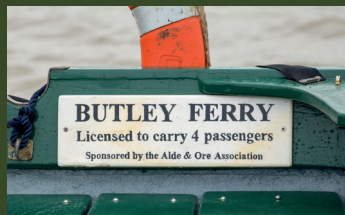


History of Butley Ferry

The ferry has been operating from its present site since 1383 and is one of only two in Britain working under oars alone. Prior



to the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry VIII, the land on both sides of the Butley River was owned and farmed by the canons and estate workers of the Augustinian Priory. The remains of Butley Priory can be found nearby. The ferry is known to have been in operation at its present site for some of the time that the priory was active but had previously operated from a place approximately where Boyton Dock now stands.

Overlooking the ferry is Burrow Hill, an Iron Age and Saxon settlement site. Before the Medieval flood defences were built, it was a virtual island surrounded by local streams. A community excavation found evidence of a Bronze Age cremation cemetery, early Christian burials and a defensive site dating from the 7th to 9th centuries AD.

The ferry became less important to the local economy and went out of service around the early 1930's. It was revived in 1993 to serve the walkers and cyclists who have now discovered this beautiful part of Suffolk.



Photos by Martin Yip & Ian Barthorpe

Butley Ferry Timetable

Easter Saturday to the
second Sunday in October

Weekends and bank holidays only, 11am to 4pm
May not operate in strong winds.

Adults:	£2.50
Children under 12:	£1.50
Bicycles:	£1.50
Dogs:	Free

Midweek groups – May be accommodated where
enough notice is given, and a ferryman is available.
A minimum charge for the group may apply.



Telephone: 07913 672499
For all ferry enquiries, at any time

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic people to help row
and maintain the ferry. Please contact us via the addresses below

E: ferryman@butleyferry.org  [@thebutleyferry](https://www.facebook.com/thebutleyferry)

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The Butley Ferry

Circular Routes for
Walkers and Cyclists



Cross the Butley River on the smallest licensed ferry in Europe. The ferry is situated in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths. The ferry can carry four passengers or two passengers and two cycles. Operated by volunteers, this historic ferry is the vital link making the circular routes possible. It also adds the village of Orford, with its 12th century castle, for those walking the Suffolk Coast Path.

Includes FREE cycle
and walking
map

Natural History

Look out for the seals who are resident in the river all year round and can often be seen hauled out on the mudflats. Marsh Harriers and Avocets nest locally and the mudflats and saltings attract many species of wading birds. Close by is the RSPB reserve at Boyton Marshes.

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Woodbridge

Rendlesham Forest Main Car Park



KEY

CYCLE ROUTES:



FOOTPATHS:



SUFFOLK COAST PATH:



Approximate distances;

ORFORD CIRCULAR WALK 10 Miles
(Via Butley Ferry and Chillesford)

ORFORD CIRCULAR CYCLE ROUTE 11 Miles
(starting and finishing in Orford,
via Butley Ferry and Chillesford)

ORFORD CIRCULAR CYCLE ROUTE 14 Miles
(Starting and finishing at Rendlesham car park,
via Butley Ferry and Chillesford)

Access to the ferry for cyclists by kind permission of the landowners.

Tunstall Forest

Sudbourne

Sudbourne Marshes

Chillesford

Butley

Sudbourne Park

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Orford Castle

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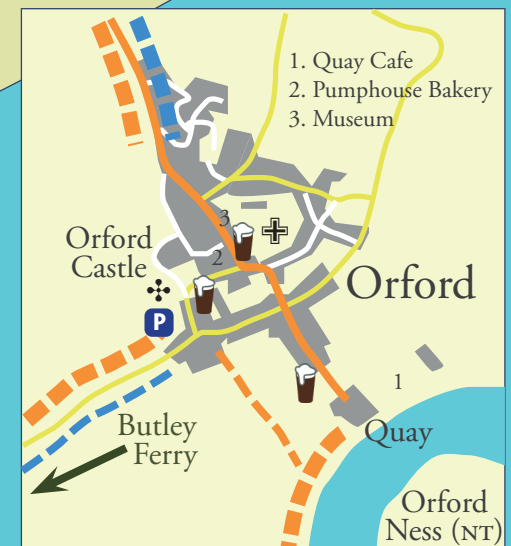
Burrow Hill

Havergate Island

Boyton

Boyton Marsh RSPB

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Please note this map is only a guide, please use in conjunction with an OS map or reputable road map.