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htnoth's Last Visit: Duton Sugar



In August 991 Byrthnoth, travelling from Humber side, could have touched base at Elv. then followed Fen Valley Walks to Cambridge and the West Anglia route to Great Chesterfield.





G > H Great Chesterford Station TL503426 to Thaxted, Guildhall. Explorer 209

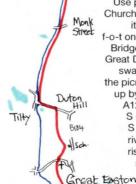
Depart Station G to use B1383 bridge over the River Cam and turn S along Church & South Streets and Manor Lane, to be Cam side into Little Chesterford's Springwell Farm crossing of E of B184. Surmount the Cam's E flank to twist S near the crest. Then crusade S for Saffron Walden, swap to map 195, Cok End by Westley Lane's crossing.

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Youthful River Chamer Keep S in the town on sidewalks down Castle Hill, Common Hill, then South Road up to Victoria Avenue E to switch through Victoria Gardens to cross B184 again lead S E up Shire Hill Lane leading to Cole End junction and another S E path to Rowney Corner a the Wimbush junction B184. Stride S S E on Pepples Lane to first path S into Rowney Wood. Exit S E corner on marked trail E S E by a young river Chelmer to Woodhams Farm. Path S E to Millhill Farm, path E N E to Haslemere then S S E on Watling Lane to the B184 at Thaxted Church. The Guildhall in downhill E a hundred metres H.



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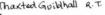
H > I Thaxted Guildhall TL610309 to Felsted, Absol Bridge Explorer 195 Depart Guildhall H S W to the windmill.

Walk S down to B1051. Shunt N E ninety meters to join path on far E side of hedge. Double back by hedge to greet Chelmer's water as it flows under the B1051. Stay Chelmer side to Duton Hill. F-o-t E to Duton Hill Farm.

Use path S S E to Great Easton School. Stay W of it to Church, then take S path converging with the Chelmer as it bends S E by Duck Street. From Elmbridge Farm f-o-t on Street from to use the B184 crossing of Bowvers Bridge, then S E on Green Lane to the footbridge S to

Great Dunmow Church. Cross B1057 to be on greensward W-side of Chelmer and trace it to get E-side at the picnic site, then cross two roads then take a S E path up by the wood on Bumpstead Hill to a bridge over the A120 into Little Dumow. Head E on Grange Lane, go S in village byPriory Church on Brook Street to bend S of Flitch Way underpass. Fork S S E to cross the river Chelmer again and swap to map 183 when rising to Absol Park. The E path leads from the steading to Felstead Mill to bend S by the millpool and reach Absol Bridge

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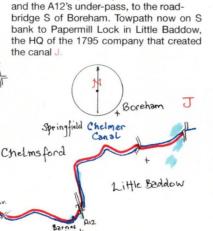
I > J Felsted Absol Bridge TL670190 to Little Baddow Explorer 183
Depart Absol Bridge | Chelmerside with water left-side to Hartford End's bridleway junction. Go left by dwelling to lane on N bank E to cross B1417.
Enter lane E for Littley Green. Twist S at lane bend to use Causeway bridge over the Chelmer. Resume S E tack with river left-side to the

over the Chelmer. Resume S E tack with river left-side to the next footbridge, then swap sides S, river right-side to move left on to a road S to Hill House cross-path. Opt to get W of the

Chelmer in Howe Street, and use sidewalk S to the entry into Langley Park. Follow main path S to hook E of the mansion and cross the river leading E to Chathamhall Boad. F-o-t S S E into Little Waltham

going down The Street to the bridge. Regain riverside progress east-side to footbridge, west-side to Croxton Mill, East side to Broomfield Mill Lane. Rise up the W flank to Broomfield Library.

Pursue Main Road's sidewalk S to left snickett before Valley Bridge Road. Descend to riverside, pass under the road-bridge and over the footbridge to approach Chelmsford's viaduct on grass. S of the brick arches, swap to W bank and work a way by the confluences of the River Can and the Chelmer Navigation to spring W on water-meadows canal right-side to the towpath beyond Barnes Mill and the A12's under-pass, to the road-bridge S of Boreham. Towpath now on S bank to Papermill Lock in Little Baddow, the HQ of the 1795 company that created the canal J.



## Byrhtnoth's Last Visit: Northey Speen

J > K Papermill Lock TL777090 to Maldon Battle Site TL 865053

Explorer 183 Depart E on S-side towpath to Ulting Hoe Mill. Swap sides to travel all the way to Beeleigh. Cross Speeny lock bridge, to use sluice-causeway over River Blackwater to Langford. Canal has switched to the channel of the Blackwater. Have it left-side to Chapman's Bridge E-side of the golf course. Trace canal under A414 carriageways to use a cyclists' bridge to the Chelmer's seawall by a supermarket car-park. Exit E-side of pub to B1018 zebra crossing and cross also Fullbridge, the last bridge, for a west-side finale. Probe S along what is now a busy estuary-side to Maldon Hythe with Thames barges at rest to enter The Promenade gardens and locate the statue of Byrhtnoth at Canada Quay. Reverse a few strides to find the path S through the gardens and onto the seawall for the final time, walking as far as the Northey Island Causeway which was a strategic feature in the 991 Battle of Maldon K where the Vikings mightliy defeated the Saxons and re-imposed Danegeld, a tax not paid since Great King Alfred defied all demands a century earlier.

