

Thames Estuary Trail

Route one

Shoeburyness

East Beach

Gunners Park

Southend Pier

EST
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2021

22 May – 13 June

Estuary 2021 is the second edition of the large-scale arts festival that celebrates the lives, landscapes and histories of the spectacular Thames Estuary.

Taking place online, and in the landscape along 107 miles of Thames Estuary Trail, contemporary artworks, discussion and events explore and respond to powerful themes resonant to the estuary.

Alongside a map that shows the full trail, we have created six, smaller sections of the route with accompanying details of the artworks and events to be found as you explore.

Route 5 of 6 can be enjoyed across a long weekend - or as three days out.

All details correct at the time of print. Some events may change to comply with Covid-19 safety protocols. Please check estuaryfestival.com

Events

Essex Wildlife Trust Tours

Sat 22 May & Fri 28 May
11:00 & 15:00
Ranger-led wildlife and history tours.

Family Activities

Pick up our activity sheets for children and young people from our *Estuary 2021* hub.

REBEL

Sat 5 June 11:00 / 15:00
Ackroyd & Harvey bring the spirit of rebellion to Gunners Park with performance, promenade and workshop.

Merge

Sat 29 & Sun 30 May 1
1:00 - 17:00
REHLM a group of five students from East 15 present an interactive collection of works that represent narratives of the estuary.
Suitable for all ages.

Arts in Transit

Sat 5 June 11:00 - 17:00
Lata Upadhyaya brings her travelling art and conversation space to Gunners Park. *Suitable for all ages.*

Publications

Estuary 2021 has produced a number of festival publications including: *Thames Estuary Trail: a walk round the end of the world* by Tom King and an accompanying illustrated map by Adam Dant. Get your copies at the *Estuary 2021* Hub.

Full details for booking on website.

Estuary 2021 Hub

Open Wed-Sun
11:00 - 17:00
Call by for more information, booking details, kit hire and any help or assistance - located at Gunners Park, just by the Cart & Wagon Shed, SS3 9QB (marked on the map with a star).

The Water Replies

Estuary 2021 has inspired 100 creative journals made by Thames Estuary residents, part of a wider project led by poets Caroline Bird and Selina Nwulu. See the original journals on exhibition at Chalkwell Hall with poetic excerpts shared through hand painted murals - with one at the searchlight encasement at Gunners Park (located near to No. 5 on the map).

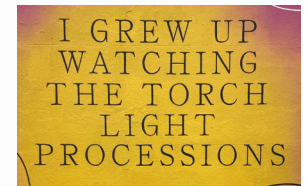
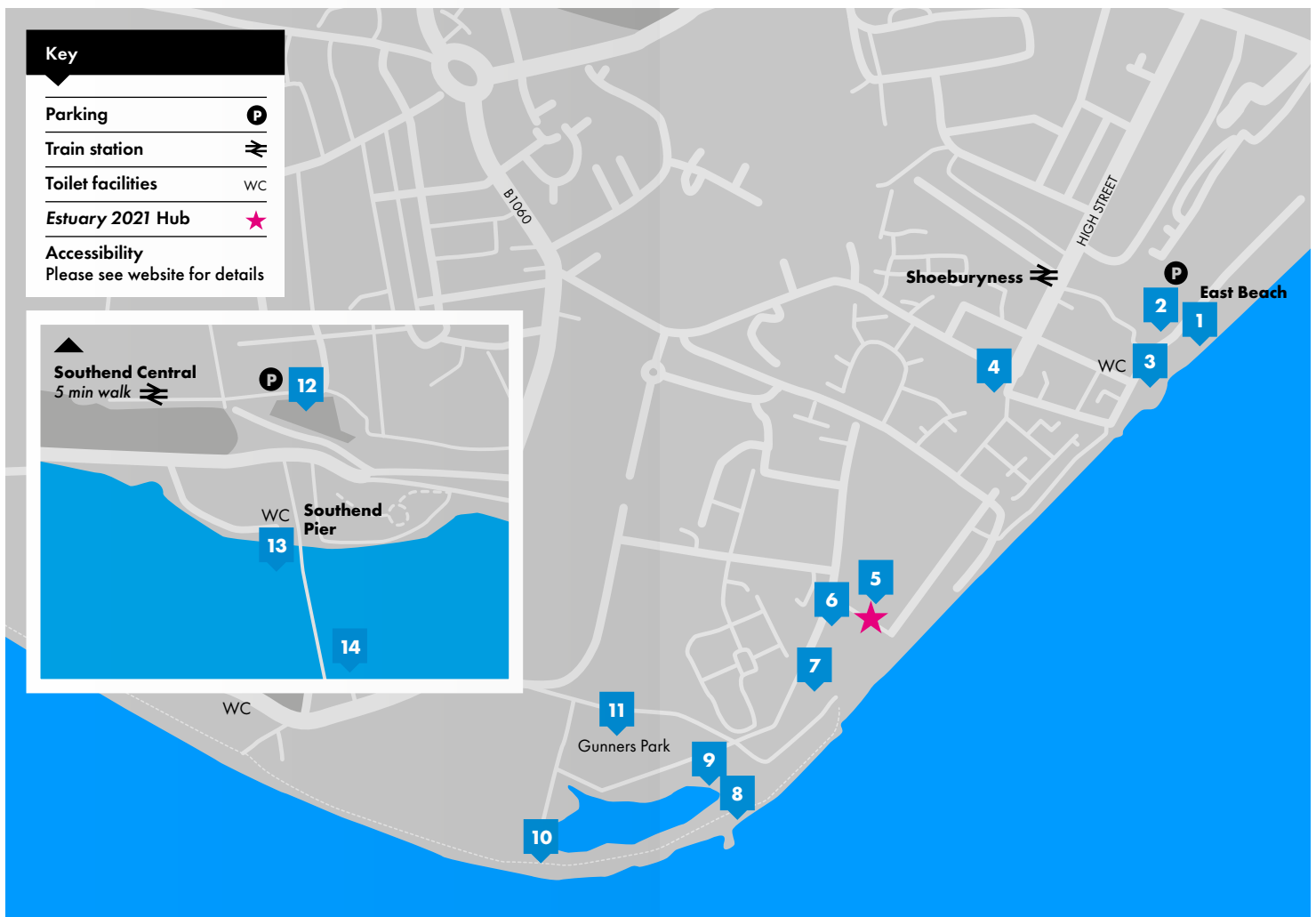


Image credit: Quote from Helen Davis journal. Mural designed by Rose Nordin and painted by Joe & Charlotte.



East Beach and Gunners Park Shoeburyness ➔ East Beach Car Park SS3 9AE

SILT

Arbonauts

Site-specific performance with participation from local, open water swimmers, conceived for the tidal pool at East Beach. This performance is commissioned as part of *Estuary 2021* but will take place on Sat 25 and Sun 26 Sept 2021.

Free - advance booking essential.

HELLO

Katrina Palmer

Co-commissioned by Turner Contemporary and Metal as part of England's Creative Coast and *Estuary 2021*. The work is in two halves, each contributing to a conversation that explores the contrasting traditions of the English seaside and the relics of Britain's military (No 2 & 5).



Image credit: Artist, Katrina Palmer working on the installation of Hello. Photo: Jonathan Wells

Sound Mirrors: Shoeburyness

Dot Dash (artist duo James Wilkes and Laurence Bradby)

A trail of sound portraits specific to locations at East Beach, Chalkwell Park, Wallsea Island, Jaywick, Walton-on-the-Naze and Harwich. Accessed via QR codes hidden as geocaches at each point. They form the Essex leg of the world's first Art GeoTour, created as part of England's Creative Coast and respond to HELLO RETREAT by Katrina Palmer (No. 2 & 5). The ID for the GeoTour is GT4A5.

Watermark

Maria Amidu

A series of eight artworks to mark the 107 mile walk described in Tom King's *Thames Estuary Trail*. They chronicle the artist's enjoyment in discovering both the book and the places along the trail. Located at great places to either eat, rest or visit. The first is hosted by Shoeburyness Hotel.

RETREAT

Katrina Palmer

(See No. 2 for description).

An English Garden

Gabriella Hirst

Co-presented with The Old Waterworks this durational gardening project reflects on the problematic history of nuclear colonial legacy and its ongoing impact. With accompanying publication - get your copy from our *Estuary 2021* hub.

Ness

Zoë Svendsen & Carolyn Downing

Robert Macfarlane's evocative text from *Ness* (2019) presented as an immersive 360 audio experience through the landscape of Gunners Park using GPS. Free - advance booking is essential. Free kit hire provided. See website for dates/times of performances.



Image credit: photo Mark Massey

In The End Is The Beginning. Towards The Thames Estuary

Nadav Kander

Large-scale photographs in the landscape find a direct relationship between image and estuary in a work that implies a passage of time, in contrast to our own.

Tremor at the Edge of Vision

Jack McNamara

J A Bakers, *The Peregrine* is the starting point for a site-specific walk fusing promenade, audio and 360 film across the landscape of Gunners Park. Free - advance booking essential. Please bring your own smartphone and headphones. Free - admission.

Southend Southend Central ➔ The Royals Car Park SS1 1DG

Southend Pier open 10:15-18:00. Entrance fees apply.

Thames Estuary Trail: An illustrated map

Adam Dant

Large scale illustration of the 107 mile Thames Estuary Trail. Hosted by the historic Park Inn by Radisson Palace Hotel.

Vanishing Point

Mary Mattingly

A two-part installation on Southend Pier exploring estuary plant life and the changing climate over millions of years. Co-commissioned by Focal Point Gallery and Metal.

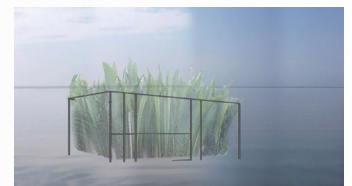


Image credit: Courtesy of the artist

14 Days on the North Atlantic

Simon Faithfull

Text-based work at two prominent estuary landmarks. Diary entries from a containership crossing the Atlantic, on Southend Pier. See also No 81 as part of Route 6.



Associated
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Please visit our website for details of our Online Programme - and the wide range of estuary themed programme listed in the Associated Programme.



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