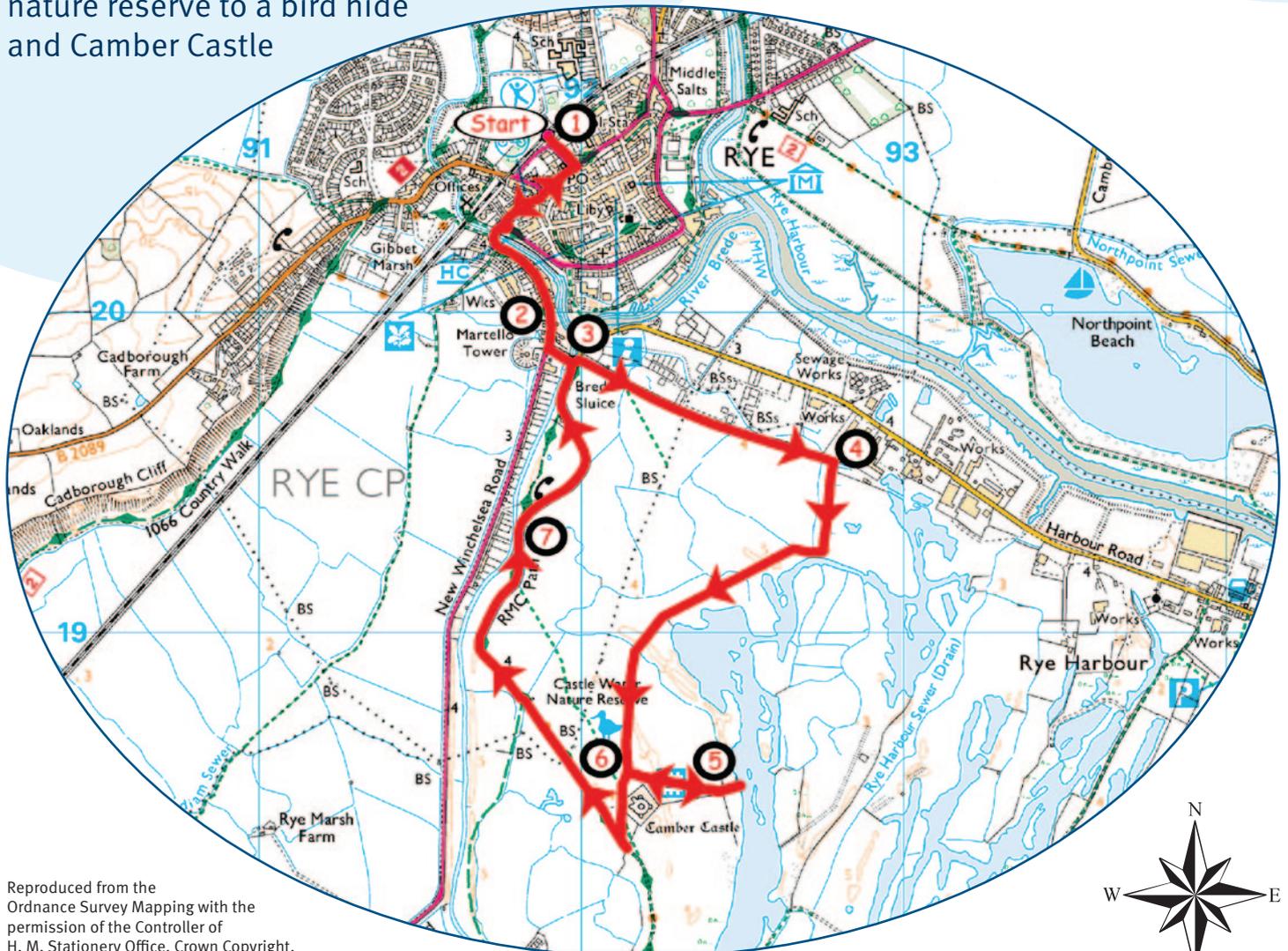




# Camber Castle Walk

A level route with easy access, starting from the historic town of Rye, crossing a nature reserve to a bird hide and Camber Castle



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## Local Information

Camber Castle was built by Henry VIII, as an artillery fort designed to guard the port of Rye. The Castle is open for guided tours between July and September.

## Essential Information

**Distance:** 4.5 miles/7km  
**Walk grade:** Very easy  
**Maps:** OS Explorer 125  
 OS Landranger 189

**Start/Finish:** Rye Railway Station  
**Post Code:** TN31 7AB  
**Grid Ref:** TQ 919205

# Route Description

- 1) Starting the walk from Rye Railway Station go straight ahead up Station Road and turn right at the T junction. Continue to follow this road into Wish Street before reaching the roundabout at the A259 Winchelsea Road. Cross the main road and then the bridge, heading towards Hastings. From this point there is a good view of the Strand Quay.
- 2) Continue to follow Winchelsea Road for approximately 450m (490 yards) before turning left into Rye Harbour Road. After crossing the bridge, over the lock, follow the road round the left hand bend (beware of traffic at this point). Immediately after the bend take the footpath on the right.
- 3) The route now follows the line of the old railway which operated between 1854 and 1960 serving the cement, tar and gravel extraction industries of Rye Harbour. From this wide, level path there are good views of Camber Castle to the south. Continue to follow the old railway for approximately 730m (800 yards) to reach a hand gate beside the reed bed. Shortly after the gate turn right and cross the footbridge.
- 4) After the bridge continue along the path ahead, ignoring the path immediately on the left. Keep the fence line on your left hand side, and the reed bed on your right. Follow the path to the end of the reed bed and turn right to reach a hand gate. Now follow the path with the fence on your right and Castle Water open to your left. After the next set of gates, continue to follow the field edge path, now with the fence on your left. Follow the path to the gate beside the willow tree, then on towards the waymark post, and Camber Castle.
- 5) Immediately before reaching the Castle, a footpath spur on the left follows the fence line and leads to the bird hide overlooking Castle Water. From the bird hide return to the main route, either by retracing your steps, or by using the stile near the entrance to the bird hide, to walk round the back of the Castle to gain a different view of the structure.
- 6) From the front of the castle, continue to follow the path south towards a gate and stile, but turning sharp right just before reaching the stile to follow the path along the field edge, keeping the fence on your left. After the next gate, continue to follow the path with the ditch on your right. After bearing right, the path continues with the River Brede on your left.
- 7) Immediately after the next gate, the path divides, at which point take the right hand route following the line of the ditch on your right. Turn right at the path junction in front of the cottages following the shingle track beside the river, to rejoin Rye Harbour Road adjacent to Brede Sluice. Turn left and retrace the route back into Rye and the start of the walk.



View of Camber Castle