

CHEWTON GLEN BEACH WALK

There is a very pleasant walk from the hotel to the local beaches between Highcliffe and Barton on Sea, which will take you approximately 20 minutes at a leisurely pace.

If you have a little more time you can extend your walk along the beach footpath to Highcliffe Castle, a good stopping off point for a cup of tea and a slice of home-made cake, and then continue through the woodland nature reserve to Steamer Point and Avon Beach beyond.

It is worth walking on for a further ten minutes to Mudeford Quay, which overlooks Christchurch Bay, where you can enjoy the sight of the sailing boats and pleasure craft sweeping up through the tidal channel into the Solent or sit for a while watching the local fisherman.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BEACH

1. Leave the hotel via the front door; turn right out of the courtyard, walking past the car park on your left hand side.
2. At the bend in the road take the gravel drive on your right which borders the 'ha-ha', surrounding the Croquet Lawn.
3. Passing the outdoor swimming pool, go down the steps on the left hand side, following the path to the stream heading in the direction of the 'Lakes and Woodlands'. On some trees you will find circular purple signs with a white rabbit symbol to help guide you.
4. At the lakes, do not cross the bridge into the woodlands, but follow the stream, keeping it on your right hand side, as if walking along the golf stream. You will shortly rejoin the gravel path.
5. Cross the next bridge on the right and shortly afterwards you will arrive at a wooden gate leading out onto the main Christchurch Road.
6. You need to cross this road – **Please be careful as this is an extremely busy road.**
7. You will then see the public footpath sign to the coast clearly marked by the bridge.
8. The footpath descends along the small pathway which runs alongside the 'Chewton Bunny', the stream that runs through the grounds of Chewton Glen and out into the sea.
9. Follow the path, keeping the stream on your left and when you reach the end of the woodland, turn left joining a gravel path with a rather fine old mill house.
10. Follow the path, once again keeping the stream on your left hand side and at the first set of steps, descend turning right at the bottom of the steps.
11. Shortly ahead of you, you will see an open grassy area and the sea should be directly in front of you.
12. You will see the Isle of Wight directly opposite. Turn right for the walk to Highcliffe Castle and onwards to Mudeford Quay.
13. Or, if you prefer to the left, you have the beach at Barton on Sea. Do take care as the fossil mud cliffs that border this beach can be dangerous if you decide to try climbing on them.

← Highcliffe Castle & Mudeford Quay

→ Barton-on-sea

Enjoy the walk

