

Thames Estuary Trail

Route two

Southend Pier

Chalkwell

Leigh on Sea

Benfleet

Canvey Island

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

Family Activities

Pick up our activity sheets for children and young people from our Cafe Valise.

REBEL

Sat 29 May 11:00 / 15:00
Ackroyd & Harvey bring the spirit of rebellion to Chalkwell Park with performance, promenade and workshop.

Arts in Transit

Sat 6 June 11:00 - 17:00
Lata Upadhyaya brings her travelling art and conversation space to Chalkwell Park. Suitable for all ages.

Merge

Sat 5 & Sun 6 June
11:00 - 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.

Publications

Festival publications include: *The Water Replies: notes on teaching contemporary poetry* (Caroline Bird / Selina Nwulu); *Thames Estuary Trail: a walk round the end of the world* by Tom King; accompanying illustrated map by Adam Dant; and new writing on the nearby enigmatic *Sutton Manor: Just Beyond Reach* - by four contemporary writers and a historian. Get your copy at Cafe Valise.

Full details for booking on website.

Estuary 2021 Hub Cafe Valise

Open Wed – Sun,
22 May – 29 Aug
12:00 – 19:00

Tea, coffee, local beers and prosecco served from Metal's pop-up cafe on the veranda of the Grade II listed Chalkwell Hall.

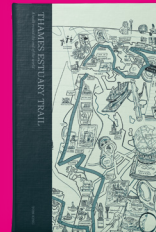


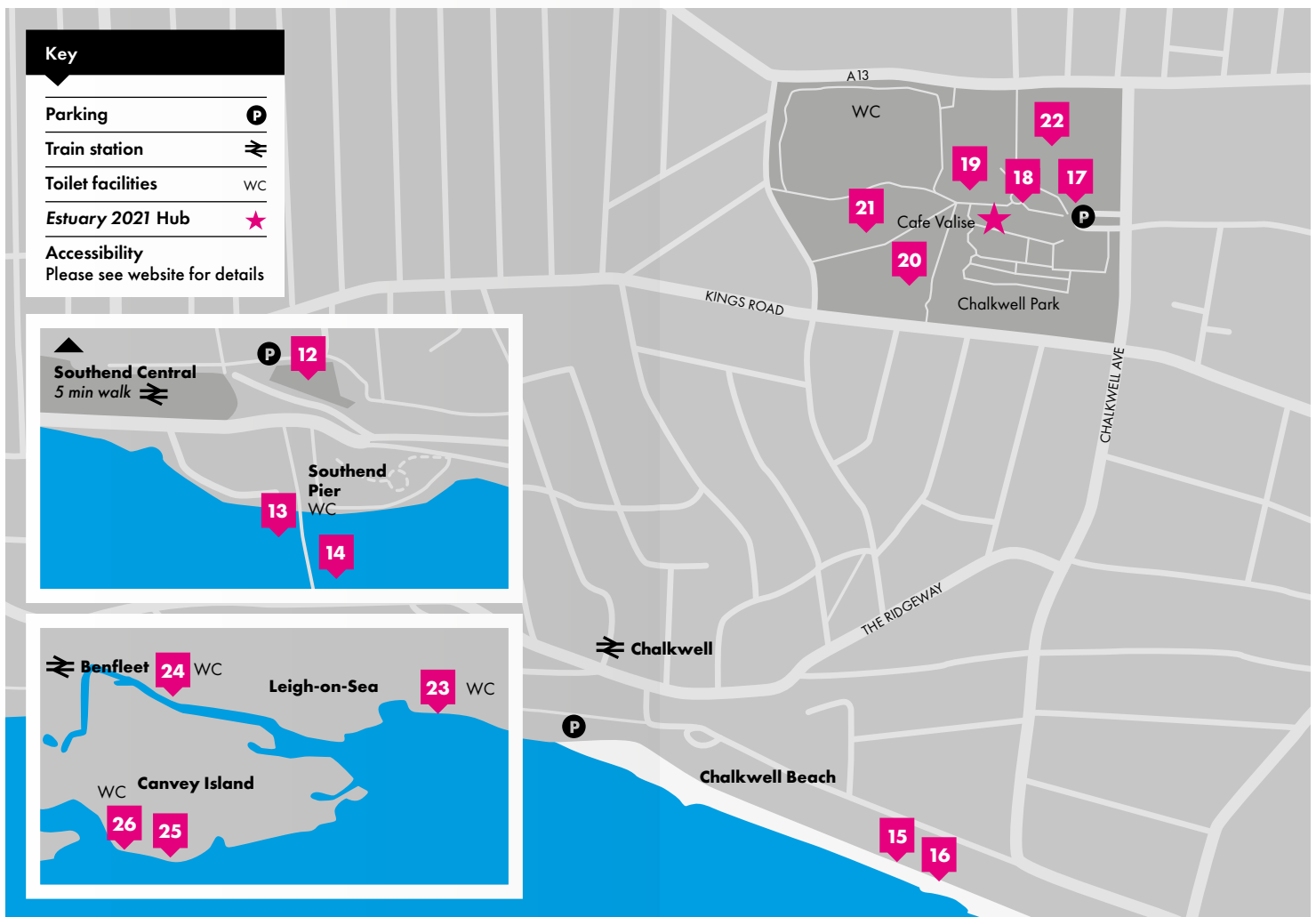
Image credit:
Thames Estuary Trail: a walk round the end of the world by Tom King £20 plus p&p

Book Launch: Thames Estuary Trail: A walk round the end of the world


Sun 30 May 15:00 - 18:00
Southend Pier - including a guided walk.

Tom King - guided walk -

Wed 2 June
Old Leigh to Hadleigh Castle
Start time: 12:00. Meeting point:
Leigh-on-Sea Station.



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.



Image credit: Detail of Adam Dant's illustrated map.

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.

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.

Chalkwell

Chalkwell 
 Chalkwell Park
 SS0 8NB

Watermark

Maria Amidu

A series of eight artworks to mark the 107 mile walk described in Tom King's *Thames Estuary Trail: A walk round the end of the world*. 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. This one is at Chalkwell Beach close to Surf cafe.

Waiting for Climate Change

Isaac Cordal

Installed in the waters edge at Chalkwell Beach to remind us that inaction in the face of climate emergency must be challenged.

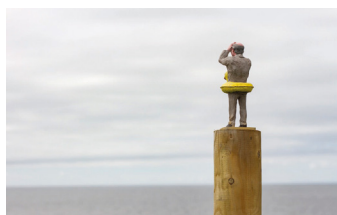


Image credit: *Waiting for Climate Change* by Isaac Cordal. Courtesy of the artist.

Shelter in Place

Andrea Luka Zimmerman

A new film work premieres in Chalkwell Park, shown as a three screen installation sited in the old peacock enclosure.

The Water Replies

Estuary 2021 inspired 100 creative journals made by Thames Estuary residents, part of a wider project led by poets Caroline Bird and Selina Nwulu. Visit a selection, on show via window displays at Chalkwell Hall with poetic excerpts shared through hand painted murals. Keep your eyes peeled for other murals on the C2C railway network - and at Gunners Park.



Image credit: Detail from Peter Haugh's journal.

The Storm Cone

Laura Daly

Augmented Reality brings the sound and spirit of the old bandstand back to Chalkwell Park in an immersive audio work, accessed using a smart device. Use your own smart device or book onto one of our tours with free kit hire and advice on Sat 29 May and Sun 6 June from 11:00 - 17:00 (last hire at 16:00). Free - advance booking essential.

Sound Mirrors: Southend

Dot Dash (artist duo James Wilkes and Laurence Bradby)

A trail of sound portraits specific to locations at East Beach, Chalkwell Park, Wallasea 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 on Route 1). The ID for the GeoTour is GT4A5.

Leigh-on-Sea

Mirrors for Princes

Ruth Ewan

A series of traditional pub style mirrors featuring text channelling the ancient call for social equality and justice and accompanied by an edition of slogan beer mats. Hosted by pubs along the Essex coastline. On this part of the trail you can find them at the Crooked Billet, Old Leigh SS9 2EP; Barge Gladys, Benfleet SS7 1NF and Lobster Smack, Canvey Island SS16 4UH.

Canvey Island

Crude Britannia No 1 Platform

A map detailing the history, present and future of energy across the estuary to mark the publication of *Crude Britannia - How oil shaped a nation* by James Marriott and Terry Macalister (Pluto Books, 2021). Located at Lobster Smack, Canvey Island SS16 4UH.



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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