

Solent Way

route summary

Location Lymington Keyhaven Nature Reserve

Length 9.2 km

Type Linear route for walkers and cyclists

Start / Finish Bath Road amenity car park situated to the south east of Lymington town centre on the corner of Bath Road and Kings Saltern Road (SZ 332 950).
Keyhaven amenity car park is a New Forest District Council pay and display car park on Keyhaven Road (SZ 306 914). It has a tarmac surface with 50+ spaces and 3 spaces reserved for disabled visitors.

Experience The route forms a short section of the 96.6km (60 mile) long Solent Way and provides views of the Solent and wildlife, in particular birds.

Facilities Bath Road Amenity Car Park is a New Forest District Council pay and display car park with a tarmac surface, 50+ spaces and 2 spaces reserved for disabled visitors. It is signed from the road, and has toilets and disabled access toilets. There are rail and bus services into Lymington. It is approximately 1km from Lymington Town railway station to Bath Road amenity car park.
There are public toilets including an accessible toilet in the car park at Keyhaven. There is a pub (The Gun Inn) close to the car park.

Surface The surface is varied. The majority of the route follows the sea wall, which is surfaced with concrete blocks infilled with gravel.
Other sections are compacted gravel with loose stones or tarmac.



Narrowest Width 0.6m at the steps near Moses Dock.

Max Gradient The gradient is mostly level with a number of short steep sections where the route goes on or off the sea wall. The steepest section is 1:7 for 1m at the yacht haven car park.



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Max Cross Slope

1:8 for 40m on the sea wall where the surface has become rutted.



Hazards

Some sections have protruding stones up to 2cm. Some sections may be muddy in wet weather. There is a 5cm step onto the tarmac joining the sea wall at the marina.



Gates

There are 3 gates, the narrowest of which is 0.9m. The gate catch on the gate situated to the south west of Moses Dock (SZ 326 933) is difficult to open.



Steps

There is one flight of 4 steps by Moses Lock.



Stiles

There is one squeeze stile at Creek Cottage but this can be bypassed by using an alternative path (see the Moses Dock Loop map for details).



Bridges

None

Access Information

No additional access information applies to this route.

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Seating

There are frequent seats with backs near Lymington Yacht Haven and seats can be found along the route.



Waymarking

The Solent Way is waymarked with a Tern on a green arrow.



Information Panels

There are two information panels along the route, one at the entrance to the Nature Reserve and the other adjacent to the road at Keyhaven.








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map - 0.9 km circular route



Key Information

-  minimum width = 0.6m at steps
-  maximum gradient = 1:7 for 1m
-  1:8 for 40m
-  three gates on route
-  one set of steps

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|  Parking |  Picnic area |  Accessible toilet |  Cross slope |
|  Information |  Gate |  Hazard |  Steps |
|  Toilets |  Gradient |  Rest place |  Clearance |
| | |  Width restriction | |

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