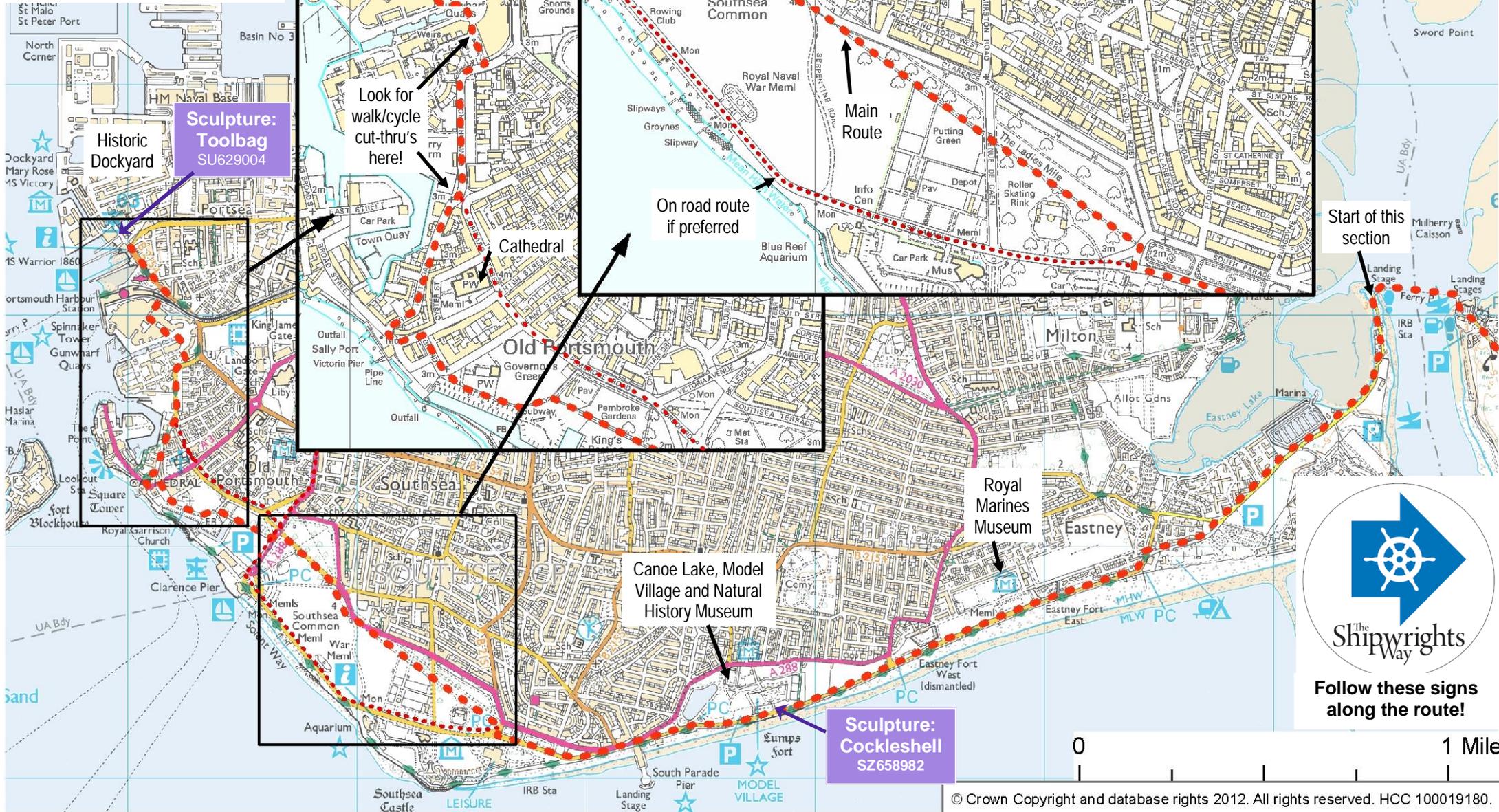


## SECTION 12: PORTSMOUTH



**Sculpture:  
Toolbag  
SU629004**

Historic Dockyard

Look for walk/cycle cut-thru's here!

Main Route

On road route if preferred

Start of this section

Royal Marines Museum

Canoe Lake, Model Village and Natural History Museum

**Sculpture:  
Cockleshell  
SZ658982**



Follow these signs along the route!

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# SECTION 12: PORTSMOUTH

**How far?** This final section of the Shipwrights Way is 5 miles long; you can return along the same route or if you were to do the two sections before this (from Havant-Portsmouth; around 12 miles including this section), you can also return by train.

## What will I see?

This section starts at the ferry from Hayling Island. You will pass several boatyards coming into Eastney and then join the seafront, with views across to the Isle of Wight and everything from yachts and cruise ships to naval vessels in between. You can clearly see the Spinnaker Tower, very near your destination, from here. Along the seafront are many interesting places to visit including the impressive building of the Royal Marines

Museum, the Rose Gardens at Lumps Fort (site of the cockleshell sculpture) the sea-fed canoe lake and model village and, at the southernmost tip of Portsmouth island, Henry VIII's Southsea Castle together with the D-Day Museum and the Blue Reef Aquarium. At this point, you turn slightly inland across the beautifully maintained parkland of Southsea Common using a path known as the 'Ladies Mile', reminiscent of promenading in Victorian times and still lined with elm trees. Coming into Old Portsmouth you pass the cathedral with its beautiful stained glass windows; its well worth spending some time wandering around this area, perhaps following the walking route marked with chain-links set into the pavement. You then enter Gunwharf Quays (cyclists please dismount here), with an amazing variety of shops, plenty of places to eat and the Spinnaker Tower with its far-reaching views. Finally you reach the magnificent Historic Dockyard, home of the Mary Rose, HMS Victory and the International Boatbuilding Training College where, fittingly, you will find the final sculpture - a Shipwright's toolbag which marks the end of Shipwrights Way. There is a plethora of other interesting things to do and see here, both charged-for and free of charge, including harbour tours, museums and events ([www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk) 023 9283 9766).



**Who can use it?** This section is open to walkers (and dogs) and cyclists; it provides a good flat, year-round route for pushchairs and mobility vehicles. Please note that dogs are not allowed into the Historic Dockyard.

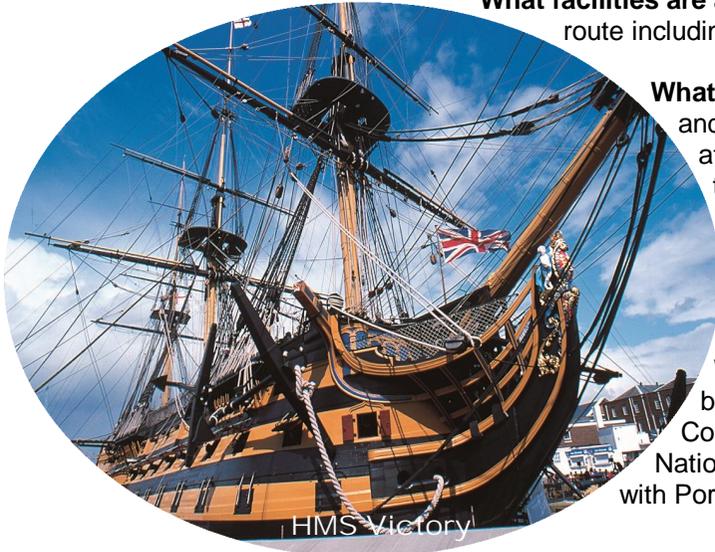
**What is the path like?** The route is flat, on tarmac or paved surfaces with no stiles/gates or steps. Walkers are off-road for the whole route and cyclists benefit from a series of mostly off-road cycle lanes and paths, but with some on-road cycling. Along the seafront, walkers should use the prom and cyclists the two-way cycle lane (which is segregated from the road). You then use a path to cross Southsea Common and a series of small roads with pavements and some cycle lanes through to Gunwharf Quays.

**What facilities are available?** Apart from at the start of this section, there are plenty of facilities along the route including public loos, pubs/cafes, shops and rail stations. Parking is available throughout.

**What is the Shipwrights Way?** It is a long-distance route linking villages and towns in east Hampshire through some beautiful countryside. Starting at Alice Holt Forest near Farnham, it runs down across the South Downs to the sea at Portsmouth. The route is open to walkers and cyclists and, where possible, horse-riders and people with disabilities.

**Why 'Shipwrights'?** The name reflects the journey of oak grown at Alice Holt to dockyards such as Portsmouth for medieval shipbuilding.

**Who provided the route?** It was provided through a partnership between East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, the Forestry Commission and the South Downs National Park Authority. We were pleased to work closely with Portsmouth City Council in this area.



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