

Walking trails around the Medway Swale Estuary  
**Trail 4 - A walk around Elmley**





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Distance: 2 miles (3.5km)

Time: Allow 1 to 1.5 hours

Terrain: Flat rough unmade tracks, can get muddy.

### Points of interest

- ① **The old schoolhouse** - this ruinous building and a few gravestones, are all that remain of the village of Elmley. Originally consisting of around 30 houses, along with a church and a pub, the village grew up around the Turkey Cement Works in the late 19th century, before dwindling away following its closure in 1902.
- ② **Old dock** - just beyond the stile are all that remains of a small dock used by sailing barges serving the old cement works. The skeletal remains though, are that of an old minesweeper.
- ③ **The Elmley Ferry** - at low tide it is still possible to see the remains of the old causeway, which ran as far as the deep-water channel of the Swale. Stationed at Murston would have been the ferryman with a small rowing boat.

## Further information

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