

46. Oare and the Swale

Distance **8 miles/13km**

Ascent **120 metres**

Start/finish **Faversham Station, ME13 8EA**

From the station head north-west through Faversham to Oare using the following directions: Forbes Road west, R onto Roman Road, L on Stone Street, R on South Road, L on Napleton Road, R onto Tanners Street, fork L onto West Street which turns into Dark Hill, R on Priory road, L on a path past the ponds curving L to join Seager Road, then turn L onto The Street and follow this over the bridge and through Oare, taking to a footpath on the L (1.8 miles/2.9km). Follow the footpath to Luddenham Court. Turn R on the road then continue onto a footpath heading north-east across fields, crossing a road near Little Uplees and continuing on a byway to a jetty on the Swale estuary (4.2 miles/6.7km). Turn R and follow the coast path past the Harty Ferry visitor centre. Turn R at the headland following Oare Creek inland on the Saxon Shore Way. Turn L in Oare to return to Faversham via the outbound run to the start.

| Miles | Km | Directions |
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| 0.0 | 0.0 | Turn left out of the station following Forbes Road west. Turn right onto Roman Road and then left onto Stone Street. |
| 0.3 | 0.5 | Turn right on South Road then left on Napleton Road and right onto Tanners Street. Follow this to a fork. |
| 0.5 | 0.8 | Stay left onto West Street which turns into Dark Hill. Right on Priory Road and left onto a path. |
| 0.8 | 1.3 | Follow the path some ponds and curving left to join Seager Road. Follow this then turn left onto The Street and follow this over a bridge and through Oare to a footpath on the left at TR004630. |
| 1.8 | 2.9 | Turn left following the footpath across fields and across a lane to reach a road at Luddenham Court. |
| 2.5 | 4.1 | Turn right and follow the road onto a footpath heading north-east across fields, crossing a road near Little Uplees and continuing on a byway to a jetty on the Swale estuary. |
| 4.2 | 6.7 | Turn R and follow the coast path past the Harty Ferry visitor centre. |
| 4.7 | 7.6 | Continue along the coast path to the headland, turn right and follow the path inland along Oare Creek to the road in Oare. |
| 6.6 | 10.6 | Turn left and follow the outbound route back to the start. |