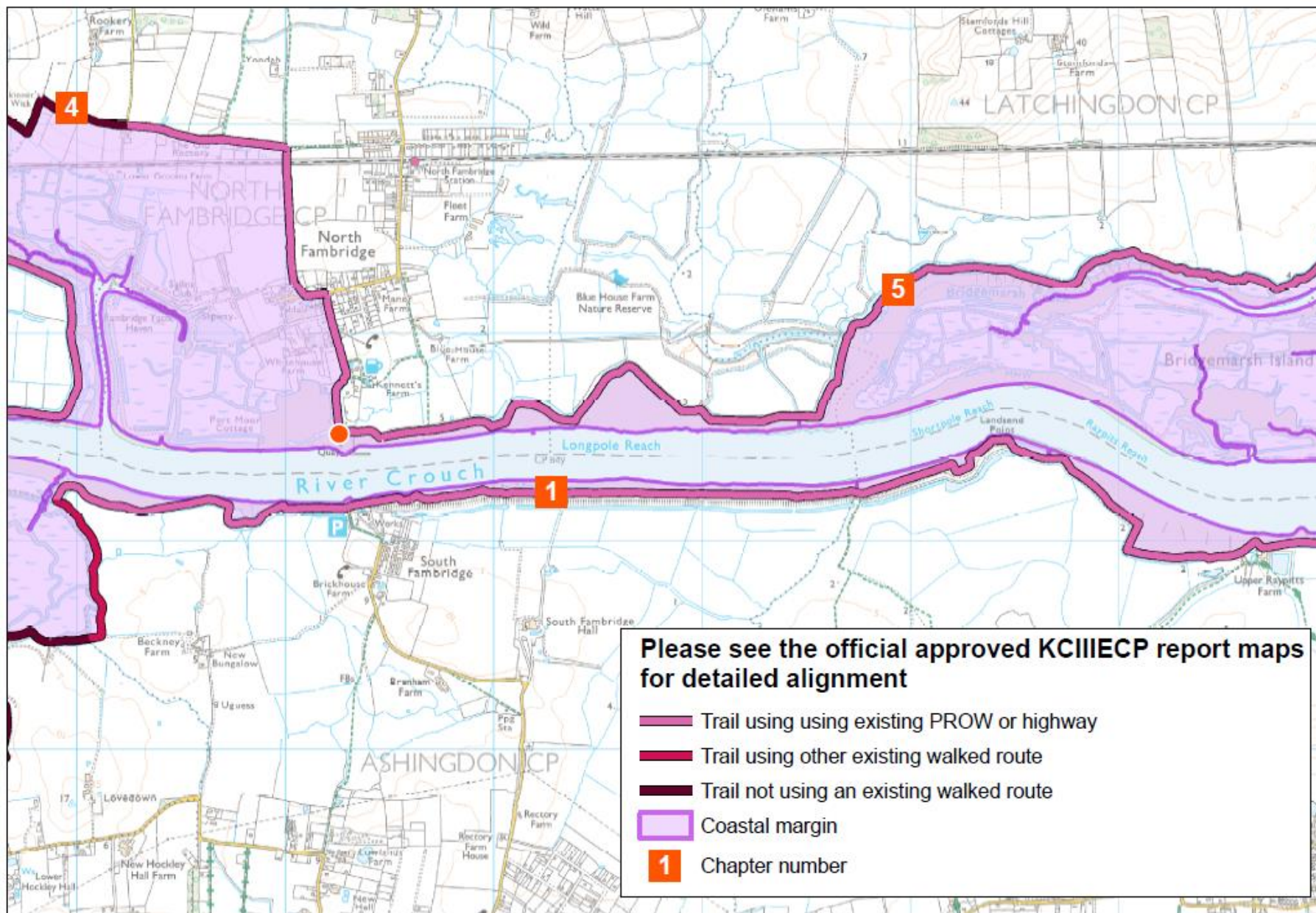
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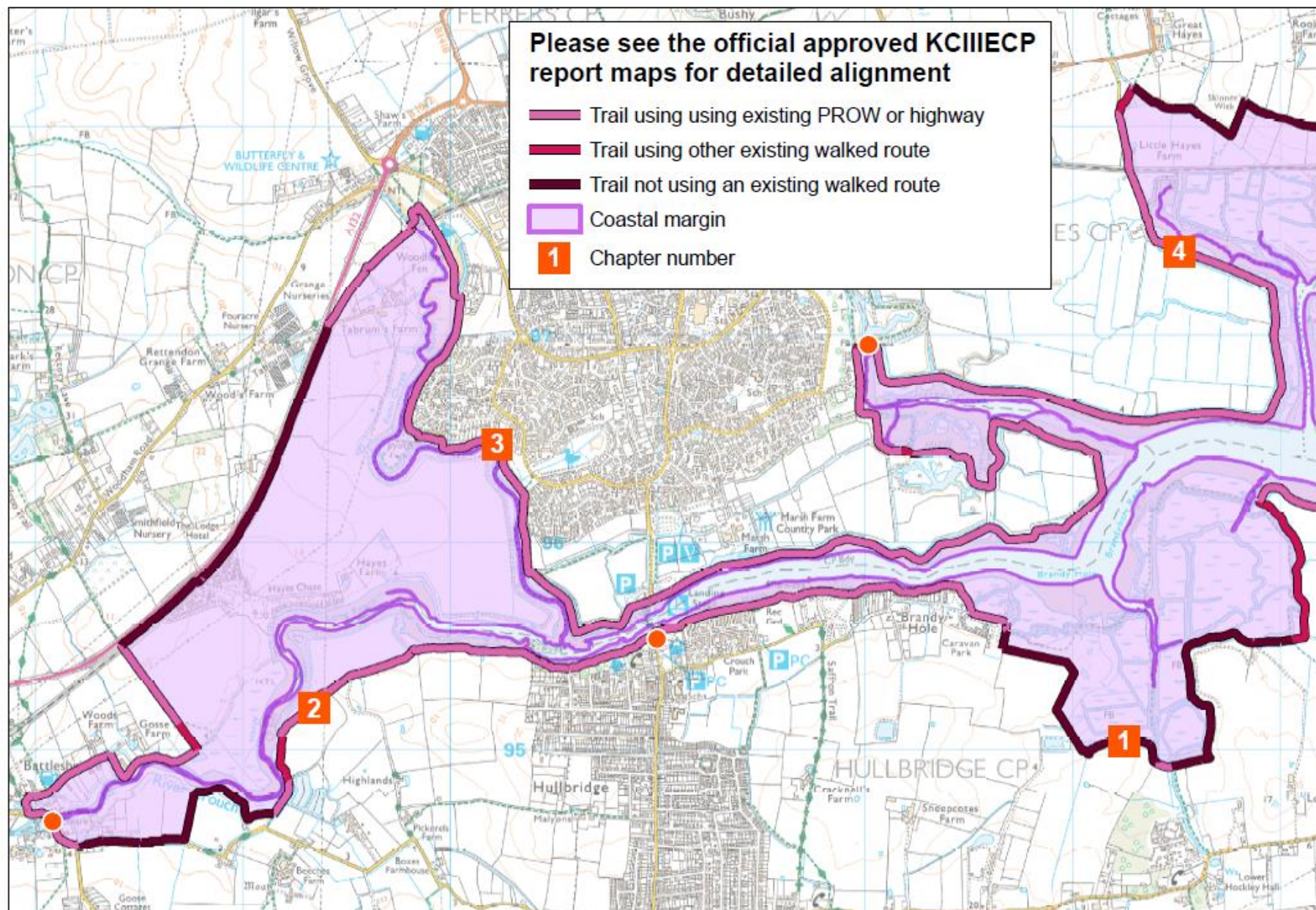
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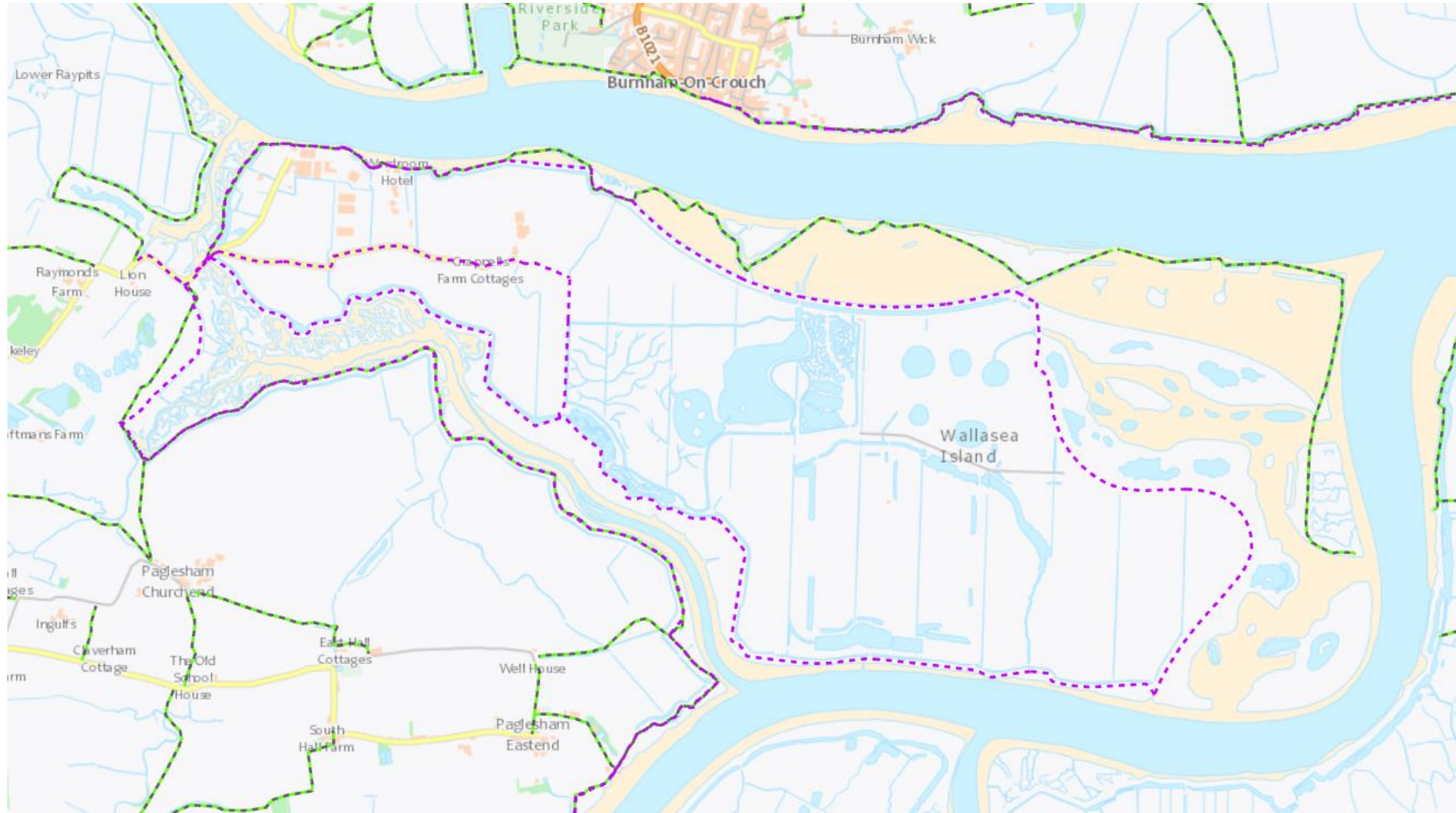
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The bits beyond. Purple dashes are the Open sections of King Charles III England Coast Path in adjacent sections. Opened summer 2022.



What next?

- Need Essex CC to establish the trail. (NE Pay)
- Then return to parliament for a commencement order to start the legal right of access and the land owner low level liability.
- Then NE pay ECC to maintain the trail.
- Also add to OS maps, and the National Trail website:
- [King Charles III England Coast Path - National Trails](#)

King Charles III England Coast Path

Connecting the finest coastal landscapes in England



King Charles III England Coast Path

To celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the England Coast Path has been renamed the 'King Charles III England Coast Path', leaving a lasting legacy to be enjoyed by walkers around the entire English coastline.

The King Charles III England Coast Path will be the longest managed coastal path in the world. It will go all the way around the coast of England and will be around 2,700 miles long when it is complete.

This amazing new National Trail will take people through some of the finest landscapes in England connecting the many coastal towns, cities and ports which have shaped this island nation. It will link iconic places and heritage on the coast with the less well-known and will unlock some parts of our coast for the first time.

The King Charles III England Coast Path near you



King Charles III England Coast Path – East

From the Wash to Thames Estuary, passing stunning wildlife and culture. Explore the sand dunes, market towns and villages all adjacent to stunning seascapes that can be enjoyed alone, with a canine companion or all the family.

Introducing the Trail

Find useful facts and learn more about the King Charles III England Coast Path in the East below. Select the blue tabs below for more details.

About the Trail

Exploring the Trail

What is special about the Trail?

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About the Trail

The King Charles III England Coast Path is a new walking route that will follow the entire coast of England. For the first time people will have the right of access around all our open coast. This includes – where appropriate – any land, other than the trail itself, which forms part of the Coastal Margin. The path is being opened in sections but will, when completed, be the longest coastal path in the world. It will be a National Trail.

At the moment you can only walk some sections. The open sections are shown on the interactive map. As new sections open they will be added to the website maps. You can also see open sections and find out about progress on other sections on the [gov.uk](#) website.

In the East, the following sections are open to the public (as of March 2024):

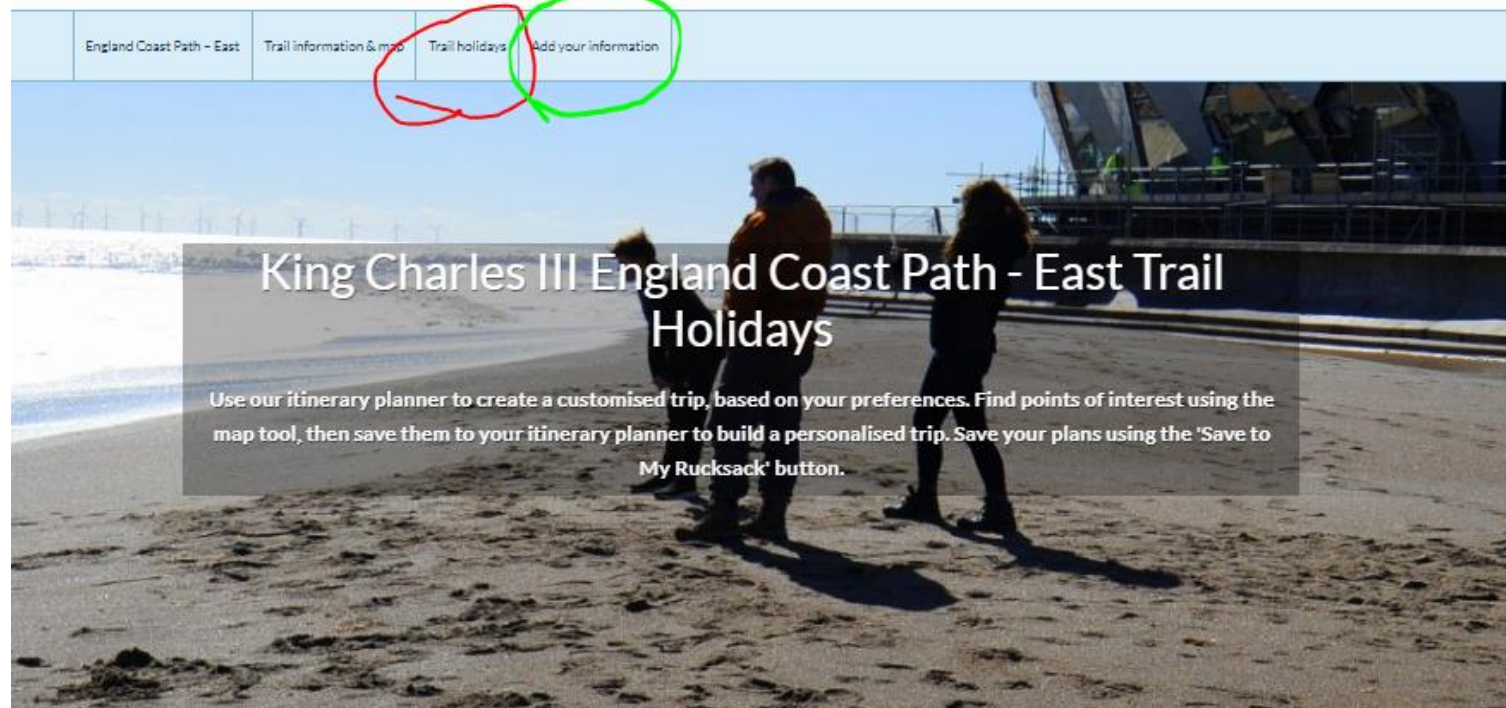
- Tilbury to Southend-on-Sea
- Southend-on-Sea to Wallasea Island
- Burnham-on-Crouch to Maldon
- Maldon to Salcott
- Hopton-on-Sea to Sea Palling
- Sea Palling to Weybourne
- Hunstanton to Sutton Bridge

You can find out more about each of these sections on the [Route Description](#) page and you can view the map on the [Trail Information](#) page.

Route Description

The England Coast Path is opening in sections. The open sections are described here. The path aims to stay as close to the coast as possible. In many places that means you will be walking right alongside the coast. In some places the path heads inland, usually only for short distances. The open sections of the path are well signed, look out for the distinctive acorn waymarkers. Away from towns and villages you will usually find the path has a natural, unmade surface, some areas will get muddy in wet weather. Closer to where people live you might find smooth surfaced paths, and in towns and villages you may be walking on promenades or pavements alongside roads.

Tilbury to Southend-on-Sea	Tilbury to Southend-on-Sea
Southend-on-Sea to Wallasea Island	This stretch of the England Coast Path is well served by public transport allowing opportunity for linear or circular walks on the coast or around islands in the area and is full of natural and cultural history.
Burnham-on-Crouch to Maldon	The landscape starts off with ships at Tilbury Cruise Terminal and moves between tall cranes of the DP World London Gateway Port, to ancient forts protecting the Isle, to crop filled fields and low-lying salt marshes and back to the bright lights of Southend-on-Sea ending at Barge Pier.
Maldon to Salcott, Essex	You can stop at the point where SS Empire Windrush docked; where Queen Elizabeth made her rousing speech to troops at Tilbury Camp; visit the World's End Pub frequented (according to his diaries) by Samuel Pepys; or the forts of Tilbury and Coalhouse and the 13th Century Hadleigh Castle.
Hopton on Sea to Sea Palling, Norfolk	The London 2012 Olympic mountain-biking park is carved into the hillside overlooking the Thames at Hadleigh, cheerful murals adorn the sea walls beside Thorney Bay Beach on Canvey Island and Southend-on-Sea will entice with fun fairs, fish and chips and the world's longest pleasure pier at 1.3 miles.
Sea Palling to Weybourne, Norfolk	As for wildlife, spot three species of invertebrates previously recorded as extinct in Britain, an old rubbish dump that has become a nature reserve, visit Thurrock Thameside Nature Reserve, Canvey Island and Two Tree Island and spot flocks of waders and larger Brent Geese.
Hunstanton to Sutton Bridge	But can you find the beach made entirely of rounded glass from an ancient bottle dump for a truly unique listening experience?



Breaks and Escapes

From the Wash to Thames Estuary, passing stunning wildlife and culture. Explore the sand dunes, market towns and villages all adjacent to stunning seascapes that can be enjoyed alone, with a canine companion or all the family. Find inspiration for your walking adventure using one of our suggested itineraries below.



Aspects of North Norfolk: Walking & Exploring Short Break

Spend three invigorating days hiking amid billowing dunes, bird reserves, world-class beaches and big skies



9 KM



Gentle



Well signed



Norfolk Coast Path: A Coast of Contrasts

A 3-day itinerary from Blakeney to Cromer, showcasing the amazing contrasts of this quiet corner of England.



23 KM



Gentle



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Salt, Saint and Shrines: A Norfolk Coast Pilgrimage

Enjoy 5 days of laid-back walking under huge skies and across pristine beaches, visiting cultural highlights along the way.



32 KM



Gentle



Well signed



Sea, Sand, Sky: Natural Drama on an Epic Scale on the North Norfolk Coast

Take a four-day walk around Wells-next-the-Sea to discover the wild beauty, human history and culinary flair of the North Norfolk...



3 KM



Gentle



Well signed

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Listing your accommodation

Do you provide accommodation near the Trail? It is free to be listed on the website.

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The Trails pass many wonderful attractions and have special places along them. Add your visitor attraction, gallery, museum or favourite folly here. You can also add places of interest such as fabulous views or beauty spots.

[Find out more](#)



Promoting an Event

Lots of events take place on the Trails each year. If you have an event you would like to let people know about then add it to the Trail's event calendar for free.

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