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**The Essex Walker 2024 (27 miles)**

Abbreviations: **AH** Ahead, **BL** Bear Left/Bearing Left, **BR** Bear Right/Bearing Right, **BW** Bridleway, **BWS** Bridleway Sign, **E** Enclosed,  **EB** Earth Bridge, **EP** Enclosed Path, **FB** Footbridge,  **FC** Field Corner,  **FD** Field  **FPS** Footpath Sign, **GR** Grid Reference, **KG** Kissing Gate,  **L** Left,  **LHFE** Left Hand Field Edge**, MP** Marker Post,  **P** Path, **R** Right, **RHFE** Right Hand Field Edge, **ST** Stile, **TK** Track, **TL** Turn Left,  **TR** Turn Right,  **WM** Waymark. **X** Cross/Crossing/Across/Go through.

**1. TL** downhill for 100m to BWS. **TR** downhill with garden on L. **TR** at bottomwith path and cont. AH onto RHFE to MP. **BR,** then immediately **L** onnarrow EP (MP). **BL** on metalled TK to LH bend (WM on fence). **TR** on EP with fence on L to climb steps up to road (FPS). **TL** over bridge. **T** sharp **L** at BWS on EBW with A12 below on L**. TR** at BWS on EBW for 800m, X FB and drive. **AH** on TK, and at LH bend, go **AH** on EBW to meet lane. **Routes diverge here TL** (FPS) X gap in hedge. **BL** X FD to MP in FC.X EB, AH to MP, then **AH** LHS of golf course for 500m following MPs with hedge, then ditch on L, to MP by FB with metal handrails. X FB and **TL** to hedge corner. **AH** X fairway **(beware golf balls coming from to** **R)** to copse. **AH** copse on R and X 2nd fairway **(beware golf balls)** to FPS. **TR** alongside metalled drive. When drive turns L at MP, go **AH** on gravel TK, pass brick house on L, to second gate on R. **GR TQ 692 993 3.1 miles**

**2.**  X KG and AH downhill with telephone mast on L. **BR** at bottom and follow ditch on L to X FB over ditch. **AH** to X 2 more FBs and **BL** uphill on P inside edge of wood to X gate to road. **BL** X road to car park and X gap between posts to enter wood. **BR** downhill on middle P and **BR** along bottom of wood.  **BR** on P uphill, pass depression on L, and **BL** to find steps - **1st number on post at the top of steps -** down to road.  **BL** X road, go up steps, and AH on P. At X path with bench on R, **TL** downhill on P through wood. **BL** at fork, then **BL** again to X KG to road (house opp.). **TR with care** for 50m to FPS by metal gate. **TR** on EPwood on R to MP**. TL** (golf course on R) to X stile to road. **TL,** then **R** on Fristling Hall drive for 600m (30m before main gate) to X KG on L. **Routes converge here AH**  fence on L to X FB. **AH** down FD with hedge on R to trough. **AH** down next FD following telegraph poles (WMs) to X KG. **BL** X FD to MP R of the barn on L**. AH** barn on L to TK. **GR TQ 679 993 5.0 miles**

**3. TL** and TR with TK for 250mto TK on R. **Routes diverge here TR,** pass Imphy Hall, and **AH** on concrete, then gravel TK for 900m to X gate (MP) at RH bend. **TL** LHFE to X FB and gate. **AH** uphill LHFE to MP. - **2nd number on MP - AH** X FD to treeline (CB 94ᵒ). **TL** on grass TK RHFE for 300m to MP hidden in narrow gap in hedge. **TR** to MP, **TL** on EP to FPS on R. **TR** on EP (Metal bollard) **Routes converge here AH** X ST, AH LHFE, X ST in FC, **AH** fence on R, to lane. **TR** to **TL** on gravel TK before RD. With seat on R, AH to **X busy road with care.**  X church car park to X gate to churchyard. **GR TQ 687 986 7.4 miles**

**4. BR** on P with church on L. Pass church porch and **BR** on path X graveyard to X gate (WM). **AH** on EP, X FB, and AH to the end of the wooden fence on L (WM). **TR** downhill, over boardwalk, X FB, X 2nd FB, X drive, X 2 more FBs, to open FD. **BL** LHFE to X FB in FC. Follow EP **L**, then **R** at pond, to meet RD. **TL** to Marigold Lane on R. **TR** for 160m to FPS on R. X KG, **AH** on LHFE, keeping barn on R, pass KG, to X KG and FB in FC. **AH** on narrow EP to X ST and FB to lane **TR** to T junction. **GR TQ 700 976 8.9 miles**

**5. TR** (Goatsmoor Lane) for 300m to BWS.  **TL** between brick pillars on BW for 750m, **BR** at gate, **AH** at Xing TK (MP), to MP and BWS. **TL** on E wide BW to T junction. **TR** for 150m to X FB on L (WM). AH RHFE, X FB (MP), and AH on drive to RD. **GR TQ 710 967 10.2 miles**

**6. TR with care facing traffic** for 140m to X RD **with care** to FPS by traffic signs. **TL** on EP to MP and info board. **AH** for 100m to X EB and immediately **TR.** AH for 120m to wide greensward on L and yellow gas hydrant on R. **BL** on P middle of greensward. **BR** as it widens out and X to MP. Follow P around to R, then L, to X FB on L (MP). **TL** to X gap and **AH** on wide greensward. Keep to RH hedge as it **BR** and Xto broken fence. **TR** on narrow P. **AH** at MP with fence on R and follow P to X 2 FBs. **AH** fence now on L to FPS before RD. **TL** with fence to lane. **TR** to School Road and **TL single file** for 300m to checkpoint on L.

**Downham Village Hall GR 726 960 11.8 miles (opens 10.30 am closes 1.00pm)**

**7. TL**, pass pond, and at no.42, X RD **with care** to dog bin. **TL** on narrow concrete path**, BR** before seat to gate (FPS). **AH** on grass path LHFE to FC (ST and seat). **Routes diverge here.**

**EMERGENCY NO 07427 857003** **8.** Pass seat and **AH** downhill X FD (towards church) to LHFE. X gap in FC and **AH** uphillon P to road**.** X road, **TL** on grass verge, and cont. to Grange Lane. **TR** to end (Plumtrees) and **AH** on TK/Byway. At gate on R, **AH** on gravel path, **TL** at BWS 92, and follow to end. **AH** on Downham Road to T junction. **TR** on pavement for 360m to X road at traffic island and **TL** on Church End Lane. **AH** to **TL** at RH bend on South Hanningfield Way (FPS). **GR TQ 750 948 14.6 miles**

**9.** Follow for 500m to ‘Witsend’. **AH** on E TK and around barrier on to FD. **TR** on RHFE, **AH** X gap in FC, **AH** in2nd FD to X FB in FC. X corner of FD to **BL** on TKRHFE. **AH** to X FB at junction. **TR** RHFE to meet TK, and **AH** to MP. **BL** X FDuphill (CB 42⁰) aiming for the highest point, then wooden shed, to MP at corner of laurel (garden) hedge. **– 3rd number on MP – GR TQ 749 965 15.8 miles**

**10.** Follow hedge on L around garden to drive and **TR** to lane. **TL** to FPS (black gate) on RH bend. **TL** fence on L and **TR** X gap after passing barns. **TL** LHFE to go up bank in FC. **TL,** then **R** uphill LHFE. At MP in FC, TR uphill LHFE to FC. **AH** X FD to small brick building and lane. **TR** for 70m to **TL** around concrete block. **AH** RHFE to **TL** at bend on P following telegraph poles downhill (reservoir AH). X car park to road and **TR** passing pub to X road **with care** to **checkpoint.**

**South Hanningfield Village Hall GR TQ 742 976 17.3 miles (opens 12.00 closes 2.30pm)**

**11. TR** to junction and X road to FPS opp. Village sign. **AH** on EP between high fences to reach FD. **AH** uphill LHFE to MP. **BL** X FD (CB 100⁰) towards pylon near dip in treeline. keep same line X old corn stubble to tall MP and X FB. - **4th number on ST -** X ST and AHto FC**.**  **TL** LHFE to MP. **TL** X EB and **TR** RHFE to gap. **BR** to MP, **TL** on EP for 280m to X ST (MP) on L. AH paddocks on R, X FB, AH to drive and road.  **GR TQ 752 977 18.5 miles**

**12. TR** for 50m, X road **with care**, **TL** on metalled BW, pass ‘Ridgemount’, and in 50m, X ST on L opp. old chicken sheds. X FB and follow WMs to X ST and 2nd FB. **AH** LHFE to X broken stile 70m past FC. **AH** LHFE to X ST by green fence 80m past FC. **AH** to X 2nd ST. **AH** LHFE to X ST in FC. **AH** LHFE again to X stile in FC. **TL,** then **R** on gravel path with church on R. **GR TQ 744 980 19.4 miles 13. AH** to X KG and follow RHFE to X ST to road. X road **with care** and **TR** for 1.1K to end of pavement. X road and cont. on pavement RHS of road for another 1.1K to FPS at the 4th single metal gate on R. X gate and go down steps and AH on EP to X wobbly ST (gate opens). **TL** on concrete TK to WM and **TR** with fence on R. **AH** on EP to X FB. **TL** to X 2nd FB and AH to MP. **AH** on LHFE to road. X **with care, TL,** then **TR** on Church Lane. **AH** on wide EBW to T Junction. **TL** and follow EBW for 420m to end. **TL** on Lane to ‘Stonecroft’ and **checkpoint.**

**(opens 1.00pm closes 4.00pm) GR TQ 730 999 21.6 miles.**

**14. TR** on laneand **AH** on drive. **BL** on EP with fence on R. **AH** downhill on RHFE to lane. **TL** to junction**, BR** on road **facing traffic**, and pass ‘Wanted Dead or Alive’ poster on R. X busy road **with care** before junction to **TL** at FPS. X by gate and **AH** X FD to X gap. **AH** X FD to X FB. **AH** with fence to lane. **TR** for 440m to BWS at Brookside Cottage. **AH** on EBW for 1K to end. **TR** on lane to road. **TR** on pavement and **BR** topass the Ship PH. **GR TL 704 004 23.8 miles**

**15. TR** on road and X  **with care** before bend to X gap at FPS R of gate. **AH** downhill on LHFE (now following wire fence on L for the next 1.3K) X gap and FB in FC, Xsqueeze gate on to EP, and X 2 more FBs, to fence corner (gravel). **TR** X bridge (leaving wire fence on L). **GR TL 715 011 24.7 miles**

**16. TL** on EP with wire fence on R. X squeeze barrier and FB. AH LHFE for 60m. **BL** X ST, **TR** on EP (warning notice). Follow EP, X ST, pass pond on R, to X ST on to open FD (MP). **TL** LHFE, X KG (WM) with paddocks on R, ignore ST in FC, TR to X 2nd KG. **TL** on TK (paddocks on L) to FPS. **TR** X bridge over A12.  **AH** to blue topped post, **BL** X gap (MP), and AH RHFE. X FB, **AH** RHFE, and **AH** X gap in FC. **AH** RHFE to20m before gate. **GR TL 708 022 25.9 miles**

**17. TL** staying on RHFE and **AH** to X KG. BR to drive. **TR** for 80m to **TR** around concrete block on to grass. Follow RHFE to X drive. **AH** on P X FD for 200m (FD narrowing) to meet P near top (gate on R). **TL** to concrete block and **X** **busy road** **with care** to take P opp. **BR** X barrier and AH on greensward. **TL** on P between wood and wooden posts and go **AH** close to edge of wood to X car park (WM). **TR** on greensward for 35m to X green gate on L. Follow P to **Finish. Congratulations! GR TL 702 025 26.7 miles**