

**Introduction**

This is one of a series of routes that may be enjoyed by all including wheelchair users, families with pushchairs, those wanting a more gentle walk and walkers who are less mobile. The route has been selected as it has no barriers, such as stiles or steps. Detailed information on the route is provided - it is up to the user to decide what is suitable for them. Every effort has been made to ensure the information is correct at the time of publication, however things change over time. West Sussex County Council would like to thank John and Jenifer Fox for providing the inspiration to publish easy countryside trail information.

**Other routes can be found on the West Sussex County Council website: [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)**



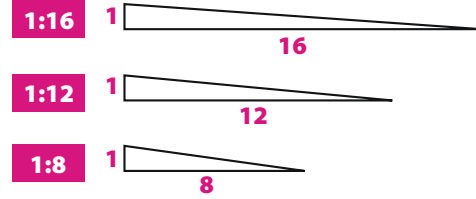
**Public Travel**



Some of the routes are accessible by public transport, for further information please visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) or contact Travel line on 0871 200 22 33



**Gradients**



Gradients of slopes have been shown to help you decide if a route is suitable. To help you relate to these gradients we have attempted to describe them below assuming an average wheelchair user with an averagely strong pusher.

**1:16**  
Gentle slope. Extra effort may be required over long distances. Gradients less than 1:16 have not been measured as they are considered easy going.

**1:16 - 1:13**  
Fairly gentle slope, extra effort will be noticeable over longer distances.

**1:12**  
Slope noticeable but not particularly steep, extra effort will be required over medium to long distances.

**1:11 - 1:8**  
Steeper slopes, will require extra effort even over short distances. Only short sections of gradients of this steepness are found on any of the routes in this booklet.

**> 1:8**  
Steep slope - nothing of this steepness will be encountered on these walks.

**Please follow the Countryside Code and respect the local area you are visiting.**



**Key to maps** Please note that some symbols may not be used on this walk.

- Easy Access Trail
- Extension to Easy Access Trail
- Public Footpath or Bridleway
- Permissive Path
- River/Stream/Canal
- Waterway/Water Channel
- Parkland/Wooded Area
- Urban/Built-up Area
- Parking
- Gradient Information
- Seating or Picnic Area
- Refreshments
- Church
- Caravan Park
- Gate
- Marshland



Chichester Canal

This route is suitable for Blue Badge Holders only as there is no immediate parking for other users. The nearest public parking is the amenity car park (height restriction) near the entrance to the private road to Cobnor House. It is possible to walk to the start of the easy access trail from here (2.8km/1.7 miles extra return trip) but it uses a field edge footpath and includes a flight of steps down to a narrow footbridge and is therefore not part of the 'easy access trail'.

<i>Distance</i>	2 km (1.3 miles) return trip
<i>Terrain</i>	Tarmac and compacted stone (slightly bumpy) Maximum gradient: <1:16 (mostly level)
<i>Start/finish</i>	Car park, Cobnor (Blue Badge holders only) Grid reference: <b>SU 793 025</b> Post code: <b>PO18 8TE</b>
<i>Directions</i>	From the A259 turn south towards Chidham along Chidham Lane. Keep on the road signed to Chidham East. After a mile non Blue Badge holders turn left into the amenity car park. Blue Badge holders should turn left down the private road to Cobnor House. Just before the white gateposts of Cobnor House turn left into the small car park
<i>O.S. Maps</i>	Explorer 120, Landranger 197
<i>Public Transport</i>	Bus stop: Chidham Lane (by amenity car park)
<i>Points of interest</i>	Great views of Chichester Harbour, coastal birds (particularly in winter), sailing activity (mainly in summer)
<i>Facilities</i>	Toilet (RADAR key) adjacent to the Blue Badge Car park, benches at Cobnor Point and at end of trail; Old House at Home pub in Chidham

This is a good walk in all weathers and at all times of the year. Winter has the added attraction of the bird life of the harbour (binoculars advisable). It was created as an easy access trail by Chichester Harbour Conservancy and by the generosity of the landowner. Walks around the harbour have always been a great favourite and this walk provides some of the best views of the harbour.

From the far end of the car park turn right, in front of the disabled toilet block, along the hard surfaced footpath through the dinghy park. The path turns left before arriving on the harbour wall. The walk continues along a good wide surfaced path on top of the sea wall to Cobnor Point – a piece of land jutting

out into the main channel of the harbour which offers a magnificent spot to watch the boating activities and general life afloat. It would be an ideal place for a picnic as there is a seat here.

From this point the path becomes slightly less well made but it is possible to continue on around the corner. The path weaves through a patch of young trees to another bench, which is where the easy access trail ends as the path heads down some steps to continue at beach level. By the bench you will find some windswept oaks.

When retracing your steps to the car park there are wonderful views up the channel to Bosham, which on a clear day are set against the perfect backdrop of the South Downs.

