

## Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Walk No 4

### Field Centre to Restharrow Scrape via Royal St Georges Golf Course, the Beach and Sandilands

Distance: 4.1km (2.5m)

Duration: allow 2.0hrs

Difficulty: Easy, but take care along track past Sailing Club

Follow the Country code with dogs on leads please.

Price £0.50



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<p>1. Exit the Field Centre, turning left onto the track<sup>1</sup>. Cross Guilford Road and pass through the first of three kissing gates into the meadow beyond. Follow the path straight ahead and pass gate no 2<sup>2</sup>. Enter the field and follow the path toward the golf course and beach. The next gate opens onto the RSGGC golf course.</p> <p>2. A public footpath is identified by a series of low concrete way marker posts and white signposts<sup>3</sup>. Be prepared to wait if golf is in play until the players move on. Exit the golf course onto a road with the beach beyond<sup>4</sup>. Turn right onto Princes Drive for 1km, passing King's Ave and Waldershare Ave<sup>5</sup> until reaching a gate (passing the gate continues the walk toward Deal).</p> <p>3. The tarmac road bends sharp right at the gate, passing Sandilands house on your left. The road finishes after 100m at a locked, steel, 5 bar gate. Walk around the gate onto the enclosed track, passing the sailing club on the left. After 175m, exit between the stile and gate providing access onto the Ancient Highway.</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> Check for farmland and garden birds here – tits, Chaffinch, Starling and house sparrow</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Rooks and Crows seen all year in fields. Orchids and wild flowers to be found in the meadows and verges.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Woodpecker, Tits, Goldfinch and Kestrel often seen.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Meadow Pipit, Green-woodpecker and Skylark often found on the golf course.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> House Martin breed on houses along the sea front. Check the sea for Great Crested Grebe and Scoter during winter months.</p>	<p>4. Turn right along the tarmac road for 175m. Pass the double agricultural gate and an off-road parking area, turn left through a wooden gate to access the path to the hide overlooking Restharrow Scrape<sup>6</sup>.</p> <p>5. Return to the road from the hide and turn left. Walk 260m, before the bend in the road, almost passing the small wood on your right, Enter The Elms through the gate<sup>7</sup>, signed 'Rest Harrow Nature Reserve' also known as 'The Elms'.</p> <p>6. There are several tracks and seats within the wood. Leave The Elms by the same gate and turn right onto Guilford Road. Walk for 400m past Waldershare Ave to the right with the Security Kiosk on the left<sup>8</sup>. Continue past the asparagus fields and turn left onto the track returning to the SBBOT Field Centre.</p>	<p><sup>6</sup> Lapwing, Teal, gulls, Snipe and many other waders and ducks seen here.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Goldcrest, Robin, Blackcap, Chiffchaff amongst others</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Pheasant, Wood-pigeon, Rooks and Grey Partridge may show in the fields</p>
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