

Essex Coastal Path Access Guides

Possible structure for a webpage

See 1st mock-up (existing PRoW page, with amendment)

- Hosted and accessed via ECC PRoW webpage portal:
<https://www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/public-rights-of-way>
- Suggest reordering the PRoW page slightly (as shown). Also propose creation of an Essex Coastal Path web page which the Essex Coastal Path Access Guides page would be a subsection of, or link from. However, for now, link directly to the latter, since this work is ready to go.
- ECC could take this opportunity to flesh out this host page a bit since currently quite sparse (see Essex Walks for example), with the inclusion of short explanatory text to each link, plus image?
- Create ECP Access Guides URL eg:
<https://www.essexhighways.org/essex-coastal-path-access-guides>

Components of Coastal Path Access Guides web page and text content to be discussed and refined, but key elements as follows:

See 2nd mock-up (proposed new Coastal Path Access Guide page)

1. Image
2. Intro/background: a note about the Coastal Path project, Natural England etc; a background to our related work to identify and promote route sections with higher levels of accessibility, and ongoing work to improve accessibility along other stretches.
3. A note about our approach to providing info on accessibility: What symbols we use and how to understand them?
4. Where and how to leave feedback on the routes and/or the route guides
5. Who/how to contact for further information?
6. Social media links
7. Other related links



Public Rights of Way

There are almost four thousand miles of Public Rights of Way in Essex, comprising footpaths, bridleways and byways.

We have a statutory duty to record and keep public rights of way open.

Our team providing this service comprise of the Definitive Map and Records team, the Localism, Liaison and Enforcement teams, the Inspection team and the Operations and Delivery team. We all work together to assert and protect your public rights of way network.

Use these pages to find out more about the services we provide and the works that we undertake.

Tweets from @essexhighways

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🚫 High Friction Surfacing (Anti-Skid) is being applied tonight #A414 #Edinburgh Way/Central Rd Rbt #Harlow. A closure will occur between 8pm & 5am from Dukes Park & West Rd junctions.

Access to businesses will be maintained, although may be some delay.
[ow.Jy/kyHT50PXEV2](#)



About Public Rights of Way



About Public Rights of Way in Essex. Includes user responsibility and types of rights of way.

The Definitive Map

[Applications to Modify the Definitive Map](#)

Essex Local Access Forum

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Byways in Essex



Find out more about byways in Essex.

Essex walks

[Epping and Theydon Bois walk](#)

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[Brief intro sentence](#)



- [Goldhanger to Heybridge Basin](#)
- [Clacton-on-Sea to Jaywick Sands](#)



Essex Coastal Path: Easier Access Routes

In 2009 the Marine and Coastal Access Act first tasked Natural England with a duty to secure a long-distance walking trail around the coastline of England. In Essex we are fortunate in that continuous public access around our local coastline has already been achieved over very significant distances. Unsurprisingly though, not all of this is wheelchair accessible. This page introduces guides to sections of Essex Coast Path with higher levels of access for wheeled users. This work is new and will build overtime, as accessibility around the coast is optimised, and new guides are added.

Our approach to Access

The guides are hosted by [Essex Local Access Forum](#). They are produced by volunteers working to shared ELAF guidance.

The main focus of the guides is on path suitability for *wheeled users*, including users of manual and motorised chairs (independent and accompanied), and users of mobility scooters and all-terrain vehicles. The guides may though also benefit parents with young children in pushchairs, and older or mobility-restricted walkers.

All of the walk sections identified are step-free, level or mostly level, and free of man-made barriers. They are however mixed in character, terrain and length, and not all will suit all wheelers. We recognise the wide range of ability within disability, and an increasingly wide range of all-terrain equipment expanding horizons for chair users. Our focus is on good quality information enabling users to make their own informed choices.

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DUNMOW ROAD CLOSURE. Dunmow Road will be fully closed from A120/A1250 Dunmow Road roundabout to near the Bishop's Stortford Golf Club from Monday 30 October to Sunday 26 November. Latest closure info is available here: [ow.ly/EORJ50Q0uXs](https://www.essexhighways.org/ly/EORJ50Q0uXs)



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Be in touch!

We are looking to expand on these routes and regularly seeking to improve and update them. To contact us with new route suggestions or with feedback, please email us:

ELAF@essexhighways.org

The Coastal Path Access Guides

Goldhanger to Heybridge Basin (3 m / 5 km)

A walk along the sea wall of the Blackwater Estuary, with Osea Island opposite, across the mudflats. An internationally important site for wintering birds. A step and barrier-free walk; mostly level; some mixed uneven terrain...

[Read the full guide here](#)

Clacton-on-Sea to Jaywick Sands (2.2 m / 3.6 km)

A short, well-maintained section of the coastal path running along Essex Sunshine Coast. An entirely hard-surfaced, step and barrier-free walk; mostly level.

[Read the full guide here](#)

Links

Outdoor Accessibility Guide (Paths for All):

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/outdoor-accessibility-guidance>

