

FAGBURY VIEWPOINT

Distance 2¼ miles/3.62km

Start: Searsons Farm, Cordys Lane.

Trains: Greater Anglia Railways run a regular service from Felixstowe and Ipswich stations every hour and all stop at Trimley Station. This is about a 0.5 km from the start. Turn left out of the station and make your way to the end of the houses in Cordys Lane.

Buses and bus stop: Felixstowe Flyer buses numbers 75 and 77 from Felixstowe and Ipswich stop at the top of Station Road. It is about 1 km from the bus stop walking along Station Road which becomes Cordys Lane after the level crossing. Searsons farm is at the end of the properties in Cordys lane on the left.

Car Park: There is a small free car park opposite Searsons Farm, Cordys Lane.

Eateries: The Mariners pub, High Road. Gulliver's Fish and Chips, High Road. Mrs I Crafts is a cafe with drinks and homemade cakes, Wednesday- Saturday. 10am – 3pm. Cordy's Lane, beside the railway crossing.

This is a circular route on with some moderate slopes. You will walk on field tracks, bridleways and woodland paths. There is no road walking on this route. Some of the paths may be waterlogged or very muddy after heavy rain. This is a very interesting route as you will have wonderful views over the river Orwell and also a very clear view of activities on the Port of Felixstowe. Some of the hedgerows are full of hips and haws in the autumn.

① From the car park, turn right (south west) along the popular bridleway past **Searsons Farm** and Bidwells' buildings on the left. The wide track slopes gently down towards the **Port of Felixstowe** so you will see the cranes in the distance. There are lovely views over the countryside to the river Orwell on your right. About half way down the bridleway is a bench on your left to enjoy the views. Carry on through a row of trees called **Christmasyard Wood**.

② About half a mile from the start there is a track going to the right to the **Nature Reserve, Trimley Marshes**. Just before the path look over to your left and you will see a **Pill Box**. Ignore the path to the right and carry on down the bridleway. Eventually this bears round to the left and up a moderate slope. At the top of the hill is a bench which has excellent views over the Port of Felixstowe, the river Orwell and the Essex coast beyond. This is called **Fagbury Viewpoint**. Carry on with trees on your left.

③ The bridleway turns left running alongside the Port of Felixstowe. When you come out through the woods, you will have an excellent view of the Port's railway terminal. Continue along the bridleway up a gentle slope out of the woodland area. The track now runs beside a field with a hedgerow to your right. The bridleway then goes through an avenue of shrubs and trees, still with Port of Felixstowe and the railway line running alongside on your right.

④ Just before the unmanned railway level crossing, you will see a sign for a footpath to your left. Take this path going across a field with a hedge on your right. Go along the path past a second field. You will have a good view of the cranes from Port of Felixstowe here. Follow the path round to the right and then shortly after, the path goes to the left. This area can be very muddy after heavy rain. The path eventually leads to the bridleway that goes to Searsons Farm.

⑤ Turn right here and walk back to the car park. There are lovely countryside views to your left.

N.B. The words that are emboldened can be referenced in a separate Gazetteer also found in this section of the website.

