Historic King's Lynn

Start point	South Quay Grid reference TF616197 • Postcode PE30 5DT
Parking	Free parking along the quayside – several pay and display car parks close by
Distance	2 miles
Details	Minor gradients, 100% hard surface

Walk instructions

- I. Start at South Quay. Facing the river, turn right along the quayside.
- 2. Where the road bends right in to King's Staithe Square, continue straight on, crossing the sluice.
- 3. Immediately after crossing the sluice, turn right on to Purfleet Quay, passing the statue.
- 4. When you reach Custom House (Tourist Information Centre), turn left on to King Street. Walk along King Street until you reach Tuesday Market Place.
- 5. Continue straight on past the Corn Exchange and then bear right around the Market Place.
- 6. Turn right onto St Nicholas Street. At the end of St Nicholas Street, you will see St Nicholas Chapel in front of you. Turn left onto St Ann's Street.
- 7. At the end of St Ann's Street, turn right on to North Street. At the end, turn right on to John Kennedy Road. Continue down this road (which becomes Railway Road) until you reach the cross road junction with Blackfriars Street and Blackfriars Road.



- 8. Cross to the corner of Blackfriars road and follow the path in to The Walks. Walk down to the fountain and then turn left on to a path that heads back up towards the road. This path takes you past St John's Church and on to St John's Walk. After passing the church, bear right off St John's Walk and follow the path past the Red Mount Chapel.
- 9. At the crossroads, turn right along Broad Walk.
- 10. Cross the road to Millfleet passing the library on your right.
- I. At the end of the road, continue straight on past Church Street to Nelson Street.
- Turn left along St Margaret's Lane and at the end, turn right to arrive back at South Quay.

▼ The Green Quay

The walk starts outside the Green Quay, a Grade II listed building, which in the past was a warehouse, originally known as Marriott's Warehouse. The building has a 14th century ground floor and 15th and 16th century upper floors and up until recently had been used as a discovery centre for The Wash.



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A tale of old awaits you round the next corner... Imagine the sights and sounds of King's Lynn's maritime past as you explore this historic medieval port on foot.

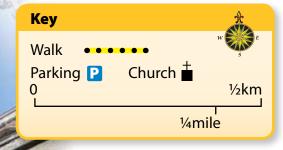
The Custom House

One of the most recognisable buildings in King's Lynn is the Custom House built by Henry Bell in 1683 as a merchants' exchange. The building was used as a customs house from the 18th century until 1989. It was the first classical building to be built in King's Lynn, and it is now open to the public as a museum.



St Nicholas' Chapel

England's largest surviving parochial chapel, St Nicholas' Chapel or the Fishermen's Chapel was founded in 1146 as a chapel of ease to St Margaret's Church. The roof of this Grade I listed building features a series of beautifully carved angels.





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True's Yard

A group of 18th and early 19th century brick houses, one of which contains an 18th century panelled room. The yard is the last surviving example of a fisherman's yard in the North End, a close fishing community that declined and disappeared during the 20th century. The yard has been restored and is now a museum. Find out about the North End fishing community at www.truesyard.co.uk/northend.html or call 01553 770479.

The Walks

The Walks is the only surviving 18th century town walk in Norfolk. With support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the 17 hectare parkland has been restored to its former glory with modern amenities added. In 1998, English Heritage designated The Walks a Grade II Historic Park.

The Walks are a significant area of the Town for:

- A number of historic buildings of interest including Red Mount Chapel, Gannock Arch and Bridges and St John's Church.
- Part of one of the most complete systems of earthwork town defences in eastern England.
- Opportunities for walking, cycling, sport and recreational activity.
- Flood control.

Discover lots more about the landscape and buildings of The Walks at King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council's website: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk (click on the link to Leisure and Public Space).





Red Mount Chapel

Red Mount Chapel is an unusual I 5th century wayside chapel that was part of the Walsingham pilgrimage route. The chapel was also used by soldiers during the Civil War, who left interesting graffiti in the interior.

Trinity Guildhall/Town Hall 🕨

The guildhall dates to the early 15th century. The building is of brick, but has a magnificent façade of chequered flushwork, with a 17th century porch. Next to the guildhall is the Town Hall, built in 1895 in the Elizabethan and Gothic Revival styles. It also has chequered flushwork to complement the façade of the guildhall. The complex includes a late 18th century courthouse and cell block, as well as a cell block dating from 1937, with many original fittings.