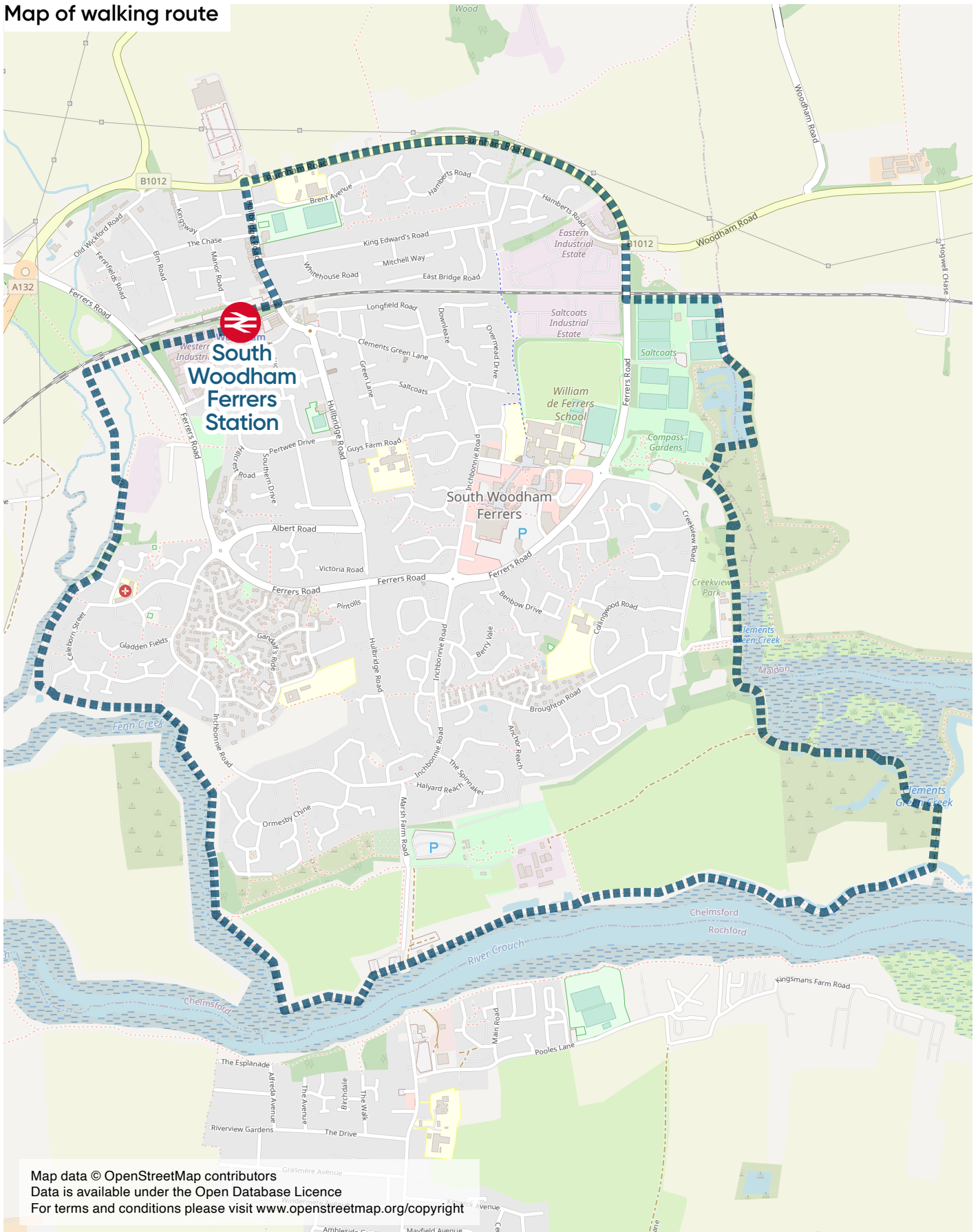


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South Woodham Ferrers circular walk

Map of walking route



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A fabulous walk taking in views over the River Crouch, also passing through the Woodham Fenn. Divided by the railway line, the southern side of the reserve is saltmarsh that transitions into rough grassland. The land was originally donated in the 12th century by the Lord of the Manor to the community to graze animals. Now, Essex Wildlife Trust works in partnership with South Woodham Town Council to manage the nature reserve, which lies within a much larger area of common land.

Planning Your Walk

- Approximately 6.5 miles, allow 3.5 hours.
- On a Wednesday / Saturday and Sunday just after the Yacht Club you will find Phoebes a mobile catering van where you can purchase teas, coffees and snacks.
- It does not affect the walk but you may like to choose to take the walk when the water is in although it is enjoyable at all times of the day.

Directions

1. From the station car park turn left and walk along Hullbridge Road, past the village hall and at the top of the road you come to the roundabout. Cross the road and turn right to walk along the path on the Burnham Road.
2. This part of the walk is walking along a busy B road and is noisy, but once you get past this part of the walk which should take you no longer than 15 minutes you start walking along some beautiful countryside which is well worth the noisy walk.
3. You will come to another roundabout which you cross straight over. You are now on Ferrers Road. You are now walking towards the road bridge where you are going to cross the road. Look for the public footpath sign leading down to concrete steps – this is where you leave the traffic behind.
4. You are now walking along side the railway line on your left and the Saltcoats Park on your right.
5. When you reach the embankment turn right and follow the path. You are now walking alongside Clements Creek.
6. On this walk which winds around inlets from the River Crouch you will enjoy beautiful views over some fantastic countryside. Watch out for several bird species. At different times of the year you will see Bullfinches, Small Teal Ducks, Rock Pipits and Common Snipe.
7. The path eventually joins the sea wall here you turn right in a westerly direction, further along you will walk past the South Woodham Yacht Club
8. Keep following the path which ends up on a gravel path at the back of residential houses. This will lead you to a wider path at this point, turn right out on to the road but then immediately turn left on to the public footpath which is clearly marked.
9. Follow this path alongside the Fenn Creek, turning left over the metal bridge and go through the metal gate where you will find yourself in a Site for Scientific interest.
10. You will eventually come to a crossing over the railway line, take care crossing here as it's a live railway line with trains passing regularly.
11. Once you have crossed, immediately turn right over the metal bridge. Walk round the mound and head for the concrete subway where you walk underneath, immediately turn right and walk straight along the public footpath, ignore the housing estate entrance.
12. This footpath will come out to Station Approach. Continue walking straight along the path and you will find the entrance to the side of the station car park.