

Get Walking ...

Join us for a free, gentle stroll on
Sunday, April 2, starting at 10.15.

Totland, the Needles and Freshwater Bay 5.7 miles

Start: The meeting place is at roadside parking on Afton Road near Freshwater Bay, at 10.15am. We then share travel to Turf Walk at Totland Bay to start the linear walk. The walk concludes at Afton Road.

Description: A linear walk over Headdon Warren to The Needles and then following The Downs to Freshwater Bay.

Access information: Hilly stretches and steps. Only one stile. Mainly Access Land with freedom to roam.

Refreshments: At Needles Park or Freshwater Bay cafes

Toilets: Needles Park or Totland Bay seafront.

**Rambles
around the Island**
in association with the **IW Ramblers**



Route: Turf walk is a grassy fringe area alongside Cliff Road at Totland Bay (1). Cars can be parked along the road. Bus no 7 or 12 stops at the war memorial in Totland.

Follow Turf walk with the sea on your right and the grassy area joins onto a pathway at Cliff Road. Follow this, uphill, passing the Hermitage b&b, to a signed and gated path on the right to Alum Bay (2). Follow the coastal path through woodland and then heathland to the top of Headdon Warren. Continue on the Coastal Path which is well signed. There are spectacular views of Hurst Castle, Fort Albert, and The Needles. Keep on the Coastal Path descending past a pitch and putt course and through a gate to a track. (3) Go left along the track to a road. Turn right and follow the road verge to Needles Park (4).

Follow the main road uphill to a National Trust road and follow this by Alum Bay. Take the left hand path (5) up steps and over a stile and follow this to another



Ramblers gate at the New Battery. Keep on this road to reach the Needles Viewpoint (6).

Take a track uphill and at the top by a mast, continue to a Ramblers gate. Follow a route keeping the sea on your right. Tennyson's monument is in the

distance and this is the summit of the walk (7).

Continue down the grassy path on Tennyson Down until a gate is reached (8). Take the right hand path which passes Watcombe Bay to another gate

and a track by Fort Redoubt. Follow the track to the main road. Turn right on the walkway to reach Freshwater Bay. Continue to Afton Road on the left. Follow this to the meeting point (9).

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