

# 15 Coastal Path Ryde to Quarr Abbey

This two mile amble from Ryde Pier to Quarr Abbey is perfect for all the family - whether it's a stroll with the kids, to work up an appetite for lunch, or just to get some room to breathe on your day trip from the mainland.

## Ryde to Quarr Abbey Landmarks

Built in 1814, Ryde Pier is the second longest accessible pier in Britain at nearly half a mile long.

Binstead Church stands on the site of a Norman Church built to serve workers who quarried stone for the old Quarr Abbey as well as Winchester and Chichester Cathedrals. Most of the present church is Victorian except for a Norman doorway containing a medieval effigy of a person sitting on a ram's head.

The original Quarr Abbey was opened in 1131 by a small Cistercian order of monks. The Abbey was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1537 and the new Abbey was built almost 400 years later in 1912 by a Benedictine order of monks using an eye catching rose-red coloured Belgian Brick. The Tea & Farm Shop is open daily and serves hot food and drinks.

Fishbourne Pub Dining Rooms offers quality dining in a pub environment, so why not stop in here for lunch on your walk.

- 1 From the pier entrance, head west along Esplanade, then bear away from the sea into St Thomas' Street, taking the first turning right into Buckingham Road, bearing round to the left past Buckingham Close, uphill to the junction with Spencer Road.
- 2 Turn right into Spencer Road and follow it for about 800 metres (half a mile) until it becomes a gravel track ending at white gates. Pass through the gates and cross the entrance to Ryde House on the right to Public Footpath R48 to Binstead and Quarr, known locally as Ladies Walk. Ryde Golf Course now lies either side of the tarmac path which descends to cross a bridge then continues up the hill on the other side to pass Binstead Church to the right.
- 3 Follow round to the left away from the church for 50 metres (55 yards) then turn right into Church Road turning right again after another 50 metres (55 yards) onto a level driveway, disregarding Public Footpath R46 to the beach on the right. At the house gates, take the path to the left and continue through level woodland to reach Quarr Road.
- 4 Turn right and follow the lane which starts to descend and becomes a gravel track before meeting a gate through which you continue to pass the old Abbey ruins to the right. The track ascends to cross the entrance to the new Quarr Abbey, which is on the right.

## ROUTE INFORMATION

- Start location: **Ryde**
- Difficulty: **Easy**
- Walk distance: **2 miles**
- Places to stop for food & drink
- Viewing & rest stops on route
- Family friendly route

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