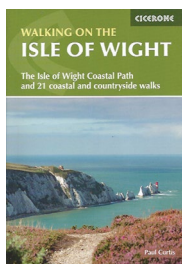


# BOOKS

## The Netherlands

### Walking on the Isle of Wight



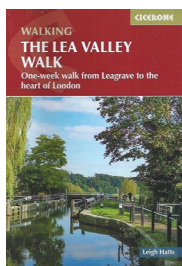
Paul Curtis  
Cicerone  
978 1 78631 256 3  
2013. 2nd edition 2025  
170 x 120mm  
210 pages, paperback  
£14.95

Since the first edition of this walking guide to the Isle of Wight (Nov 2013, p63) probably all of the pictures have been replaced. Much of the text has been updated but there are slightly fewer

walks.

The most important thing for kayak users remains the coastal circuit. This time it is all taken in an anticlockwise direction, contrasting with the first edition which took each of the north and south coasts from east to west.

### The Lea Valley Walk



Leigh Hatts  
Cicerone  
978 1 78631 287 7  
2001. 4th edition 2025  
170 x 120mm  
114 pages, paperback  
£16.95

The major change on this route since the second edition (Jun 2008, p45) has been the 2012 Olympic Games with all the remaining facilities down the valley. The first of these is the white

water course, about which there is a paragraph with a photograph of a paddler on white water although it does not show much of the course itself.

The pictures are mostly new and a number of them show powered craft, mostly moored.

As well as the full length of the river from the source above Luton to the Thames opposite the O2, there is an alternative ending at Limehouse Basin. With all the extra features it is surprising that the guide now has two dozen less pages.



Paul Heiney  
Adlard Coles  
978 1 3994 0996 4  
2026  
220 x 140mm  
223 pages, firmback  
£20.00

This is a book to accompany pilotage, not replace it, to tell you all you need to know once off the water. Despite the title, it is restricted to the environs of marinas on a canal route for fixed mast sailing boats while crossing the Netherlands from Vlissingen to Den Helder then Lemmer to Delfzijl.

As well as brief mention of facilities for sailing vessels there is information on where to eat, supermarkets, bakeries, laundries and, often overlooked elsewhere, activities to keep younger family members happy. Cycle hire is located and distances are usually given in terms of time to walk. Even trains are given as journey times to major centres. Canoe hire is located in Gouda. Map sections mark every single road.

There are more museums than anywhere else in the world for the size of population and, inevitably, cheese and windmills feature strongly. Less happily, the Dutch also have mosquitoes and 25,000 bikes thrown into the canals every year.

The many colourful photographs give a lasting impression of bright buildings of all sorts along this canal route.

### Alaskan vanity project

Paul Caffyn is printing just 200 copies of the book of his Alaskan voyage (May 20, p16, Nov 20, p19, May 21, p14). The case bound luxury item is described as a vanity project, its cost of \$62 per book exceeded only by the cost of posting it overseas.

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## Back then

### 20 years ago



- \* Comparing expenditure on canoeing disciplines and the subsequent results achieved showed a marked lack of correlation over the previous 23 years.
- \* Canoeist no longer had paid advertising or a cover price but returned to being an amateur hobby in the face of problems resulting from canoeing's management.
- \* David Train completed his four year ban from the BCU and immediately received a second four year ban with no hearing.
- \* Mark Stocker paddled the 107km from Poole to Cherbourg in 14 hrs 25 mins.
- \* Sport England were to quit Holme Pierrepont.
- \* John Kelly was to set up a Path of the Paddle website for open canoes.
- \* Peter Begent died after being involved with the running of the Devezes to Westminster Race for 57 years.
- \* The Chartered Institute of Water & Environmental Management claimed 2,500,000 canoeists had signed a manifesto calling for greater access to the UK's waterways. A set of postcards of views of the Ribble pilot scheme to support Environmental Stewardship by a Defra official and presented to an EU conference on the Water Framework Directive did not show a single human being.
- \* The Flyak, a Nelo K1 fitted with hydrofoils by Norwegian Peter Ribe, was found to be faster than a K4.
- \* The BCU's talent identity scheme was attempting to identify future winners by their size. Bulgarian Krassimir Ivanov was taken on as a BCU sprint coach, having been sacked by Belgium's cyclists because of his enthusiasm for drug use.