

Owens Walks

Route Description: Around Bazil Point

1. There's roadside parking over the sea defence embankment (SD43282 57822) on the road to Sunderland, but beware 'high water' as this area can flood. Start the walk along the coastal path SP Bazil Point. A stile leads the route along the top of the sea defence embankment for a while before returning to the shore. Glasson Dock comes into view as we reach Bazil Point. Bazil Farm on the higher ground is allegedly mentioned in the Domesday Book (needs citation) and suggests we have occupied this area for many centuries. Pass the fisherman's huts before reaching Ferry Cottage, the current owner suggested the ferryman brought coffins from Glasson for burial in the Ancient churchyard. Bazil Point is a very special place of solitude where we can enjoy nature and our landscape, a wonderful place to 'leave your cares'. Continue along the shore, past the farm cottages to reach a stile (SD42820 57779).

2. Leave the shore by the stile, along a path, then cross the meadow using the farm track to reach Bazil Lane, continue to the junction with Church Lane.

3. A short excursion along Church Lane affords a visit to the Ancient Church. Return to the junction at Bazil Lane. Walk along Chapel Lane, follow the sharp L bend & then a R turn to reach Main Street. Turn L along Main Street, Overton village consists of many whitewashed stone-built cottages from the 18th century, however some are older. Its a quaint and attractive village with an air of history and character. Follow the Main Street through the village to reach the road to Sunderland and the start of the walk.

This is a wonderful short walk and best around high tide.