

**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)**



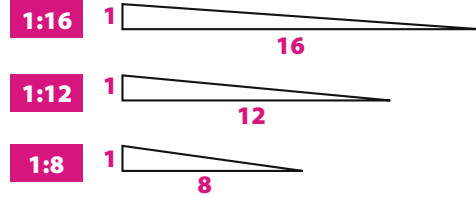
**Public Travel**



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



<i>Distance</i>	1.9km (1.2 miles) round trip. Extension to Birdham Pool extra 1.3km (0.8 miles) return trip
<i>Terrain</i>	Tarmac Maximum gradient: <1:16, level
<i>Start/finish</i>	Public car park on the right at the entrance to the Chichester Marina Grid reference: <b>SU 835 010</b> Post code: <b>PO20 7EJ</b>
<i>Directions</i>	Approximately 5 km (3 miles) south of Chichester, the Marina is clearly signposted from the A286 Chichester to Wittering road
<i>O.S. Maps</i>	Explorer 120, Landranger 197
<i>Public Transport</i>	Bus stop: Chichester Marina (near car park - unmarked)
<i>Points of interest</i>	Boats, coastal views
<i>Facilities</i>	Bird hide, seats, café (open every day except Christmas Day) with disabled toilet



Chichester Marina

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**This is an interesting walk at all times of the year but being tarmac is particularly good for one of those lovely winter days when other paths may be too muddy to enjoy. This circular walk can be done either way, however here the route is described travelling anti-clockwise (along the northern side first).**

After leaving the car park and passing through the barrier, there is an accessible bird hide on your right overlooking some fresh water. The path continues along the edge of the marina down to the harbour side passing the boat berths. The route continues around the marina but to explore the Harbour further you could take the path northwards alongside Salterns Copse up to Dell Quay, on part of the Salterns Way Cycleway; this can be a little bumpy in places. For further information contact Chichester Harbour Conservancy, contact details are in the back of this booklet.

To continue on the walk turn left at the path junction and cross the lock; you may have to wait a short while as boats travel through, but it is always interesting

to watch. At the far end of the marina, a short way past the lock, there are some seats that overlook the water. This is a delightful place to stop; if you are very lucky you may spot one of the harbour seals nearby on the mud. The path now turns back inland taking you along the side of the Chichester Canal, where a few houseboats are moored.

To make the walk longer, after a short distance cross the canal at Egremont Bridge, follow the path for nearly 200m

and turn right along Lock Lane through to Birdham Pool. Birdham Pool was originally developed in the late 1930's from one of the last working tidal mill pools in Sussex and was probably the first purpose built marina in England. The old mill building still stands with the lock beside it. Retrace your steps to rejoin the main walk.

Continue along side the canal and you will pass by the Spinnaker Café, from here it is less than 400m back to the car park.

