

# Thames Estuary Trail

## Route four

Thamesmead

Lesnes Abbey

Dartford

Ebbsfleet

Northfleet

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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 4 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](https://www.estuaryfestival.com)*

## Events

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### **Lore of the Wild**

*Bernadette Russell & Sophie Austin*  
*Sun 23 May at 10:00 / Sun 30*  
*May at 15:00 / Sun 6 June at 20:00*  
At Lesnes Abbey Wood SE2 0QJ.  
Guided walks by the artists at different times of the day, experience the audio storywalk and map and meet the artists who created it.

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### **The Commons Way**

*Lora Aziz & Wyrd Flora*  
*Sat 29 May 10:00-13:00 (walk and*  
*plant identification). 14:30 - 16:30*  
*(calligraphy workshop)*  
At Lesnes Abbey Wood SE2 0QJ.  
Exhibition, foraging walks & workshops relaying contemporary concepts around ecology, women, plants and land in response to The People of 1381 and rebel routes.

*Full details for booking on website.*

### **Estuary 2021 Gravesend Hub**

Open Everyday  
11:00 - 17:00

Call by for more information on the festival, and to pick up Estuary publications, and activity sheets for children and young people. Located at Gravesend Town Pier and Pontoon, DA11 OBJ.

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### **Explore Thamesmead**

*Sat 29 and Sun 30 May*  
*Lakeside Centre SE2 9AN*  
A series of new artworks in the landscape and artist-led events, including:

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### **Remnants of Rebellion**

*Chloe Cooper*  
*Sat 29 & Sun 30 May*  
Gathering at Lakeside Centre from 12:30

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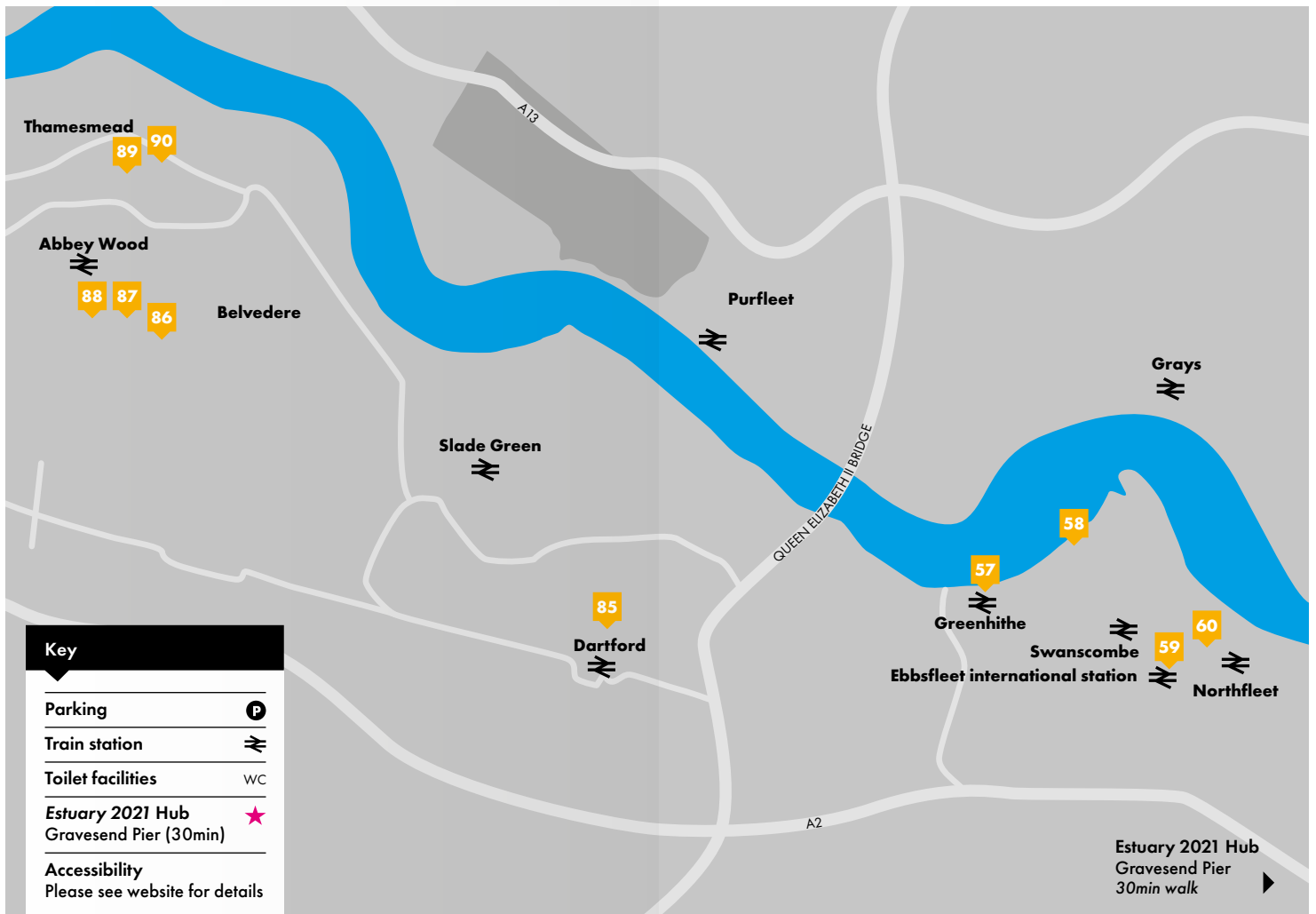
### **Reclaim the Marshes**

*J D Swan*  
*Sat 29 & Sun 30 May*  
Gathering at Lakeside Centre from 14:00

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### **Thamesmead Travelling Cinema Thamesmead Texas**

*Sun 30 May*  
19:00 at the Lakeside centre



## Thamesmead and Lesnes Abbey and Woods Abbey Wood

**Data Tree** 86  
*Jonathan Wright*  
 Sculpture pointing to events from the past, present, and future that relate to this historic site. Co-commissioned by London Bor. of Bexley and Metal.

**The Lesnes Hundred** 87  
*Eric MacLennan*  
 A celebration project offering estuary residents the opportunity to name a tree after someone important to them.

**Lore of the Wild** 88  
*Bernadette Russell & Sophie Austin*  
 Audio storywalk and map through Lesnes Abbey Wood. Co-commissioned by London Bor. of Bexley and Metal. Artist-led walks Sun 23 & 30 May & 6 Jun.

**Explore Thamesmead** 89  
 Sat 29 & Sun 30 May. A series of new artworks in the landscape around Lakeside Centre. Works by Calum F Kerr, Chloe Cooper, Cieron C-That, Dom Snow, Marcus Orlandi, Nathalie Coste & Thamesmead Texas.

**Estuary Broadcasts RTM.FM** 90  
 Saturday 29 May. A day of specially commissioned artworks made for online radio broadcast. Participating artists are Anne Hardy, Belinda Zhawi, Benedict Drew, Natasha Bird, Raju Rage, & Time is Away. RTM.FM is an online community radio station run by artist space TACO!

**Dartford** 85  
**Our Time**  
*Marcus Coates*  
 A series of six clock towers along the North Kent coastline have the songs and calls of locally threatened bird species, to be heard as the clocks would chime, on the hour. Dartford's is hosted by the Orchard Centre, with thanks to Newsstand Comics and Candy. Every day 09:00-17:00.

**Greenhithe** 57  
**Future Archeology of Ebbsfleet**  
*Alison Cooke*  
 The earth around Ebbsfleet and Swanscombe is famous for its archaeological finds, with this in mind people in Ebbsfleet were asked to make an object with the Estuary clay, something that could show future generations a glimpse of the way we live now. The fired ceramic objects will be on show on Greenhithe riverfront on Sat 12 June 13:00-17:00.



Image credit: Mirror Windmills by Nathalie Coste at Thamesmead

**Swanscombe** 58  
**Deep Thames // Visit Cretaceous**  
*Lydia Brockless*  
 This new film looks at the materials of Ebbsfleet, what it's made of and what's underneath it. Find a sign in the landscape, a few metres east along the riverfront from the junction of Tiltman Ave/Ingress Park Ave, with information on how to access this new film online.



Image credit: Lydia Brockless

**Ebbsfleet** 59  
**The Ebbsfleet Elephant**  
*Emily Whitebread*  
 Audio visual installation at Ebbsfleet International Station based on research on the Ebbsfleet Elephant (*Palaeoloxodon antiquus*, straight-tusked elephant).

**Northfleet** 60  
**The Return of the Fleet Spring Heads**  
*Adam Chodzko*  
 An immersive science fiction audio walk (via headphones), through the streets and landscapes of Northfleet, shaped by its vast chalk quarries. The walk's soundtrack moves backwards and forwards through time and space creating a meditative, utopian 'garden-city' of new consciousness. Booking is essential, visit the Estuary website to get all the information and to book a slot between 12:00-16:00 on Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays through the festival. The walk takes an hour.

**This Must Be the Place**  
*Ebbsfleet Garden City*  
 Estuary 2021 works in Northfleet, Swanscombe, and Ebbsfleet, are pilot projects for *This Must Be the Place*, Cement Fields' new three-year placemaking programme of research, artists residencies and co-commissions created collaboratively with young people in Ebbsfleet Garden City - the first new garden city for 100 years. To read more about the project go to [cementfields.org](http://cementfields.org) For more information about Ebbsfleet Garden City visit [ebbsfleetc.org.uk](http://ebbsfleetc.org.uk)



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