



British Walking Federation

PT289 PORTSMOUTH HISTORICAL WATERFRONT TRAIL



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DISTANCE: 10km

ENTRY FEE: £1.50 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN: From M275 take A3 south towards Portsmouth City Centre, and Portsmouth Harbour Station

START VENUE: Portsmouth Harbour the Hard Interchange PO1 3EB

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CAR PARKING: There is ample car parking at Tipner Park & Ride off M275 as you enter Portsmouth (charges apply) with free bus to the harbour for up to 5 people.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Nearest train station, Portsmouth Harbour Station

REFRESHMENTS: Numerous points at the start and around the trail.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 31st December 2023)

With your back to the Hard Interchange turn left along the pavement towards the dockyard, and the main entrance opposite the Ship and Castle pub, this is the thoroughfare for tickets to visit the HMS Warrior, HMS Victory, and Mary Rose museums.

Q1. At the right hand side of the gate, what date was the “WALL” begun?

Retrace your steps back past the Hard Interchange and immediately bear right down slope to enter Gunwarf Quays. Continue ahead through Marlborough Square retail outlets, continue through Central Square to Waterfront. At the junction and railings turn left to cross footbridge to City Quay and immediately turn right with harbour on right signposted Old Portsmouth and IOW Car Ferry.

Continue around promenade with IOW Ferry on right, down slope and through gate to exit Gunwarf Quays. Turn left through ferry terminal to road. Turn right and continue ahead into White Hart Road passing the fish market on the right, at Feltham Row turn right on pedestrian footpath sign post to Round Tower and Bath Street, continue to road, Broad Street. Turn right passing Seagers Court to reach Spice Island Inn, and turn left into Bath Square.

Pass Still and West pub on right and at end continue ahead on West Street, at left hand bend continue ahead on Tower Street to Capstan Square, at signboard continue up slope across courtyard and up steps to turn right to the top of the tower and view point.

Q2. On brass compass view point when was the tower built?

Retrace steps back down to archway labyrinth and turn right at end through archway, continue east along top of sea wall towards next tower passing Hot Walls sign board. With Solent water on right continue along top of wall towards Clarence Pier in the distance. Continue along newly constructed sea wall, over bridge, keeping sea on right and car park on left to enter funfare, continue to front of Clarence Pier.

Keep ahead on promenade passing Hover Craft Terminal on right. Ahead on promenade passing Southsea Rowing Club on right and war memorial on left, continue ahead to reach Sebastopol monument on left.

Q3. When was the monument erected?

Continue ahead passing the Blue Reef Aquarium on right. Immediately turn right at Deep Blue fish and chip shop, up slope and steps, at top turn right on gravel path passing seats on left. Continue to bear right onto gravel path to construction barrier, up steps on left to top, descend steps and bear right to canon at the entrance to Southse Castle. Turn left on Brian Kidd Way passing the Peace Garden

Q4. When was the Peace Garden plaque unveiled?

Continue to road and turn left to front of D-Day Museum and statue of "Monty" Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery of Alemein

Cross road and continue ahead on left hand side of Avenue De Caen, after Waterfront Garden Centre turn left on second footpath, ignore all side paths and continue ahead with Common on left to reach road and Queens Hotel on right. Continue on pavement passing car park to finally reach a roundabout.

Cross road and turn left and immediately turn right on footpath, at end of Bowls Club bear left on footpath with railings on right passing the "roofless" Royal Garrison Church to reach cobbled square and Lord Nelson monument.

Q5. When were Nelson's remains brought to Spithead?

With monument behind you ahead on Grand Parade to T junction. Cross road and turn right passing Portsmouth Cathedral, continue along High street to reach roundabout.

Cross roundabout to Portsmouth Grammar School and continue ahead on Cambridge Road, at bend in road turn left on Burnaby Road passing HMS Temeraire to road junction. Cross road and continue under the railway bridge to end, turn left on Richmond Place and continue to road. Turn left and continue along road to reach

bollards across road, bear right on footpath with children's play area on right to reach St Georges Square. Turn left to cobbled square with St George's church on right.

Q6. In triangular seating area who is the marble monument dedicated to?

Ahead with the square behind you to road. Cross road and turn right returning to the Hard Interchange and the end of the walk.

Places of interest en-route

HMS Warrior

HMS Victory

Mary Rose Museum

Gunwarf Quays

Old Portsmouth Heritage sites

D Day Museum & Overlord Embroidery

When you have completed this trail please use the [Permanent Trail Entry Form](#)

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