

# Studland and Bramble Bush Bay

Isle Walk Purbeck Presents - a beautiful walk along the expanse of Studland Bay, with views to Old Harry Rocks and a return via the inner reaches of Poole Harbour and the sand dunes.

\*please note the walk is dog friendly but restrictions apply



AVERAGE TIME

2 hrs



DISTANCE

5.8 miles



ASCENT

175ft



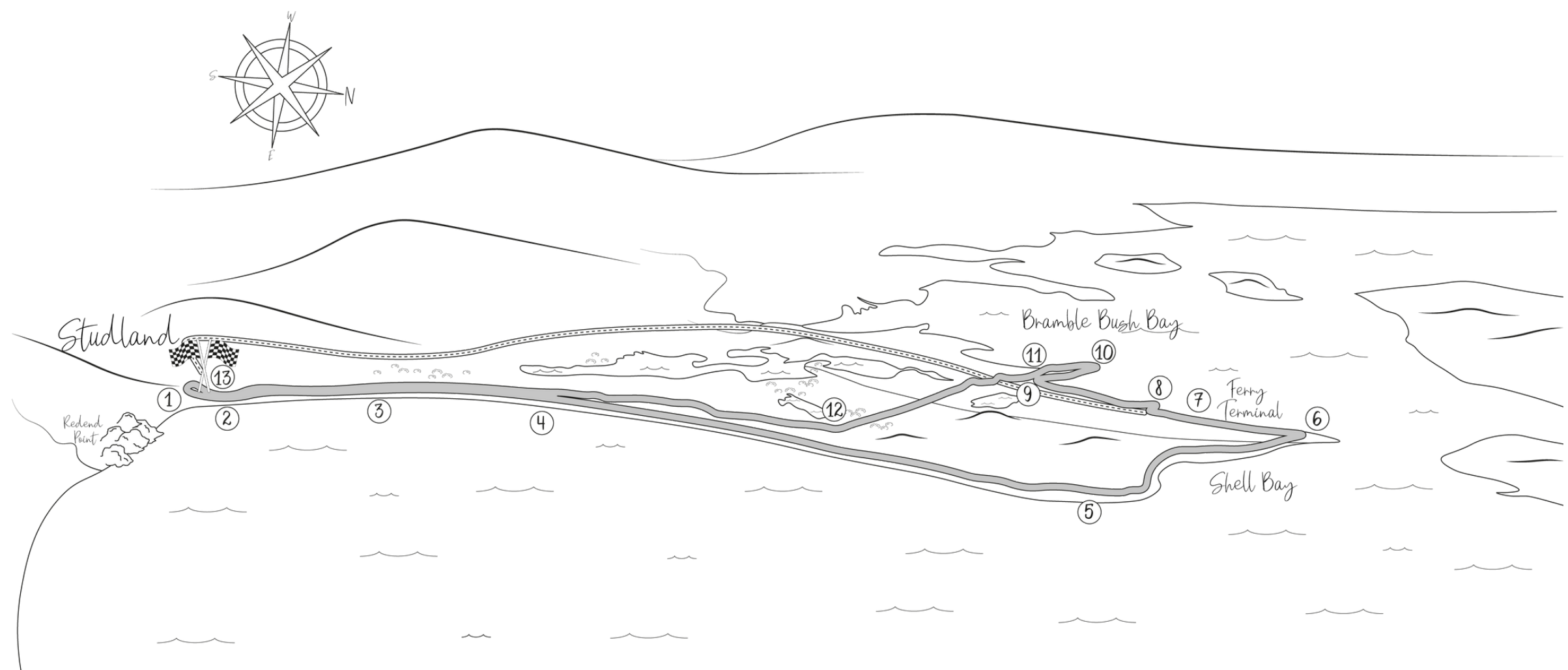
TERRAIN

Beach and sand dunes



DOG FRIENDLY

Yes - woof!\*



## The Basic Steps

1. Start at the Middle Beach National Trust car park  
SZ 0359 8292

The car park is free for National Trust members, or you can pay at the ticket machines. Walk down the zigzag path to the right of the lookout hut on the right hand side of the car park  
Dist to next: 0.05mi

2. Walk along the beach SZ 0360 8300  
Walk in a northerly direction, right along the beach  
Dist to next: 0.31mi

3. Knoll Beach  
Here you will find a cafe, National Trust shop and toilets. This is a great opportunity, both at the beginning or end of the walk to enjoy some refreshments and browse in the shop. It's a fabulous spot to enjoy the views over to Old Harry Rocks.  
Dist to next: 0.43mi

4. Keep walking along the beach Keep going along the beach - aspects to consider are the views over to Old Harry Rocks and to Bournemouth, on the opposite shoreline. There is also a naturist beach along this stretch, so don't be alarmed if you see more than you were expecting of your fellow beach goers!  
Dist to next: 1.24mi

5. Bear left onto Shell Bay SZ 0424 8599  
As you turn the corner onto Shell Bay, in a more westerly direction, you will notice the beach has more shells (hence the name). From here head towards the chain ferry, which is visible in the near distance.  
Dist to next: 0.61mi

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6. Turn left close to the Ferry Road SZ 0361 8664  
Turn left off the beach and walk towards the toll booths on the road. There are toilets on the left. There is no.50 bus stop which can provide an alternative start and end point for the walk.

Dist to next: 0.23mi

7. Cross the road SZ 0335 8623

At the toll booths cross the road, to the right, and pick up the path about 100m along the road, through the metal gate marked with an 'emergency access' sign and where the Poole Harbour trail sign points the way to Bramble Bush Bay.

Dist to next: 0.11mi

8. Turn left on the beach SZ 0334 8624 Follow the beach passing the boathouses. From here you can see Brownsea Island, in the middle of Poole Harbour.

Dist to next: 0.30mi

9. Bear right, follow the shoreline SZ 0304 8588

Dist to next: 0.20mi

10. At Jerry's Point turn left SZ 0282 8610

Pick up the path away from the shore and through the heather, back towards the ferry road

Dist to next: 0.28mi

11. Cross the road SZ 0304 8573

Cross the Ferry Road, pick up the path on the other side, head towards Studland Bay via Studland Heath, which is indicated by a large sign.

Dist to next: 0.58mi

12. Turn right SZ 0374 8516

Follow the National Trust purple way markers back towards Knoll Beach. From here make your way back to the car park, retracing your steps along the beach or walking through the row of beach huts, back to middle beach.

Dist to next: 1.45mi

13. Finish at the National Trust car park SZ 0359 8294



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Well done, you have reached the end of the walk. For more walks come and visit us at [www.islewalkpurbeck.com](http://www.islewalkpurbeck.com)