

SHEERNESS WAY CYCLING

SHIPS AND CHIPS

6.3 MILES (10.1KM)



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Discover the hidden history of Sheerness – how did Blue Town get its name? Why is there a sunken ship just offshore? Or why there is a big earth embankment to the south and east of Sheerness?

OVERVIEW

LOCATION: Start at Sheerness-on-Sea train station. Sheerness ME12 1RJ

DISTANCE: 6.3 miles (10.1km)

TIME: Allow 1 hour

EXPLORER MAP: 149

ACCESSIBILITY: Step access along parts of the route.

REFRESHMENTS AND FACILITIES:

Various eateries within the town centre or at Barton's Point Coastal Park which also has facilities.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Train services to and from Sheerness-on-Sea train station. Check kentconnected.org for times and services of trains. You can take your bike on any off-peak Southeastern train service, and a folding bike can be taken at any time.

WALK DESCRIPTION

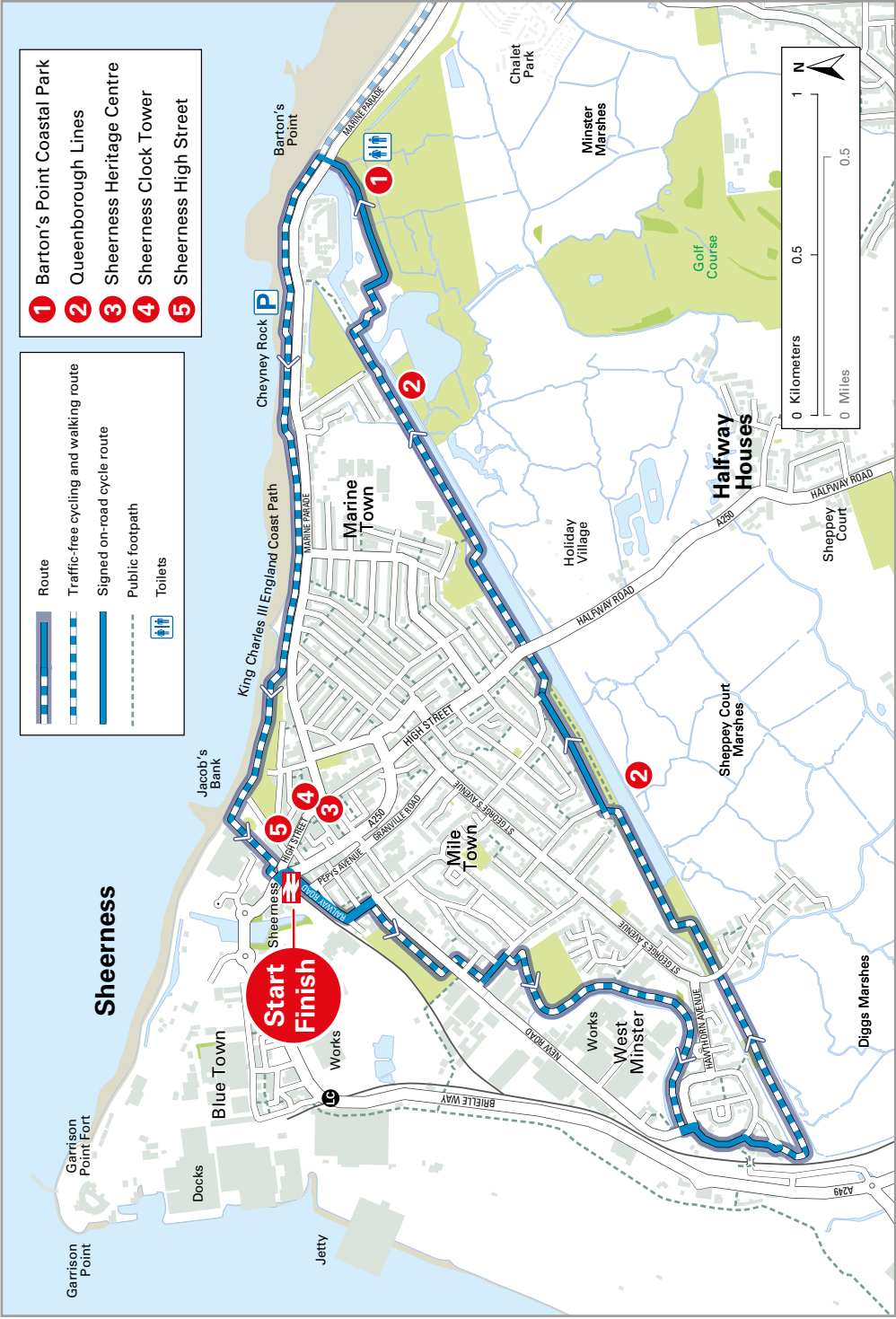
As you arrive by train, disembark at Sheerness-on-Sea train station. Exit the station onto Railway Road and follow the blue cycle signs for Sheerness Way, continue straight on this road. Follow the road as it turns left into Broad Street.

Take the second right onto Thames Avenue. Up ahead as the road splits, follow it to the right, staying on Thames Avenue. At the end of the road turn left onto Medway Road. On the right hand side you will see some white and pale green garages. In between the first set of garages is an entrance to a restricted byway. Follow this byway as it curves around to the left and then straight, eventually passing West Minster School on your left. Continue along this path keeping the marshy ditch on your right.

At the end of the off-road path, exit left onto New Road. At the junction ahead turn right onto Queens Way, follow the blue cycle signs for Queenborough Lines Route 174. Take a right into Linden Drive, follow the road until the very



The endless shingle of Sheerness Beach.





Views across Barton's Point Coastal Park.

last house in the cul-de-sac. Continue down the path to the left-hand side of the house. The path immediately turns to the left.

Continue straight on this off-road path, when you reach Edenbridge Drive, cross the road and continue. This part of the cycle route is a gravel path, continue until it bears left leading you onto South View Gardens. Continue back on the road along South View Gardens until you reach Halfway Road, cross the road at the traffic lights.

Continue straight ahead along the canal path passing allotments on your left. The path will eventually take a slight turn to the right. Dismount here and cross the bridge over the canal, to **Barton's Point Coastal Park ❶**. Here is a perfect spot to stop for refreshments and cycle parking is available.

Also discover in this area the **Queenborough Lines ❷** or the 'canal bank' as it is known locally. It is a mid-nineteenth century ditch and mound fortification built to protect Sheerness Naval Dockyard from attack from the landward side. The Queenborough Lines were used in both world wars as the site for gun emplacements and some of the concrete footings can still be seen.

After a quick refreshment, follow the path now heading towards the coast. When you reach Marine Parade road, cross the road and turn left to

gain access to the beach front, a traffic free path. Continue to follow this route straight ahead. Here you will be able to smell the sea air as you cycle alongside the beach. Take a rest here and gaze out at the endless sea views across Sheerness Beach. Out to sea you may be able to spot the tops of the masts of the SS Richard Montgomery which sank off the Kent coast on its way to France in August of 1944.

Once you reach the amusement arcade you will need to dismount. As you pass by Neptune Terrace you will reach a set of steps, lift your bike up and over. On the left-hand side of the steps is a smooth ramp which allows you to push your bike up and over more easily if required.

Continue ahead along the sea wall, until you pass Beach Street car park. Take the next left up the slope and follow this path straight until you reach the end of the path. As you end your ride where you began why not explore the town a little, visit the **Heritage Centre ❸** or **Sheerness Clock Tower ❹**.

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