This cycle ride starts from one of England’s leading yachting centres, Burnham-on-Crouch. From here the route heads north to explore the Dengie Peninsula, situated between the Rivers Blackwater and Crouch. Here, under a backcloth of sky, saltmarsh and water, are weather-boarded villages and tiny sailing hamlets. Much of the countryside was reclaimed by man from the sea and today is internationally renowned for its wildlife. Along this route you can take a ride on a real steam train, visit the Saxon church of St. Peter’s and try the local oysters at Burnham.
Points of Interest (listed as you would find them along the route)

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**A** Burnham-on-Crouch - quiet, unpolluted riverside town, famous for yachting, oysters and smuggling tales. The quayside is lined with colour-washed houses, boat-building yards and sailing clubs. The clock tower dates from 1877. (01621) 782184.

- High Street; 'Fiveways' Supermarket car park (Foundry Lane); Railway Station.
- **Burnham-on-Crouch and District Museum** (Coronation Road) - local history, including maritime and agriculture. Open Apr-Nov. Admission charge. (01621) 781284.
- **Riverside Park** (Millfields) - countryside park on banks of river, adjacent to yacht harbour. Reed bed and boardwalk area. Open all year. Admission free. (01621) 782184.
- **St. Mary's Church** (3/4 mile north of High Street along B1021) - 'The Cathedral of Dengie' built 12-14th C. It once stood at the centre of the medieval settlement. But during the Middle Ages the nucleus of the town moved to the quayside to take advantage of the growth in sea trade.
- Wide selection throughout town.
- The Quay; Millfields (automatic).
- Riverside Park.


- Railway Station (off Station Road).
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**D** Asheldham - tiny marshland village set beside a brook.

- **Asheldham Pits Nature Reserve** (Rushes Lane) - former gravel pit, now wildlife haven with species of wildfowl. Open all year. Admission free. (01621) 862960.
- **St. Lawrence's Church** - 14th C. with unusual lock-up set in its churchyard walls. Brick tower (18th C.).
- **Raf 'Bradwell Bay' Memorial** - memorial (cast iron model of Mosquito bomber) to the personnel who served at former airfield (1942-45). Closed in 1946, most of the site has now reverted to agriculture.
- **The Cricketers** (01621) 776013.
- **The Kings Head** (01621) 776224.

**E** Burnham Marshes - once a waterlogged area, until reclaimed from the sea by 17th C. Dutch engineers to create a rich farming land for crops and market gardening. Today there are open views of the marshes, with its wildfowl and grazing cattle.

**F** Dengie - small and scattered village. The 14th C. church (St. James) sits within the grounds of the hall, home of the former lord of the manor. 19th C. bellcote.

**G** Tillingham - picturesque village, property of St. Paul's Cathedral in London since c.610 A.D. The square is surrounded on three sides by traditional white weather-boarded houses.

- **St. Nicholas Church** - 13th C. with walls six feet thick at the tower end. Norman door way in nave.
- **The Cap and Feathers Inn** (01621) 779212.
- **The Fox and Hounds** (01621) 779416.

**H** Bradwell on Sea - pretty village set around its church. Bradwell Lodge (a fine Tudor house) was used as a studio by the artist Thomas Gainsborough.

- **St. Thomas Church** - 14th C. with unusual lock-up set in its churchyard walls. Brick tower (18th C.).
- **Raf 'Bradwell Bay' Memorial** - memorial (cast iron model of Mosquito bomber) to the personnel who served at former airfield (1942-45). Closed in 1946, most of the site has now reverted to agriculture.
- **The Sun and Anchor** (01621) 776224.

**I** Just off the route - St. Peter's-on-the-Wall (2 miles north east of Bradwell on Sea). Oldest Saxon church in England, built on the foundations of the Roman shore fort of Othona in 654AD, by the missionary Bishop St. Cedd. It has also been a warning beacon for shipping and a barn. Open any reasonable time. Admission free. (01621) 776203. Nearby is Bradwell Cockle Spit, a nature reserve of shell banks/saltmarsh, home to shore-nesting birds. Open all year. Admission free. (01621) 862960.

**J** Bradwell Waterside - hamlet and marina set alongside the Blackwater estuary, which along with the Dengie Flats is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The saltmarshes and inter-tidal flats are one of the most important over-wintering sites in Western Europe for wildfowl/waders.

- **Green Man Inn** (01621) 776226.

**K** St. Lawrence Rural Discovery Church - Active church. Exhibitions of local interest. Panoramic views. Open end May-Sept. Admission free. (01621) 779319.

**L** Steeple - small village of thatched and weather-boarded houses. Fine church with tall steeple and red-tiled roof.

- **St. Laurence's Church** - late Early English style with tall steeple and red-tiled roof.
- **The Star Inn** (01621) 772646.
- **Sun and Anchor** (01621) 772700.

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ROUTE DIRECTIONS

STARTING POINT: Burnham-on-Crouch (High Street, beside clock tower).

1. Leave the town along High Street/Station Road (B1021). The road goes over the railway bridge and then passes the junction with the B1010. Remain on the B1021 towards Southminster. △


3. At the mini roundabout continue SA (NS).

4. Turn R into the High Street, then immediately L beside the Kings Head pub into North Street, remaining on the B1021, ‘SP Tillingham 4, Bradwell on Sea’. △

5. Turn R, remaining on the B1021, SP ‘Tillingham 4, Bradwell 6’.


7. As the B1021 bears L around a sharp corner, turn R onto Hall Road, SP ‘Dengie’. This road takes you down onto the Dengie Marshes. △

8. Dengie - small and scattered village.

9. When you reach the T-j in the middle of nowhere, turn L onto Bridgewick Road (NS).

10. Dengie Marshes - former waterlogged area.

11. Turn R to rejoin the B1021 (South Street), SP ‘Tillingham, Bradwell on Sea’. △

12. Tillingham - weather-boarded houses. ☑ ☧

13. Turn R, SP ‘Bradwell B1021’. △

14. Turn L onto Trusses Road, SP ‘Latchingdon (B1010), Southminster (B1021)’. If you want to visit the RAF Memorial, then go SA here.

15. Turn R onto the B1021 to visit Bradwell Waterside (a cul-de-sac).


17. Just beyond the Green Man Inn the road ends. Now retrace your route back along the B1021, SP ‘Latchingdon B, Southminster B1021’. △

18. Turn L up the hill, SP ‘St. Lawrence Church’.

19. St. Lawrence Rural Discovery Church - local interest exhibitions. ☑

20. Turn R (NS) and follow the road down the hill.

21. Turn L, SP ‘Steeple and Latchingdon’.

22. On the outskirts of the village of Steeple, turn L into Batts Road (NS). If you want to visit the village, then continue SA for a short distance.

23. Steeple - thatched and weather-boarded houses. ☑ ☧

24. Turn R onto Foxhall Road, SP ‘Mayland’. This road offers nice views.

25. Turn L, SP ‘Southminster, Burnham-on-Crouch’. The road goes gradually uphill.

26. At the staggered X-roads with the B1018, go SA into Dairy Farm Road (NS). △

27. Turn L, SP ‘Southminster’.

28. Turn R back onto the B1021 (NS). Follow the road back to Burnham. △
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