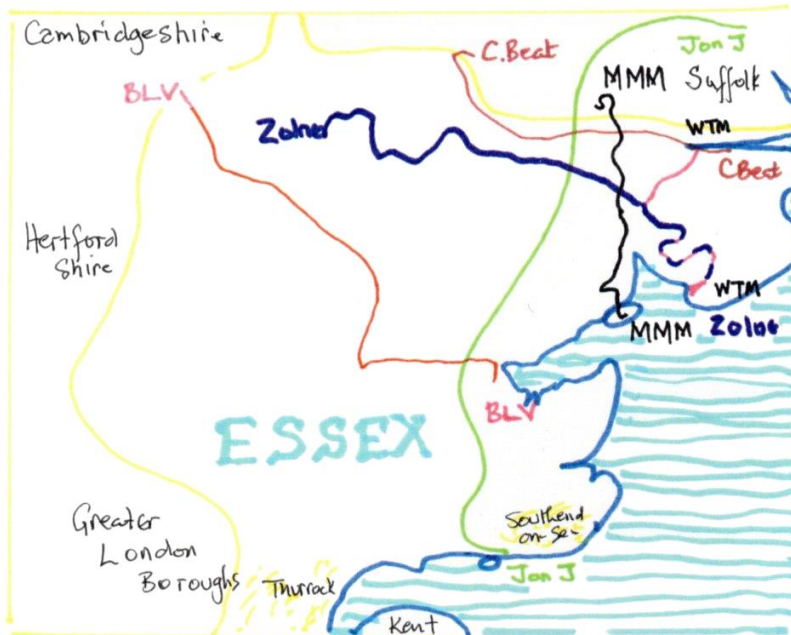


### Watershed intervals in corduroy country

Gipping-Orwell  
Brett  
Box  
Stour  
Colne  
Blackwater  
Brain  
Chelmer  
Crouch  
Roach  
Thames

*Barge image 1994 by late Sid Hawker LDW*

### Scatter Map



# CORDUROY COUNTRY STRIDES



Surmounting a Blackwater valley ripple on a Stisted tarmac incline in corduroy countryside  
Image and most other graphics: Roy Tover

Jonathon's Journey JonJ,  
Constable Beat CBeat,  
Maria Mehalah Macabre M M M,  
Colne Zolne Walking Zolne,  
Byrhtnoth's Last Visit B L V,  
West Tending Marathon W T M.

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## PREAMBLE

Linear trails are double ended; they have an accommodating beginning, attractive content, and an arresting finish; worth the aspiration.

1. Jonathon, a land-lubbered barge-hand was determined to get back to his Ipswich home in 1889 over rippled countryside from Leigh-on-Sea. In 1970 Mapjog's Willis Cole project was routed to cross the grain of successive corduroy watersheds betwixt the rivers Brett (Hadleigh Suffolk) Box, Stour, Colne, Blackwater, Brain, Chelmer, Crouch, Roach and Thames (Hadleigh Castle, Essex). By 1989 the direction was reversed and serialised in a newspaper, as Jonathon's epic Journey with a defined aim.

2. How much of our only Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Essex was explored by John Constable is not known; but people attracted to Stourdale by his powerful pictures might have walked with the 1705 canal in view to Sudbury Quay. There was no towpath, and the AONB, if not the Beat extends much further up the valley. Responsible file was Walter Underwood's. Amendments in 1985 and 1995 avoided path overcrowding with The Painters' Way and The Stour Valley Path respectively.

3. Maria, a spinster of Polstead and Mehalah, a fictional spinster from Mersea were a pair of nineteenth century heroines suffering early macabre deaths who probably did not know each other. If they did, would they have aspired to visit each other's environs? The Martina Stow file reeked with compassion as she prepared a route they could have used.

4. Hervey Benham probably scrutinised much of Colne-side to record the water-mills it empowered betwixt source and sea. With two tide mills, the list is impressive for a river that begets a light rainfall, and has much tidal-water in a semi-arid zone. See "Some Essex Water-mills". In this edition the Roman River tributary sector is removed from Kai-Lotte Remliff's Walks in the Essex Colne Zolne file to be re-issued as an Endless Trail Cascade.

5. Byrhtnoth aspired to get to Maldon in time to help East Saxons defend the town from a Viking attack. It proved to be his last visit. Aged sixty-three in boradsword combat with twenty-year olds who had just trimmed their muscles rowing across the North Sea, Byrhtnoth's winning streak collapsed. His valour is rightly honoured by statues in Maldon. The L. Stanley Taylor file kept the Cam and Chelmer riverside details in orderly fashion.

6. However, Raymond Elkard, a traveller with a rail-bias, got from Manningtree Station across the loess landscape of West Tendring Plain to Wivenhoe Station, then mimicked the Brightlingsea Branch Line and went absent. Luckily Mrs Remliff also finished at the grand joint Colne and B lackwater estuary, and shared her Zolne route from Wivenhoe onwards.

### Jessie's Score Booklets 2020

32 Lasso Essex a huge 773 km circular trail has its own book

34 Medieval Mingle has a modest 208 km circuit and its own book

35 Endless Trails' Cascade has a dozen circular trail formats.

37 Green Corridor copes with the Gt Yarmouth to Bromley-by-Bow

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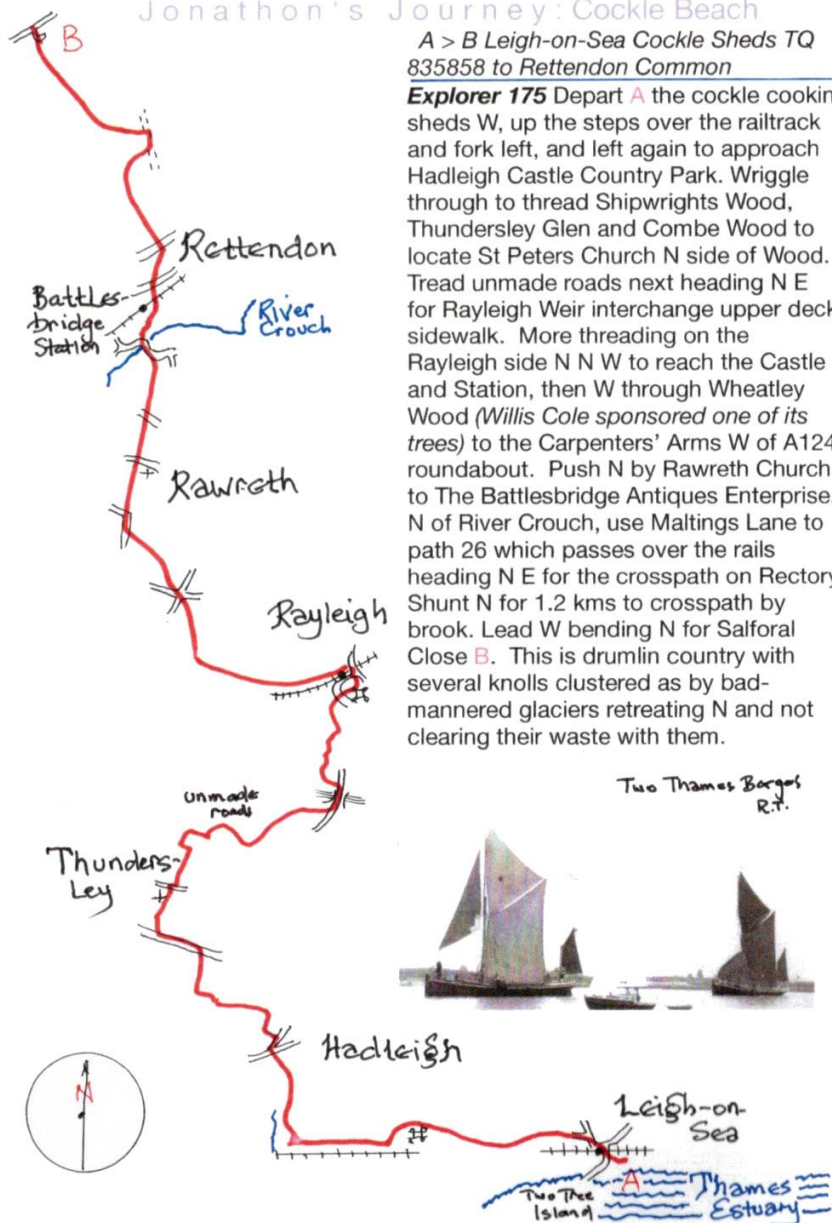
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	Camsix Croxton	183	25	21
	Northey Speen	183	12	22
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## Jonathon's Journey: Cockle Beach

A > B Leigh-on-Sea Cockle Sheds TQ 835858 to Rettendon Common

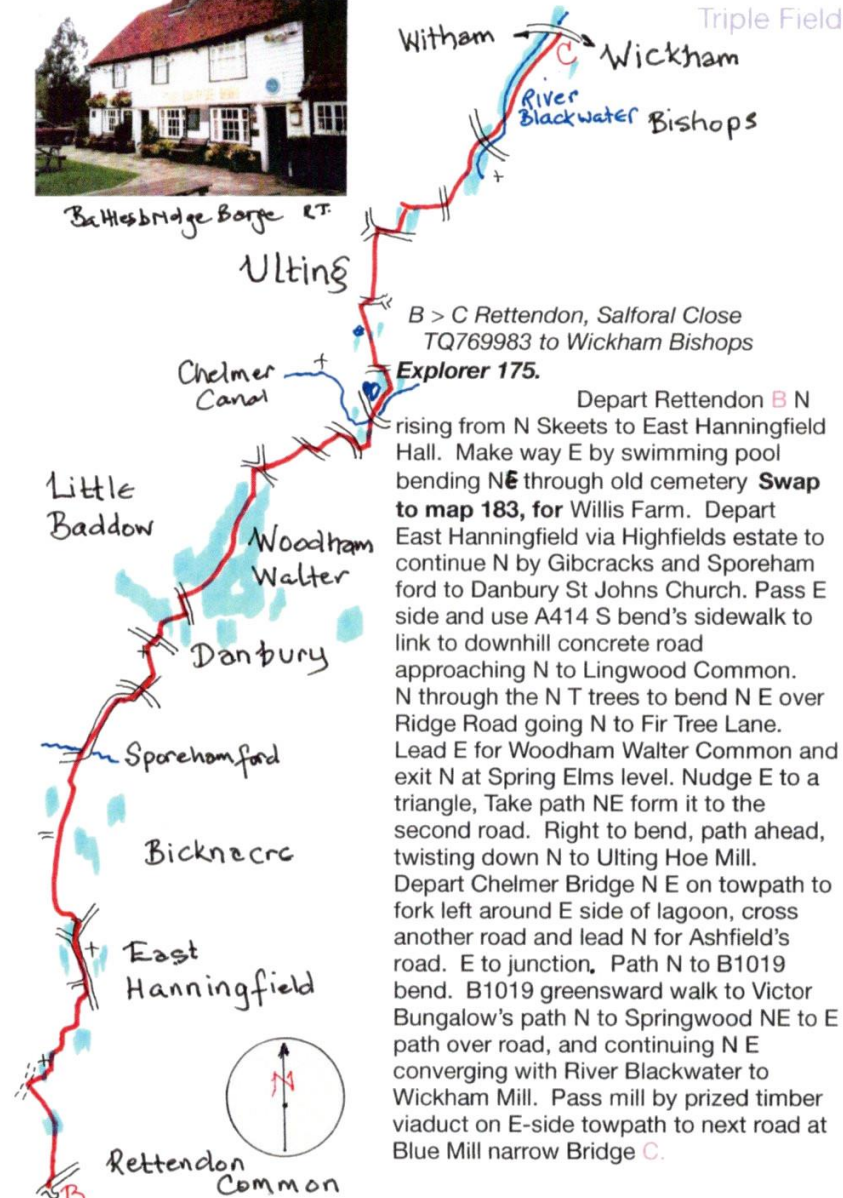
**Explorer 175** Depart A the cockle cooking sheds W, up the steps over the railtrack and fork left, and left again to approach Hadleigh Castle Country Park. Wriggle through to thread Shipwrights Wood, Thundersley Glen and Combe Wood to locate St Peters Church N side of Wood. Tread unmade roads next heading N E for Rayleigh Weir interchange upper deck sidewalk. More threading on the Rayleigh side N N W to reach the Castle and Station, then W through Wheatley Wood (*Willis Cole sponsored one of its trees*) to the Carpenters' Arms W of A1245 roundabout. Push N by Rawreth Church to The Battlesbridge Antiques Enterprise. N of River Crouch, use Maltings Lane to path 26 which passes over the rails heading N E for the crosspath on Rectory. Shunt N for 1.2 kms to crosspath by brook. Lead W bending N for Salforal Close B. This is drumlin country with several knolls clustered as by bad-mannered glaciers retreating N and not clearing their waste with them.



## Jonathon's Journey: Triple Field



Battlesbridge Barge RT



B > C Rettendon, Salforal Close TQ769983 to Wickham Bishops

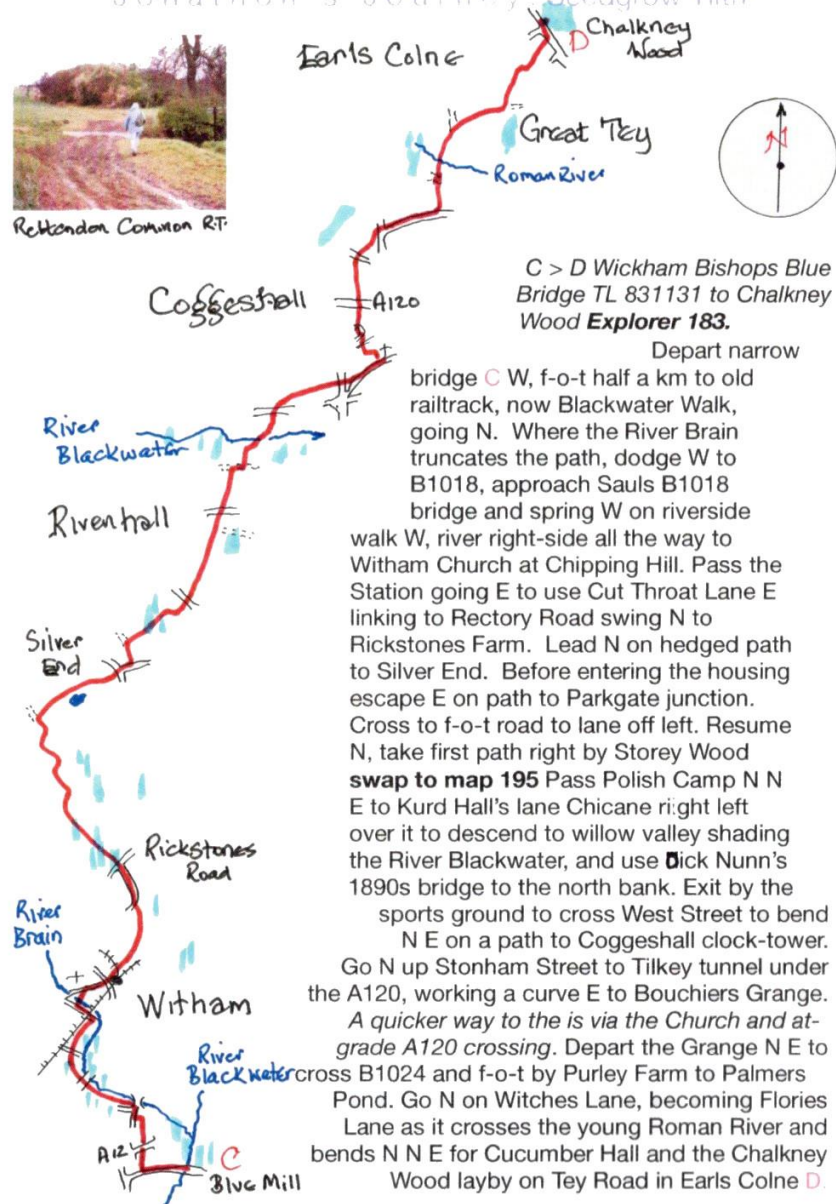
**Explorer 175.**

Depart Rettendon B N rising from N Skeets to East Hanningfield Hall. Make way E by swimming pool bending NE through old cemetery **Swap to map 183, for Willis Farm.** Depart East Hanningfield via Highfields estate to continue N by Gibcracks and Sporeham ford to Danbury St Johns Church. Pass E side and use A414 S bend's sidewalk to link to downhill concrete road approaching N to Lingwood Common. N through the N T trees to bend N E over Ridge Road going N to Fir Tree Lane. Lead E for Woodham Walter Common and exit N at Spring Elms level. Nudge E to a triangle, Take path NE form it to the second road. Right to bend, path ahead, twisting down N to Ulting Hoe Mill. Depart Chelmer Bridge N E on towpath to fork left around E side of lagoon, cross another road and lead N for Ashfield's road. E to junction, Path N to B1019 bend. B1019 greensward walk to Victor Bungalow's path N to Springwood NE to E path over road, and continuing N E converging with River Blackwater to Wickham Mill. Pass mill by prized timber viaduct on E-side towpath to next road at Blue Mill narrow Bridge C.

## Jonathon's Journey: Seedgrow Tilth



Reckenden Common RT

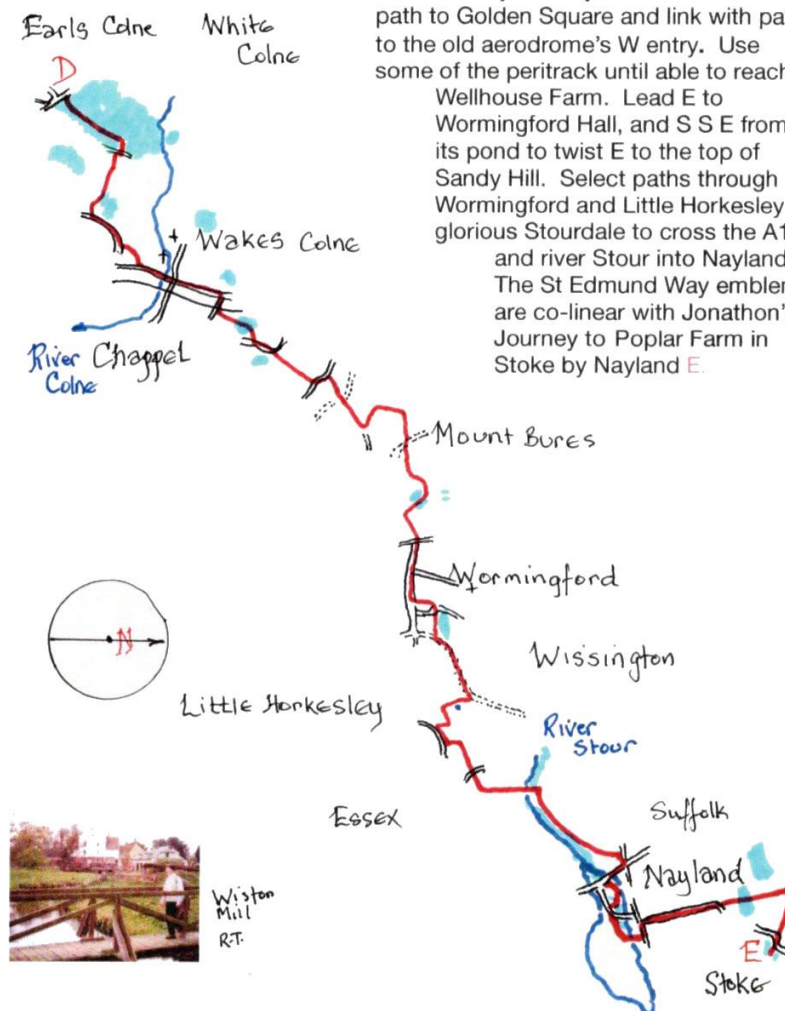


## Jonathon's Journey: Soft Scarp

D > E. Earls Colne, Tey Road TL874270 to Stoke by Nayland

**Explorer 195.** Depart **D** by entering the woodland and seeking N leading paths that keep the E edge in view. Take the first E exit, cross the lane and dip and rise to pass S side of Hickmore Fen and join Oak Lane, going left into Colne Valley as dominated by the Chappel viaduct. Depart Chappel Station uphill f-o-t to turn right to the rail bridge. **Swap to Map 184** Lead N, rails left-side, through the spinney. Depart E, lead N f-o-t on lane to Janke's

Green. **Swap to map 196.** Tread N N E path to Golden Square and link with path to the old aerodrome's W entry. Use some of the peritrack until able to reach Wellhouse Farm. Lead E to Wormingford Hall, and S S E from its pond to twist E to the top of Sandy Hill. Select paths through Wormingford and Little Horkesley in glorious Stourdale to cross the A134 and river Stour into Nayland. The St Edmund Way emblems are co-linear with Jonathon's Journey to Poplar Farm in Stoke by Nayland **E**.





## Jonathon's Journey: Stack Lay

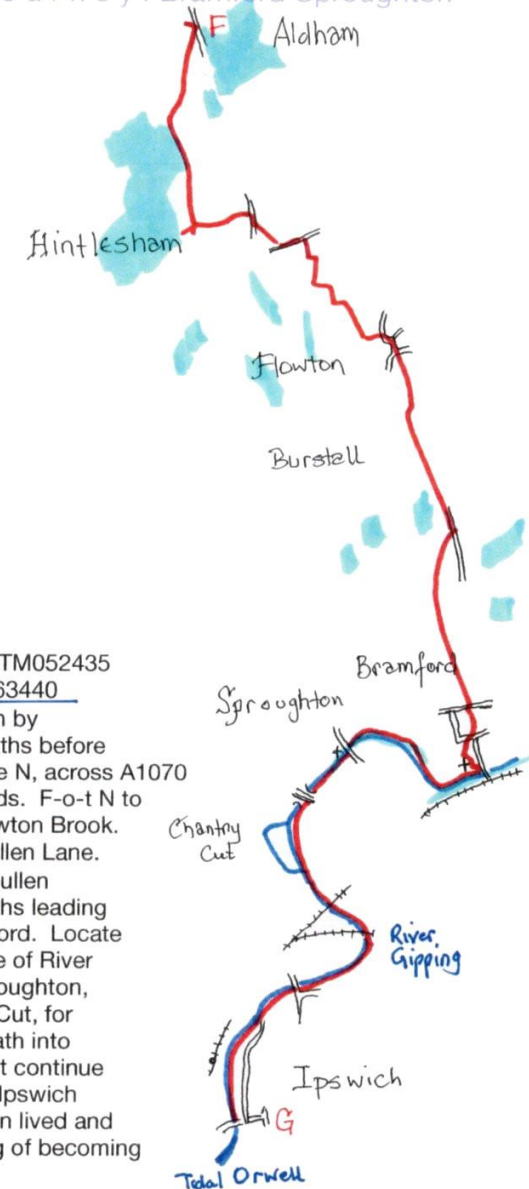
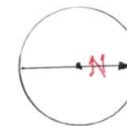


E > F Stoke, Poplar Farm TL480360 to Aldham

### A1071 Explorer 196

Depart Poplar Farm E S E bending N E and rising to St Mary's dominating Church-tower in Stoke. Leave f-o-t N W on B1068 to Middle School. Use path N E passing W of Steps farm to Polstead Mill. Right on lane, left over Box Bridge, along Mill Street to bend, N over Horsecroft meadow's brow to Polstead pond. Climb to Cock Green, forking right to find Cherry Billy Lane off left, then continue f-o-t on Polstead Heath as far as the path off right by Stack Wood. Head E N E from Doles Farm to enter Hadleigh via Toppesfield Bridge see above. Make a way by the Guildhall. Depart N E on George Street and succeeding path by Durrants Farm E to near Valley Farm, then N E to Cobbald's Farm by Wolves Wood F.

## Jonathon's Journey: Bramford Sproughton



F > G A1071, Cobbald Farm TM052435 to Ipswich Stoke Bridge TM163440

**Explorer 196** Depart on E path by Ramsey Wood to the cross-paths before College Farm see above. Strike N, across A1070 N E for a N E path to Northlands. F-o-t N to next path E zig zagging to Flowton Brook. Rise E to pass Hill Farm on Bullen Lane.

**Swap to map 197.** E side of Bullen Wood go right, then left on paths leading via Fidgeons Farm into Bramford. Locate the Church and the path E side of River Gipping. Use it S through Sproughton, under the A14, along Chantry Cut, for more use of the Gipping towpath into Ipswich. Beyond the tidal limit continue on N bank to Stoke Bridge by Ipswich Docks, where the boy Jonathon lived and watched the barges, dreaming of becoming crew member by 1889 G.

Constable Beat: Kone Hickbush

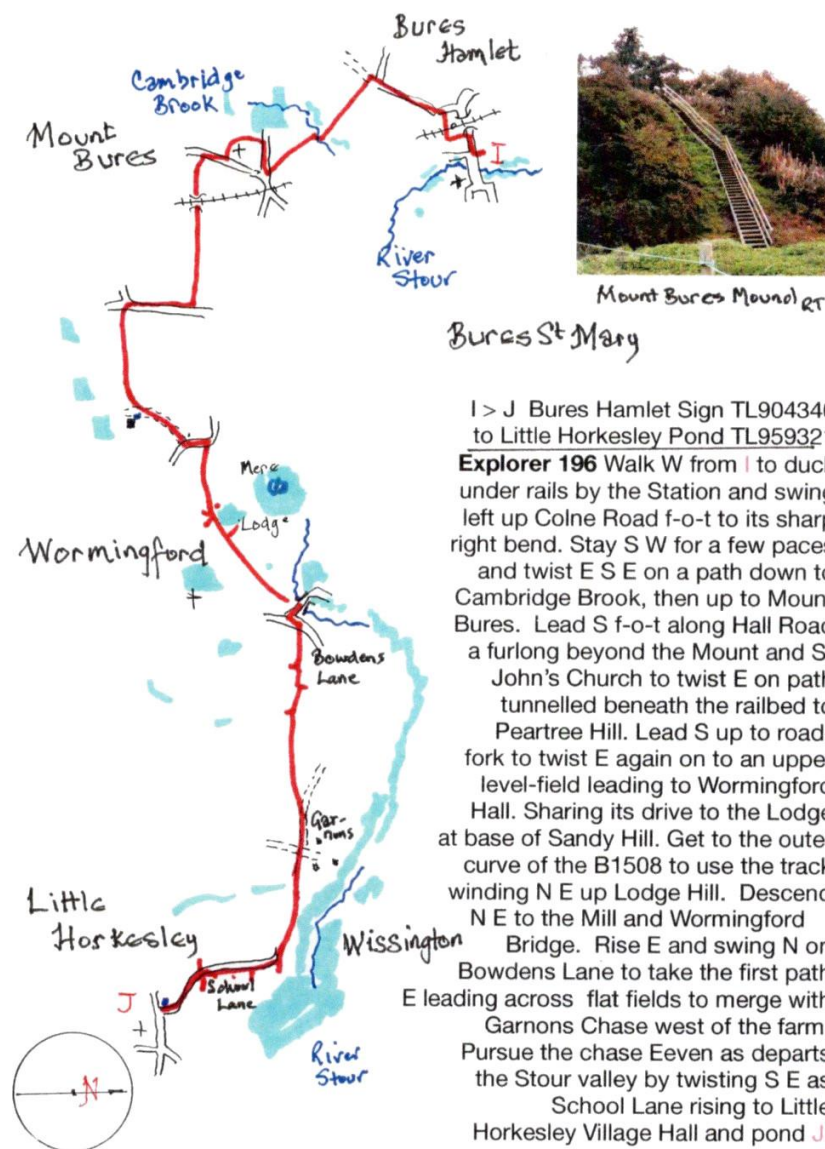


H > I Sudbury Station **H** TL875409 to Bures Hamlet  
sign TL904340 **Explorer 196**

The trackbed extends beyond Sudbury Station **H**, minus the rails, as a splendid tree-lined elevated walk over flood meadows. Use it **W** as far as Kone Park. Descend **S** from embankment and go left along Middleton Road. Where the road peels left, strike ahead on a footpath through Middleton Hall and pass **E** of church to The Street's junction with Rectory Road. **F-o-t** down Brakemoor Hill, and keep ahead on a path, over a ford, and another minor road to a third such highway. Swing right uphill to the sharp right bend. Enter Hickbush Drive as far as Great Hickbush. Pass **N** side of steading to a path junction, then lead **S** to pass **E** side of Valley Farm to rise to the top road. Sprout **E f-o-t** to path right which swerves with views to finish **E** to Lamarsh Hall. **F-o-t** **S** first road left. Pass the Lion and continue on a lane **S E** to a level-crossing of the rail track. Sweep **S** on delightful path which enters Bures Hamlet by the village sign **I**.



## Constable Beat: Mount Garnon



I > J Bures Hamlet Sign TL904340  
to Little Horkesley Pond TL959321  
**Explorer 196** Walk W from I to duck  
under rails by the Station and swing  
left up Colne Road f-o-t to its sharp  
right bend. Stay S W for a few paces  
and twist E S E on a path down to  
Cambridge Brook, then up to Mount  
Bures. Lead S f-o-t along Hall Road  
a furlong beyond the Mount and St  
John's Church to twist E on path  
tunnelled beneath the railbed to  
Peartree Hill. Lead S up to road-  
fork to twist E again on to an upper  
level-field leading to Wormingford  
Hall. Sharing its drive to the Lodge  
at base of Sandy Hill. Get to the outer  
curve of the B1508 to use the track  
winding N E up Lodge Hill. Descend  
N E to the Mill and Wormingford  
Bridge. Rise E and swing N on  
Bowdens Lane to take the first path  
leading across flat fields to merge with  
Garnons Chase west of the farm.  
Pursue the chase Eeven as departs  
the Stour valley by twisting S E as  
School Lane rising to Little  
Horkesley Village Hall and pond J.



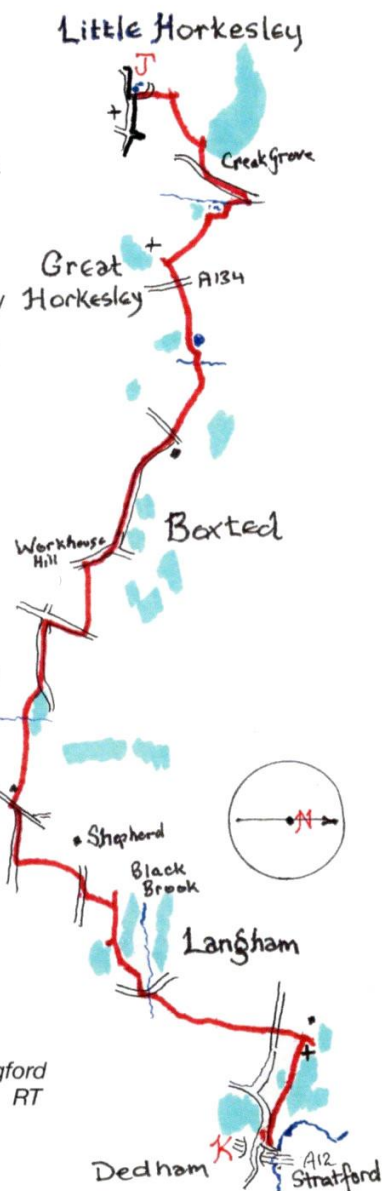
## Constable Beat: Potter Horne

J > K Little Horkesley Pond TL959321 to Langham, Gun Hill TM042334 **Explorer 196**.

Depart J N and descend hill on field-path N from lonesome tree to the first cross path. Lead N E to Creak Grove and join road by Josselyns. Downhill f-o-t to first path acutely right before Lower Dairy Farm is reached. Lead S, swap sides of Horkesley Brook and get E side of lake's fence. Twist E uphill to Great Horkesley Church. Lead E on path 4 over A134 road, by a reservoir to cross another brook, zig left, zag right up to Potters Farm. F-o-t Green Lane and swing S S E up Workhouse Hill to twist E on Plantation track to Boxted Straight Road. F-o-t S to crossroads. Go E on Chapel Road three furlongs, fork right on path linking to Langham's Malting Farm. More f-o-t left then right on Park Lane. Take first path left to cross School road and approach Horne Street, a green path, Lead E backing N E to cross brook and Nightingale Hill to continue on a bridleway N N E to Langham Church. Depart E on drive to Gun Hill and nudge left on narrow sidewalk to the cut-off layby K.



Wormingford Crown. RT



## Constable Beat: Seafeld Moorat

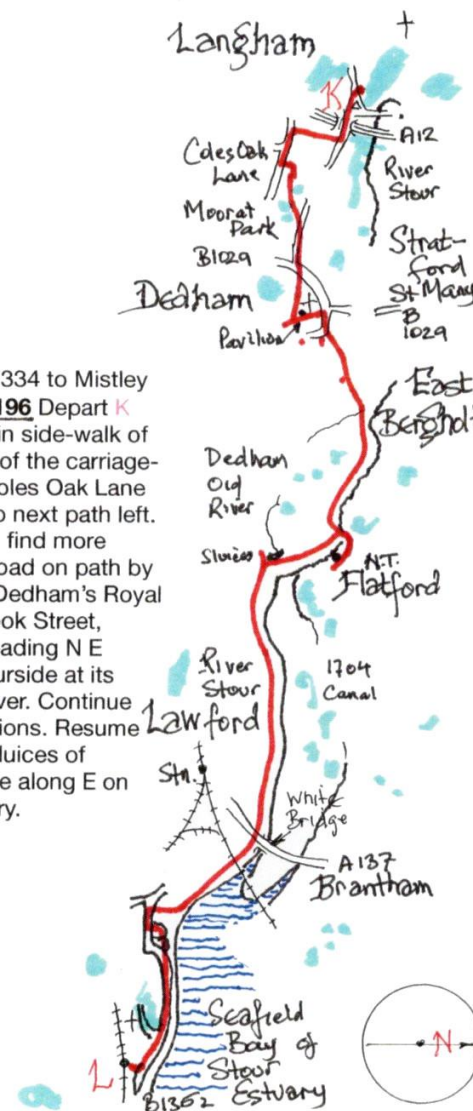


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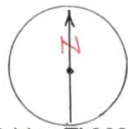
K > L Langham, Gun Hill TM042334 to Mistley Station TM119318 to **Explorer 196** Depart K carefully over Gun Hill S E to gain side-walk of Stratford Road over the A12. E of the carriage-ways note path off right up to Coles Oak Lane level. Use it. Go E along Lane to next path left.

Wriggle through Moorat Park to find more Stratford Road. Lead E, cross road on path by a cricket pavilion and turn N to Dedham's Royal Square. Depart E to bend of Brook Street, Use path by Muniment House leading N E beyond Dedham Hall to the Stour side at its confluence with Dedham Old River. Continue downstream to Flatford's attractions. Resume with river left-side to the many sluices of the old river at Judas Gap. Move along E on the S seawall of the Stour Estuary.

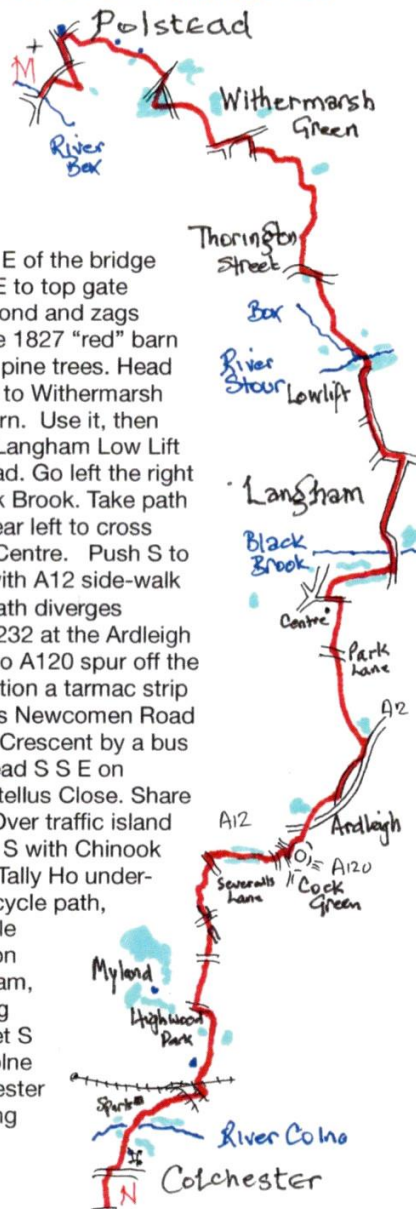
Swap to map 184, to step over Lawford's White Bridge A137 and wriggle through tiny Manningtree and enjoy a grand finale along Mistley's Walls, where no walls hold off high-tides. Onward to the Station L also along the B1352.



## Maria Mehalah Macabre : Polstead Red



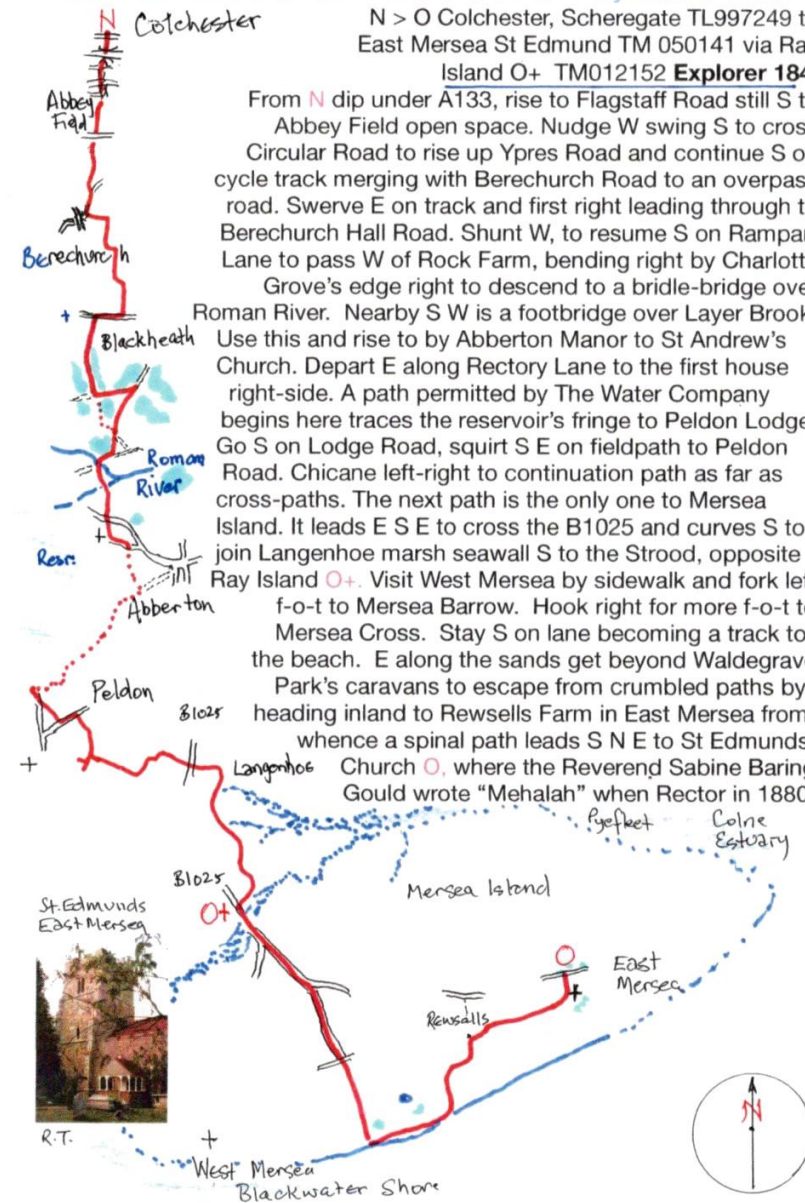
*M > N* Polstead Box Bridge TL989375 to Colchester, Scheregate **Explorer 196**  
 F-o-t N on Mill Street from *M* to path off right. Climb Bell Hill and descend N to locate the bridge over the Pond's outfall. E of the bridge is Corders. Walk the pea-gravel drive S E to top gate with path leading E. It zigs S to pass a pond and zags back E to veer S E by probable site of the 1827 "red" barn with stiles to a road. Switch S W to back pine trees. Head S to their end and take path left linking S to Withermarsh Green. F-o-t E on road to second right turn. Use it, then swerve left following St Edmund Way to Langham Low Lift in Essex. F-o-t the road up to the top road. Go left the right on Rectory Road to the bridge over Black Brook. Take path S W from it towards Horne Street, and bear left to cross School Road by Langham's Community Centre. Push S to cross Park Lane, backing S E to merge with A12 side-walk **Now Map 184.** A furlong S the raised path diverges S S E on cut-off road to join a spur of A1232 at the Ardleigh Interchange. Move S and adroitly cross to A120 spur off the roundabout. From S W corner of the junction a tarmac strip leads W. As Flood Lane it leads W across Newcomen Road N side of Bank's hedge, then across The Crescent by a bus stop, to be tree-lined to a roundabout. Lead S S E on Severalls Lane's side-walk, hook W on Vitellus Close. Share Titus Way left, as a link to Gavin Way S. Over traffic island S E on Derwent Avenue, fork right linking S with Chinook continuing S to enter Hunters Ridge and Tally Ho underpass to Highwood Square. Depart S on cycle path, left on Eastwood Drive right on Chanterelle passing through the carpark, S downhill on grass to the dam S of pond. Drop S of dam, pass under rail bridge, sweep right among houses to duck two more railways and get S of A133. Steer W to bridge over River Colne and lead S up through parkland to Colchester Castle. Stride W to Town Hall, then S along Pelham Walk, Trinity Street to Sheregate Steps down to Abbeygate Street level. *N*



## Maria Mehalah Macabre : Ray Island Blue

*N > O* Colchester, Scheregate TL997249 to East Mersea St Edmund TM 050141 via Ray Island O+ TM012152 **Explorer 184.**

From *N* dip under A133, rise to Flagstaff Road still S to Abbey Field open space. Nudge W swing S to cross Circular Road to rise up Ypres Road and continue S on cycle track merging with Berechurch Road to an overpass road. Swerve E on track and first right leading through to Berechurch Hall Road. Shunt W, to resume S on Rampart Lane to pass W of Rock Farm, bending right by Charlotte Grove's edge right to descend to a bridle-bridge over Roman River. Nearby S W is a footbridge over Layer Brook. Use this and rise to be by Abberton Manor to St Andrew's Church. Depart E along Rectory Lane to the first house right-side. A path permitted by The Water Company begins here traces the reservoir's fringe to Peldon Lodge. Go S on Lodge Road, squirt S E on fieldpath to Peldon Road. Chicane left-right to continuation path as far as cross-paths. The next path is the only one to Mersea Island. It leads E S E to cross the B1025 and curves S to join Langenhoe marsh seawall S to the Strood, opposite Ray Island O+. Visit West Mersea by sidewalk and fork left f-o-t to Mersea Barrow. Hook right for more f-o-t to Mersea Cross. Stay S on lane becoming a track to the beach. E along the sands get beyond Waldegrave Park's caravans to escape from crumbled paths by heading inland to Rewsells Farm in East Mersea from whence a spinal path leads S N E to St Edmunds' Church O, where the Reverend Sabine Baring Gould wrote "Mehalah" when Rector in 1880.

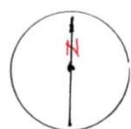
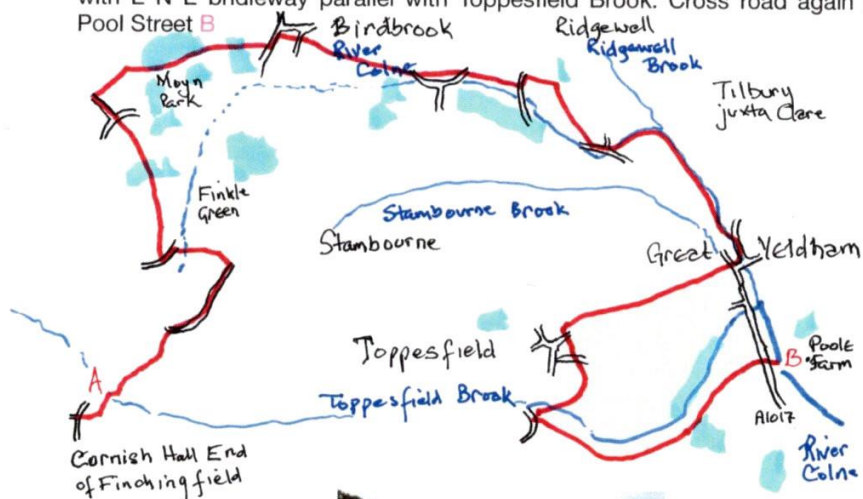




## Walks In Colne Zolne: Finkle Pool

A > B Cornish Hall End to Castle Hedingham, Pool Street A1017

**Explorer 195** The Essex Colne river measurement upstream from its confluence with Toppesfield Brook is less than the later. Start is first path close to Toppesfield Brook found in Cornish Hall End **A**. Depart E from B1057, soon to twist N E to Stambourne. Take one of two W paths to Eggshell Lane and find N path from Little Proud Farm **swap to map 210** to Old Hall Farm. F-o-t N W to first path right. Head N E fork right to Birdbrook. Nudge N to take right path E, across the road E S E to Wash Farm. E along road to wood, then path E across A1017 to second cross-path. Lead S S E back to Oaker Bridge. Walk downstream by River Colne A1017 to Great Yeldham Oak. Re-cross A1017 on S W path to Toppesfield Church and select S paths to reach Cust Hall. Still on paths lead S E to link with E N E bridleway parallel with Toppesfield Brook. Cross road again in Pool Street **B**.



The Plough  
Birdbrook  
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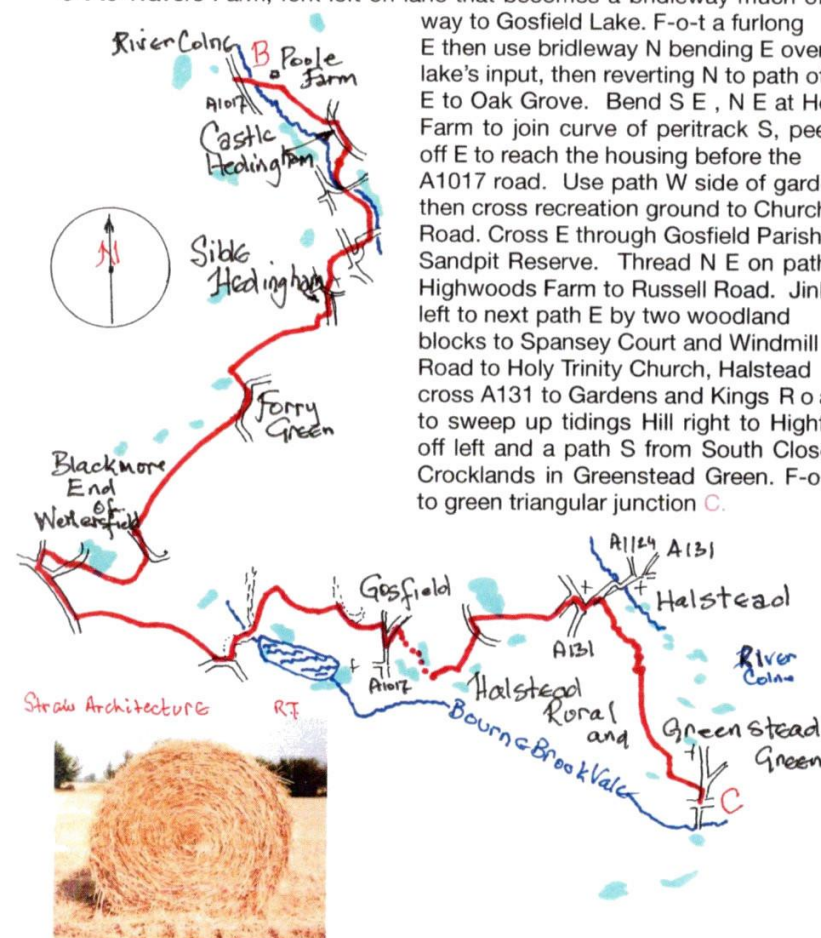
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## Walks In Colne Zolne: Castle Forry

B > C Pool Street A1017 TL683365 to Greenstead Green

**Explorer 195** Depart **B** E and fork S E at Pool Farm to get to Nunnery Bridge. Cross both road and river to find continuation path to the next road-bridge. Turn right into Christmas Field with a snicket S W across the A1017 to Oxford Lane and connections to Sible Hedingham St Peter's. Lead S on sidewalk to path right for Hostage Farm, Lowts Wood and Forry Green. From Pepper Farm use S W path to Readings, going left on road to Bakers Farm then path W via Sotslough Bridge to Blackmore End's triangle. Depart S E f-o-t to Wavers Farm, fork left on lane that becomes a bridleway much of the

way to Gosfield Lake. F-o-t a furlong E then use bridleway N bending E over lake's input, then reverting N to path off E to Oak Grove. Bend S E, N E at Home Farm to join curve of peritrack S, peeling off E to reach the housing before the A1017 road. Use path W side of gardens, then cross recreation ground to Church Road. Cross E through Gosfield Parish Sandpit Reserve. Thread N E on path by Highwoods Farm to Russell Road. Jink left to next path E by two woodland blocks to Spansey Court and Windmill Road to Holy Trinity Church, Halstead cross A131 to Gardens and Kings Road, to sweep up tidings Hill right to Highfield off left and a path S from South Close to Crocklands in Greenstead Green. F-o-t S to green triangular junction **C**.

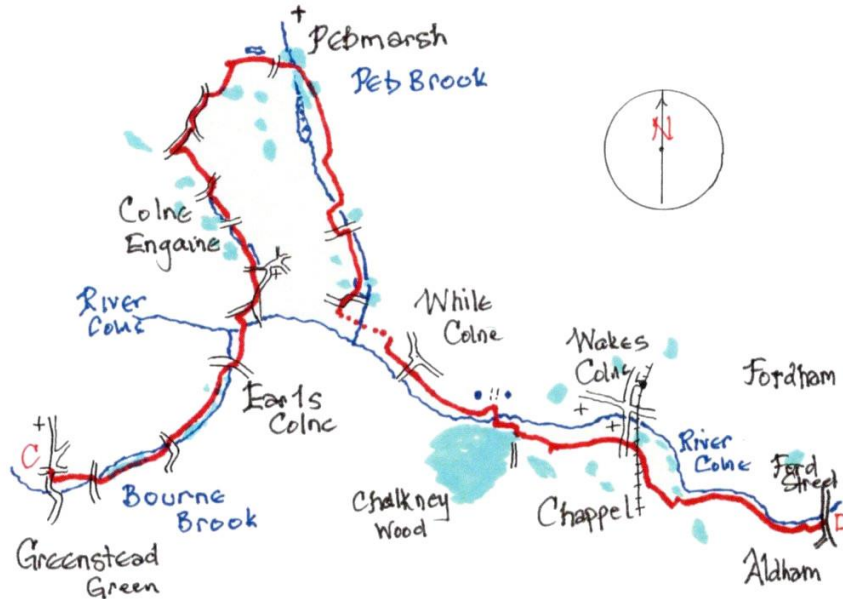


## Walks In Colne Zolne: Chalkney Peb

C > D Greenstead Triangle TL822279 to Aldham, Ford Street

### Explorer 195

Depart S E on path into Bourne Book Valley and follow the stream over the A1124 to Elms Hall Road in Colne Engaine. F-o-t E, then N on Station Road, keeping N on path to Brook Street, then brook-side to Cangle's Lane. F-o-t N N E to Hunts Hall, then path N E to Pebmarsh lakes. Thread E to wooded Peb Brook and bend S, brook right-side by Preston Lake. Swap to west bank to pass Bromptons and continue S on more path linking to the old rail-track now a Wildlife Reserve with a permitted path going E to White Colne. F-o-t S to Colneford Hill A1124, and find path S E to Chalkney Mill. Get S of River Colne at fringe of Chalkney Wood, **swap to map 1984** and weave by it through Chappel to Aldham and the A1124 Ford Street D.



Begone yon stile's timbers!

Stile erected by volunteer ramblers at Fen Lane's meets with the Colne Valley Path, replaced by 21st C gate. The very job for Arthritis sufferers  
RT



## Walks In Colne Zolne: Wivenhoe Fiddlers

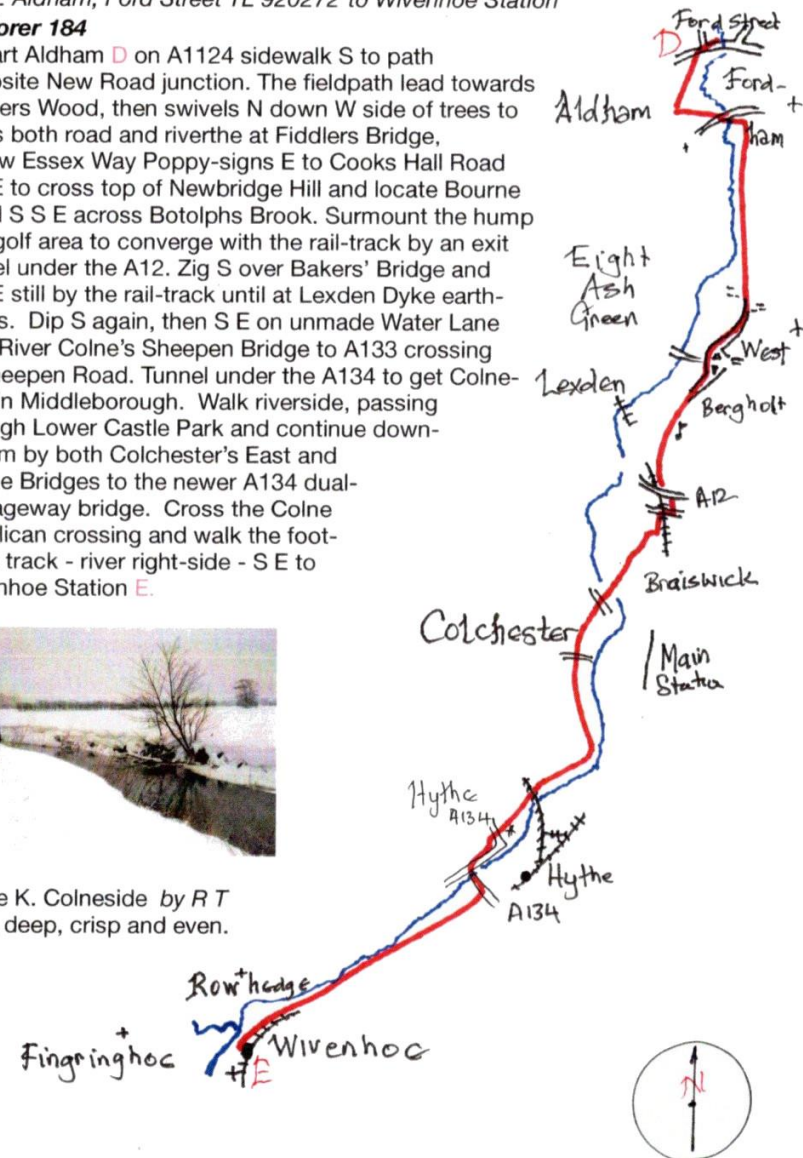
D > E Aldham, Ford Street TL 920272 to Wivenhoe Station

### Explorer 184

Depart Aldham D on A1124 sidewalk S to path opposite New Road junction. The fieldpath lead towards Fiddlers Wood, then swivels N down W side of trees to cross both road and river the at Fiddlers Bridge, Follow Essex Way Poppy-signs E to Cooks Hall Road E S E to cross top of Newbridge Hill and locate Bourne Road S S E across Botolphs Brook. Surmount the hump of a golf area to converge with the rail-track by an exit tunnel under the A12. Zig S over Bakers' Bridge and zag E still by the rail-track until at Lexden Dyke earth-works. Dip S again, then S E on unmade Water Lane over River Colne's Sheepen Bridge to A133 crossing to Sheepen Road. Tunnel under the A134 to get Colne-side in Middleborough. Walk riverside, passing through Lower Castle Park and continue downstream by both Colchester's East and Hythe Bridges to the newer A134 dual-carriageway bridge. Cross the Colne to pelican crossing and walk the foot-cycle track - river right-side - S E to Wivenhoe Station E.



Jessie K. Colneside by RT  
Cool, deep, crisp and even.





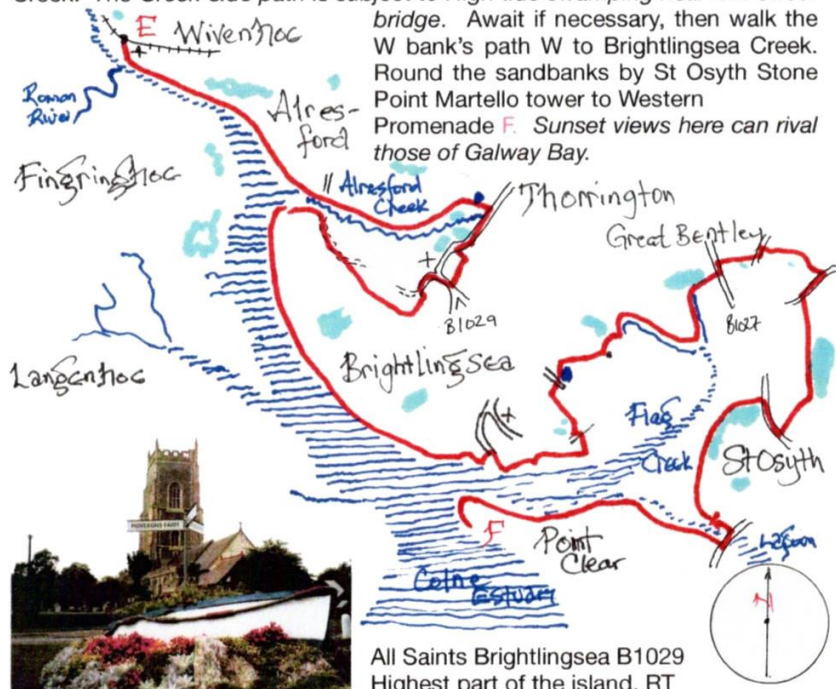
## Walks In Colne Zolne: Share Tendency

E > F Wivenhoe Station TM037217 to Point Clear TM082157

### Explorer 184.

Depart **E** S to waterside and chase the edge downstream beyond the Flood Barrier apparatus and trace the seawall as it curves into Alresford Creek beyond Alres' Ford. At Thorington Tide Mill climb to the B1029's sidewalk S to the road's chicane. Join the path stream-side E S E and swerve uphill by the trees to rejoin the B1029. W N W to All Saints Church see *below* and track a route via Moverons back to Alres' Ford. Head W for the Colne estuary-side and walk beyond Bateman Tower into Oyster Tank Road by Brightlingsea Hard. Depart W along Rope Walk to turn inland at path's end. Use Robinson road N W to path N over pit-scape to drive E for Marsh Farm. Join Flag Creek's seawall N E of farmhouse and walk to East Marsh Point turning N to the sluice bridge. Climb E N E to cross B1027 on continuation path to Dead Lane. F-o-t N E to Kellands Farm. E on path to acute turn onto Frowick Lane S E to cottage, fork S on path by Riddles Wood and Wellwick Farm to Lambs Farm. F-o-t N W on B1027 to path off W from right bend of road. Use path to Howlands Marsh bending S to St Osyth Creek. *The Creek-side path is subject to High tide swamping near Mill Street*

bridge. Await if necessary, then walk the W bank's path W to Brightlingsea Creek. Round the sandbanks by St Osyth Stone Point Martello tower to Western Promenade **F**. Sunset views here can rival those of Galway Bay.



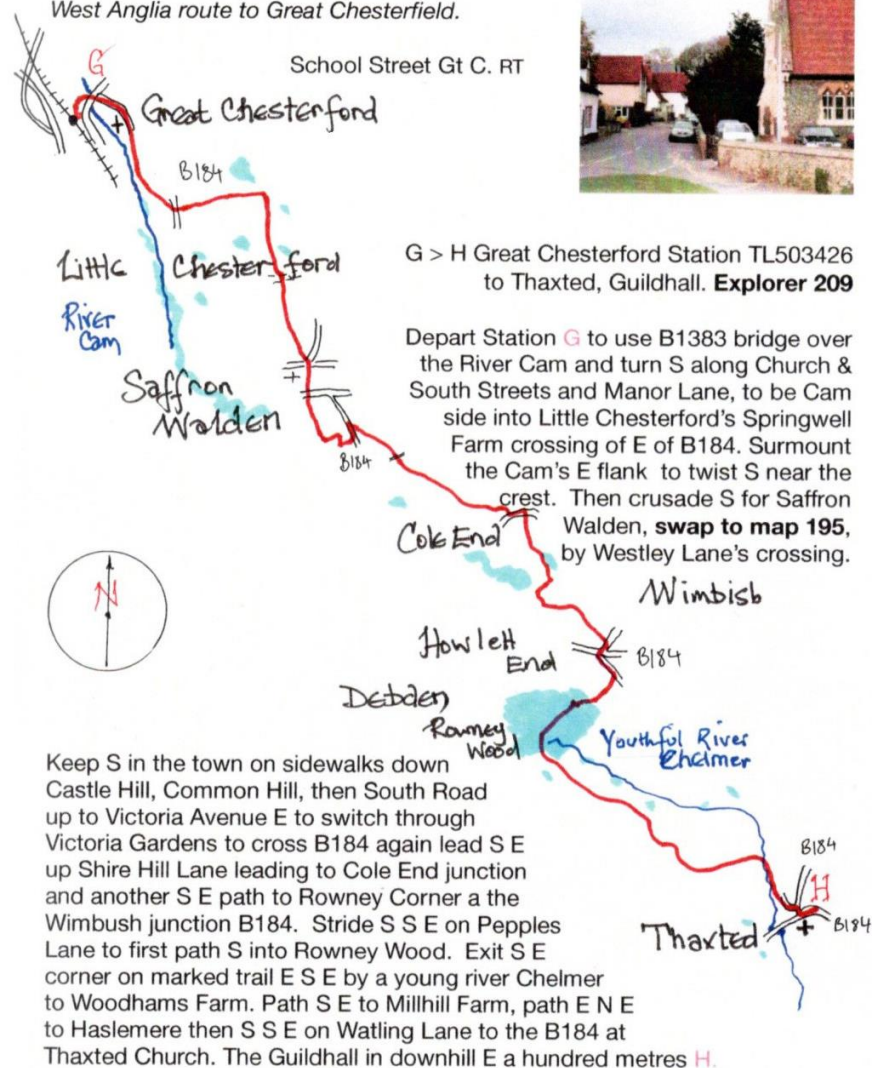
All Saints Brightlingsea B1029  
Highest part of the island. RT

## Byrhtnoth's Last Visit: Chester Guild

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



School Street Gt C. RT



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

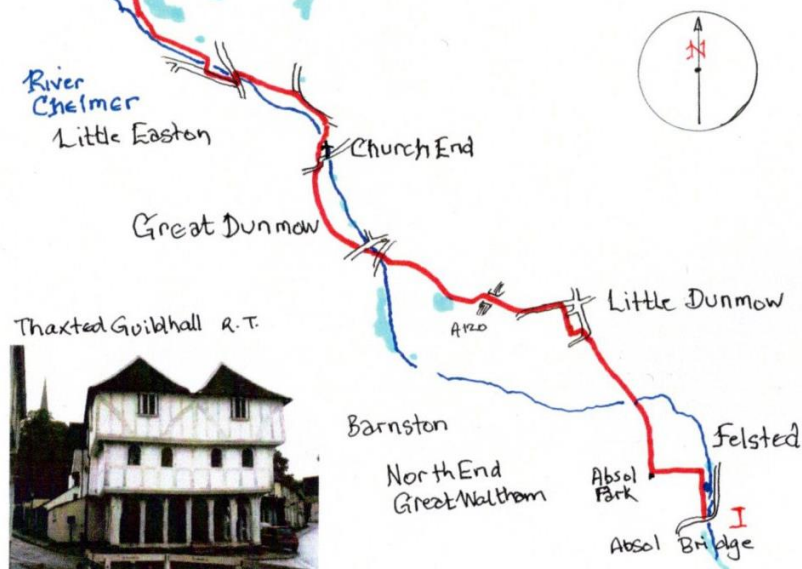
Depart Station **G** to use B1383 bridge over the River Cam and turn S along Church & South Streets and Manor Lane, to be Cam side into Little Chesterford's Springwell Farm crossing of E of B184. Surmount the Cam's E flank to twist S near the crest. Then crusade S for Saffron Walden, **swap to map 195**,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

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**.



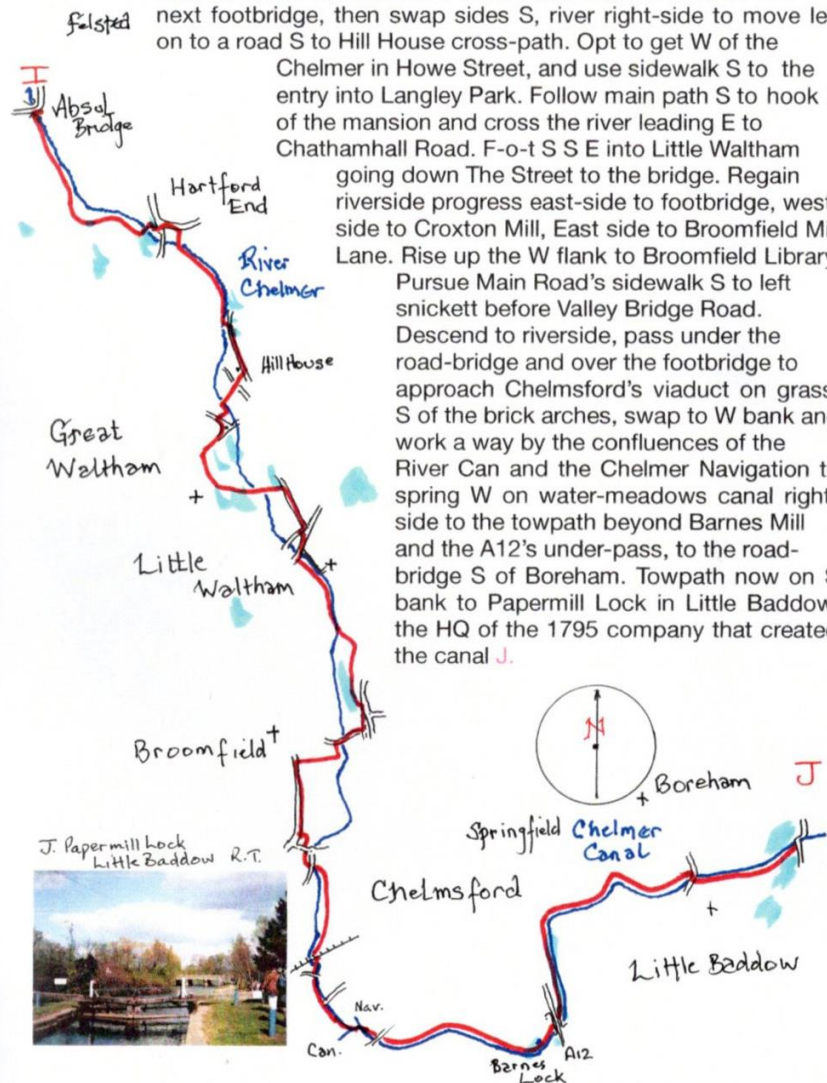
## Byrhtnoth's Last Visit: Duton Sugar

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 Bowyers Bridge, then S E on Green Lane to the footbridge S to Great Dunmow Church. Cross B1057 to be on green-sward 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 Dunmow. Head E on Grange Lane, go S in village by Priory 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 I.



## Byrhtnoth's Last Visit: Camsix Lyon

I > J Felsted Absol Bridge TL670190 to Little Baddow **Explorer 183**  
 Depart Absol Bridge I 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 Littlely Green. Twist S at lane bend to use Causeway bridge 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 Road. 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 snicket 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 mightily defeated the Saxons and re-imposed Danegeld, a tax not paid since Great King Alfred defied all demands a century earlier.



Byrhtnoth  
Maldon  
All Saints  
exterior

R.T.



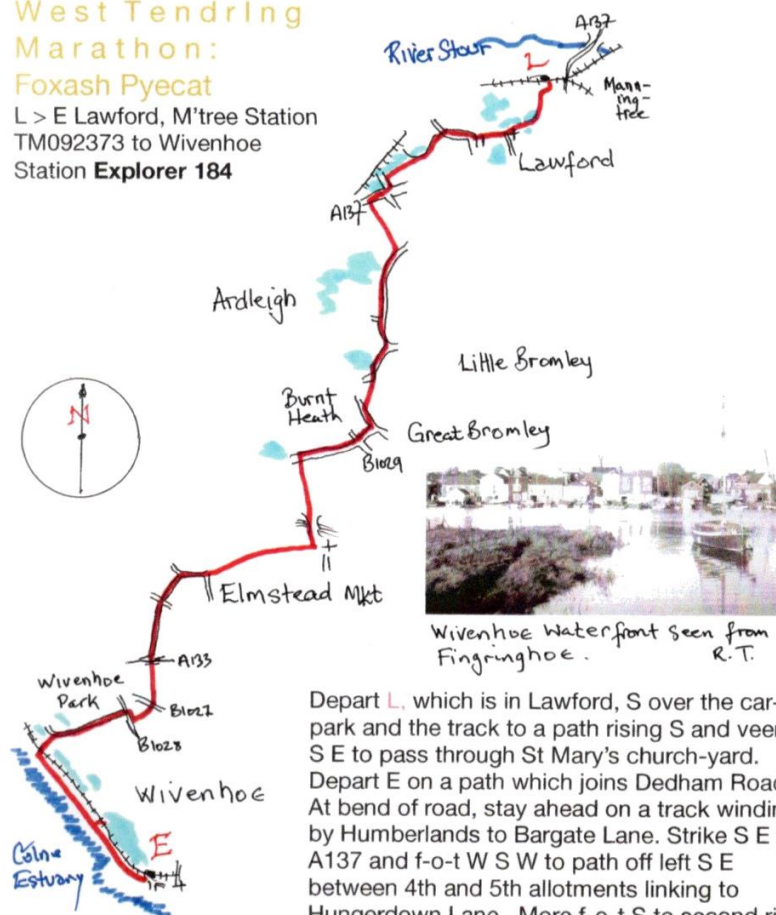
## West Tending Marathon:

### Foxash Pyecat

L > E Lawford, M'tree Station

TM092373 to Wivenhoe

Station **Explorer 184**



Wivenhoe Waterfront seen from  
Fingringhoe. R.T.

Depart L, which is in Lawford, S over the car-park and the track to a path rising S and veering S E to pass through St Mary's church-yard. Depart E on a path which joins Dedham Road. At bend of road, stay ahead on a track winding by Humberlands to Bargate Lane. Strike S E to A137 and f-o-t W S W to path off left S E between 4th and 5th allotments linking to Hungerdown Lane. More f-o-t S to second right

turn on Waterhouse lane as far as its bend. Chamfer S S W to Briar Road which bend right to cross B1029 road to Colchester Road. Finish f-o-t where cables are pyloned across, and go S on track to Elmstead St Anne's. Head W from T junction of tracks through Allen's Farm curving S E to fork right for more f-o-t on road and fork left at junction for Pyecat Corner. F-o-t S to cross A133 to path S over B1027 still S bending W to B1028. Sidewalk N W to go W on Boundary Road in Wivenhoe Park. As the road dips and swerves N, stay by the left-side boundary down to join the Colneside cycle path. Use the cycle track down-stream to Wivenhoe Station E

For details E > F see page 18

## Jessle's Trails

This booklet **CORDUROY COUNTRY STRIDES** features six of the 7 linear trails contained in Jessie Keeble's lifetime achievement creating at least a score of trails. The seventh **GREEN CORRIDOR** is longer and has a book of its own, shared only with her marathon-length assist as part of another Trail - Canons Canter to Bury.

Her longest work was **ABOUNDING. AN EDGE OF ESSEX** which is the equivalent of seventeen linked marathons, counter-clockwise from Southend Pier, and that too fills one booklet, see **LASSO ESSEX**

That leaves a dozen more circuits. The largest of these is **ANITA'S MUCKING UGLEY WAYS THROUGH MESSING, ESSEX** which is represented in reverse direction in one booklet as **MEDIEVAL MINGLE**

The Cascade of circuits include an adapted annexe of **ZOLNE** is a linear format, except that its Annexe, as the **Roman Tribute** to make a dozen routs in **ENDLESS TRAILS CASCADE**.

Year	Title	kms.	type.	mapjog file name
<b>Green Corridor</b>				
2004	Alternative Green Corridor	168	line	Raymond Elkard 2
1997	Canon's Canter to Bury.	42.	line	P. Charles Wood 2
<b>Lasso Essex</b>				
1983	Abounding An Edge of Esx	733	loop	Justine Wentbridge 1
<b>Medieval Mingle</b>				
1999	Mucking Ugley Ways	205	loop.	Anita Totham 2
<b>Endless Trails Cascade</b>				
1973	Camuplodunum 1972	42+	loop	Derek Keeble 2
1981	Thurstabubble Redhills	42+	loop	Anita Totham 1
1987	Wintree Layer	42+	loop.	Laurence S Taylor 1
1988	Roman Tribute to Colne Zolne.	54.	loop	Kai-Lotte Remliff 1
1989	Puddly Mud Crawl	42+	loop	Kai-Lotte Remliff 2
1990	Tendring Hinterland Marathon	42+	loop	Martina Stow 2
1993	Hinckford Path Care	42+	loop	Percy C Wood 1
1996	Chompsfod Butterfly Flit	126	loop	S-T Bartholomew 1
2000	Tour de Braintree District	171	loop.	Sally-Tina 2
2001	Friary 1966 & Plume 1967	50	loop	Derek Keeble 1
2002	W H A M B Extravaganza	42+	loop	Megdelah Cooper 1
2005	Dodge Around Dengie	42+	loop	Walter Donal U 2
<b>Corduroy Country Strides</b>				
1970	Jonathon's Journey	131	line	Willis Cole 1
1980	Constable Beat	42+	line	W. D Underwood 1
1985	Maria Mehalah Macabre	42+	line	Martina Stow 1
1988	Walking in the Colne Zolne	163	line.	Kai-Lotte Remliff 1
1991	Byrhtnoth's Last Visit	86	line	L Stanley Taylor 2
1994	West Tendring Marathon	23+.	line	Raymond Elkard 1

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