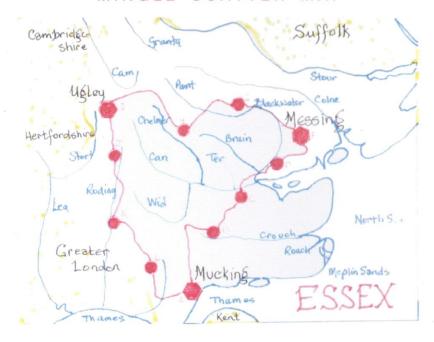
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An Endless Trail Afoot through many
Medieval settlements aligned in three stages
from Mucking, through Messing on to Ugley,
returning via Matching to Thurrock

208 kilometers

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Preamble

I am not a historian, but I do know some history, mostly garnered whilst probing minor highways in Essex, and the remainder garnished from Lucy's compelling fibs on tv.

Trawling lesser highways as a recreational exercise can be rewarding. Uplift occurred at Maldon, Coggeshall, Felsted, Stebbing, Stansted Mountfitchet, Horndon-on-the-Hill, Thaxted; the list dips below the horizon. A collective name for such places eluded me until 1999 when I read John Hunter's "The Essex Landscape". It interlocked the jig-saw, to show a version of our legacy of a "thousand medieval years of life" after the fifth and before the sixteenth centuries.

Many Walk Trail titles reflect our history, viz:- Offa's Dyke, Saxon Shore Way, Monarch's Way, Hadrian's Wall, Hereward Way, Weavers' Way, Iceni Way,, Icknield Way, St Cuthbert Way etc whilst in Essex - Camuplodunum, Byrhtnoth's Last Visit, St Peter's Way (to St Cedd's), Maria Mehalah Macabre, and Jonathon's Journey, all hark back to centuries spent.

The 1998 "Mucking Ugley Ways through Messing" book, with illustrations by the late long-distance walker Sid H, was a Mapjog product. It threaded clockwise through many of those places, and had an inspirational moment at Matching's Wedding Feast House (see cover). My policy was not to point out what I thought was beautiful, but to let beauty be defined and noticed by the beholder. The book's feedback told me, "You might have attracted more readers if you had placed more emphasis on the Medieval content". So in "Mingle" the direction is reversed with an emphasis on the medieval places involved, whilst not over-cooking the statistics.

Mucking is the starting place for the 208 km circuit, because it was a Saxon stronghold, won by the invaders at the first big bend up the Thames, in the late fourth and fifth centuries. The measure of activity was revealed in the late 20th century by archaeologists as the last gravels were extracted and before their hollows were infilled.

Mucking, in Essex, could have been equally as important to the development of England by Saxons, as Camulodunum, also in Essex, was to the development of Britannia by Romans half a century earlier. The "could" in that sentence is used as Heineken use "probably" in their advertisements.

Stebbing in my list above, fails to feature on any of Jessie's Score of Trail creations. Yet the wonderful hub of Thaxted gets visited by at least one other Trail. So to equalise their foot traffic, mingling includes Stebbing at the cost of getting no closer to Thaxted than Horam Hall by Cutlers' Green.

Ted G of Chelmsford led a ramble one day, with me in the peleton, by Horam Hall; indeed we had an apple stop on the nearest path. Then I heard somebody ask Ted what was his aim as a walk-leader. Ted replied that he would like to take Derek K somewhere in Essex not previously visited by him. I was not joking when I confessed the lost village of Horam was not hitherto known by me. "Super walk Ted; glad to know I completed your day, and I learned a little more history of my native county".

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| E N S W Cardinal Compass Points | 40 |
| F-o-t Face oncoming traffic See Highway Coc N T National Trust | 16 |
| PH Pre-historic record | |
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Anita's Mucking Ugley Ways through Messing Essex

Appeared as a paperback in 1998 see rear cover.

It was developed from Jessie Keeble's archival files named Anita Totham and Percy Wood. Illustrated by Long Distance Walker Sid Hawker of Tollesbury.

Now out of print.

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A > B Mucking Church TQ685812 to Runwell

RamsdenHeath Downham Great Burstead

Basildon

Explorer 175. From A enjoy a fabulous start N E on a causeway through a reed bed that is Mucking creek. Stay between industrial railtrack and Thames tideline moving E to link with Rainbow Lane in C11Stanford le Hope. Take High Road N E to C9 Corringham crossing A1014 N to continue N E on Gifford Cross Road to lead N N W on Lampitts Hill. Stay with B120 over rail and A13 to One Tree Hill in DB Basildon. Use The bridleway N to share B1007 road over next rail-track. Wriggle though urban snickets to get E side of Upper Mane at Miles Gray Road to bridge over A127 linking N to C7 Great Burstead. Depart N E on Coxes Farm Road bending N to turn E at Waterworks to T junction. N over rail-track by Meepshole Wood to Heath Road. F-o-t E to next path S. Pass DeBeauvor Farm and Downham Hall to reach Carlton road in N. Wickford. Lead E to go S on Brook HII bending E on Church End Lane which bends S. Enter recreation. Ground E and strike SSE on path to The Quart Pot on C13 Runwell Road B.

Stanford Le Hope

tree

Corringtham

Thames Estuary

B > C. Runwell Quart Pot TQ756944 to Hazeleigh

Explorer 175. From B push 100 metres E on A132 to fork right on midfield path leading E under two roads and over a single rail track by Battlesbridge Station. On Hawk Hill, spin left on Maltings Lane and take path N to re-cross the rail-track. The path crosses A132 going N E over the Woodham Road to thread pass a spinney and bend right to cross Rectory L to splay across Woodham Road to enter Tabrums Lane's link to its crossing of the A132.

Lead N E with railway fence right-side, to a footbridge over Fenn Creek and a tunnel under Ferrers Road to locate Woodham Ferrers Station.

Purlaigh

Hazeleish

Stow Maries

South Woodham Ferrers

Rudley

Green

Rettendon

Battles bridge

Runwell

Depart E along King Edward Road rounding N E to cross Burnham Road on a path climbing Bushy Hil and descending ENE to a road junction. Opt left as far as Hawe's Wood. Swap to map 183 walk S and E sides of Wood rising to the beginning of Charity Lane. Strike E across C14 Stow Maries airfield to

Hackmans Lane. Zig left zag right on next path to Howe Green. Pass C14 Purleigh Church on path N over Barons Lane, passing New Hall and Rudley Green to S E corner of C16 Hazeleigh

Hall Wood C.

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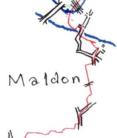
C > D Hazeleigh Hall TL837039 to Great Totham

Explorer 183 Depart C E to vegetated embankment and steer by it N to a C12 Maldon supermarket. Wriggle E N E through the urban snicketts to find Fambridge Road. Bend N, go N E on Cross road, left on King Street, right on Queen Street, N on Wantz Road over High Street to Butt Lane.









Hazeleigh

Slope N down to Fullbridge, cross river and road to pass north-side of another supermarket. Now on a canal towpath as far as the B1018 in C12 Heybridge. Twist N W on Holloway Road, resume N E on track by Crapnell Fam and Heybridge Wood to swing E across B1022 on tracks by Sains Hall and path by C10 St Peters Great Totham, Depart NNE from lych gate to pass spicketts Wood on golf side, and crossing fairway N E to link to Beckingham Road a furlong short of Totham Hill Green D.

D > F Great Totham Green TL871124 to Messing

Explorer 183 From D move N along edge road of Totham Hill Green to a staggered fiveway junction. Needed is the unmade Wheelers Lane S E to a bridlebridge over Penny's Brook. Lead S W, brook right-side then take path off uphill left in C15 Tolleshunt Major. F-o-t Loamy Hill Road S W to first path off left. F-o-t right on Brickhouse Road to path off left. It leads to Grove Farm Road. F-o-t N E to go left. four furlongs along Tudwick Road Swap to map 184 to use Green Lane EN E from C14 Tolleshunt D'Arcy to Tolleshunt Knights. Cross B1023 f-o-t Top Road N E to Brook Road. Lead right swinging ENE to use Park Lane N to its end. Take bridleway W N W in to Layer Brook valley and Tiptree climb to cross Newbridge Road Tiptree on to Grove Road dipping to valley of Bar Brook. Bend N N E at nadir on path to C16 Layer Marney's Trench Rampart. Lead W to enter Pods Wood by footbridge and thread through Swap back to map 183 to the B1022 bend. Tollestrunt Use path along W side of Convfield Wood to the road and quickly join path E back into Wood. Depart N side downhill to School Road. F-o-t N E to pass C14 All Saints Church and locate the pump near the Crown F.



Great Totham

F > G Messing Pump TL897190 to High Garrett

Pattiswick

Explorer 183. Return from F by church to first path N E. Follow to N side of Prested Hall, sprout W S W on path over A12 and B1023 to the base of C14 Feering Hill. Cross River Blackwater, f-o-t N W on B1024 under railway to path beside the river beginning E backing N N E (swap to map 175) to Coggeshall Hamlet. Descend E to Pointwell Mill, trace the path N N E to East Street. Enter PH Coggeshall' recreation ground to N W Exit on Church Street. Downhill left at clock-tower

High Garrett

Stisted

Markshall

Speshall

Kelvedon

eering

nudge uphill to Library and strike W on path over Robins Brook to cross path. Bend right to ford and turn path left via Holfield Grange to former Wood W side G.

away from it to cross A120 and take first Pattiswick Church and Hall. Path through Hall farm leads W veering N W to Stisted. Depart Onley Arms on path E side of golf to cross nadir of Lyonshall Road on N W path by Alder wood to a Boat (Byway open to all traffic). Turn N N E for Claypit G > H High Garrett Claygate Wood TL782264 to Stebbing

Explorer 195 Lead W N W on Steppins path from G to a minor road linking to a crossing of the A131 road, N side Garrett Farm. Spread W via Beckwiths backing towards Bovington Hall. When on the road take first path right to Great Codham Mill by River Pant. Proceed upstream W of Lone Hole to Iron Bridge.

Double back W of river for track by Nichols Farm to f-o-t as far as Shalford School.



Bocking

Great

Saline

High Garnett

Fork S W on path to Jaspers Green. Depart S W by Lowlands Farm to Picotts Farm and Great Saling.

Depart S W on track around airfield to Badcocks for path to Gatehouse. Use lane W S W to Lucas Farm and take crescent path to cross Clay Lane and arrive on C11 Stebbing High Street by The Mount H.

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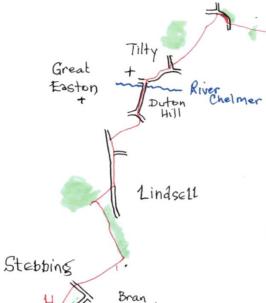
H > I Stebbing Mount TL659245 to Ugley

Explorer 195 From H take the N W path across the B1057 continuing to Lashley Hall. Strike W for Great Rakefairs and Dow Wood. F-o-t on lane 1.5 kms lane W for N path bend w to cross B184 to C12 Duton Hill. Descend cross River Chelmer and f-o-t N C12 Tilty Hill. Zig left zag right on path N W to Suckstead Farm. F-o-t N bending E from Harts Grove to path N path by Horam Hall to Cutlers Green.

Take lane W to Richmond-in-the-Wood then path W to Scotts Farm at Hamperden End. Pursue Great Croft Lane W to take path left to be beside a young river Cam. Trace it to Little Henham and continue on lane down to cross the railway and M11 to rise by DB Quendon Wood. Proceed E side of trees S S W to The Chequers at Patmore End C12 Ugley I



Hamperden T



End



Alsahlood

Stansted

Explorer 195 From I walk lane S E up to Ugley Church. Depart S S E on track continue S W through Ugley Green to turn S by Harewood over Alsa Street to Gall End in PH Stansted Mountfitchett.

Trace railway S S W from Station, rails right-side, to diverge S on West Road, crossing Stoney Common and Foresthall Road to approach C12 Birchanger.

Depart S E over on bridlebridge over M11 and through the junction 8 complex to Thremhill Priory on B1056. Lead S on opposite path for Bedlars Green.

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Swap to map 183 Walk lane SSE to C11 Hallingbury Street, fork right on path for Woodside Green. Cross Green S with Monks wood left-side. Stay with track's right and left turns to C11 Little Hallingbury Park. Resume S direction via Camp Farm to Hatfield Heath, the A1060 and the lonesome Church on the Green J.

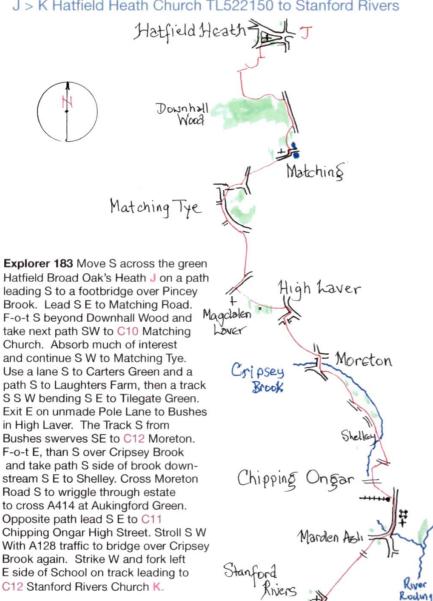
Hatfield Heath

Great Hallingbury

Birchanger

Little Hallingburgt

J > K Hatfield Heath Church TL522150 to Stanford Rivers



K > L Stanford Rivers TL533009 to West Horndon Station

Stanford Rivers Navestock

Weald

Country

Park

Explorer 183. From K seek Mutton Road's bend E of Church and the brookside path leading ESE to cross the A113 and continue to a River Roding footbridge.

Swap to map 175.

Maintain direction via Germains Farm to C11 Kelvedon Hatch, F-o-t S on Kelvedon Hall Lane, stav W side of triangle to use Howard Lodge Road S S E to a path leading to C11 Navestock Side. Depart S E on path to Ongar Road junction, Fo-t S S W on Horses lane, spring E on Pilgrims Lane to take path S over

South Weald

Coxtie Green Road into South Weald Country Park. Depart S E exit on Weald Park Way. Use footbridge over A12, climb Brook Road E.cross A1023 to Westwood Avenue. Nudge S under rail-track on Crescent Road and take Crosmwell road E to C14 Brentwood Station. Depart S E up Headley Chase, left along Woodman Road right into Guardsman Close for Donkey Plantation. Bend E therein, cross Harts Wood Road bending S to entrance to Thorndon Country Park.

Tread S E for Managerie Plantation. When S of Old Hall Pond, strike E for exit on A128. Whip S over A127 to enter West Horndon f-o-t

Station Road to Station L.

Thorndon Country

Brentwood

West Horndon

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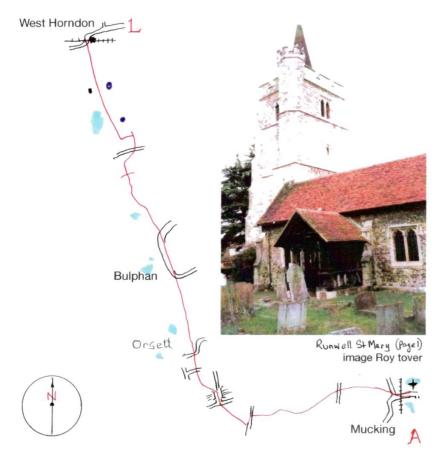
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L > A West Horndon Station TQ623880 to Mucking

Explorer 175 From a bend of St Marys Lane by L Lead S on path by Tillingham Hall to Conway Farm. F-o-t W to next path S leading into Orsett. Thread through Rowley Road to fieldpath S. Deflect S E for Rectory Road's bridge over the A13 to cross Stanford Road too. Link to a S E path backing E by Red House and Old Kennels Farm to cross Buckingham Hall Road and Butts Lane to enter C7 Mucking Wharf Road by the Church and entrance to the Thurrock Thames Wildlife Park A.



Needs.

Maps. These routes were made for walking. The basic tool for countryside navigation is the Ordnance Survey Explorer Map - the best.

Roy Tover's sketch maps indicate which part of the Explorer is needed. Do you need a compass too? You probably have one featured in your mobile phone; if not, the answer is "Yes".

Total estimated distance is 208 kms. If walking all day, organised vehiclar support to meet walkers at pre-arranged road intersections.

Backup. Although the entire plan is continuous, each daily sector will be linear, (unless you create a chain link system of day-circuits). The common solution is two-car trickery whereby pairs of cars, each with five seat-belts, can transport five ramblers from one end of the ramble to the other. It has been a convivial modus operandi arranged impromptu on each day for Mapiog ventures on the Essex Way.

The Icknield Way Path.

Angles Way, Weavers Way, Viking Way,

Weald Way, Stour Valley Path, 1066 Way, Stafffordshire Wa Saxon Shore Way, Peddars Way, Saint Edmund Way, Jonathon's Journey

- The trick works like this. Ramblers are marshalled by programmed invitation to the chosen Finish of the day's event dated and timed.
- The minimum number of vehicles needed to carry every walker are indicated. Walking gear in loaded into these. The other vehicles to remain parked, are loaded with redundant indoor shoes.
- The selected vehicles drive to the Start.
- 4 The walk proceeds as planned to arrive at the Finish before dark.
- 5 Shoes, boots, passengers and vehicles are re-arranged to resemble the pattern seen at the beginning of the event. Cheerio

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