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**The Essex Walker**

Abbreviations: AH Ahead, BL Bear Left, BR Bear Right, BMF/G Black Metal Fence/Gate, BW Bridleway, BWS Bridleway Sign, E Enclosed, EB Earth Bridge, EP Enclosed Path, FB Footbridge, FC Field Corner, FPS Footpath Sign, GR Grid Reference, KG Kissing Gate, L Left, LHFE Left Hand Field Edge, MP Marker Post, R Right, RHFE Right Hand Field Edge, TK Track, TL Turn Left, TR Turn Right, WM Waymark.

**1. TL** downhill on lane. **AH** on path to cross drive (FPS), cont. **AH** to follow hedge on R to go through gap fence in FC (FPS). Cross driveand **BL** across field to go through gap in fence (FPS). **TR** to cross slip road **(with care)** andcross bridge over A12. Cross 2nd slip road to FPS. **TR** and AH on EP (MP) to go through gap in fence (WM). **BL** following hedge on R to cross FB. **AH** with wood on R to MP and cont. **AH** across field. **AH** uphill on TK to farm buildings. **TL** on TK to main road. **TR** on path and AH on grass verge to FPS by conifer hedge. **TR** and follow hedge **L** through gap and **AH** with on garden **L**. Cross field **B** slightly **R** to white topped MP at hedge corner (if not visible stay parallel to telegraph poles). **AH** on TK with hedge on L, passing water tower (behind hedge), and later wood on R, to go through gap at FPS on L by two large tyres. Cross busy road **(with care).** **GR TQ 696 995 2.5 miles**

**2.**  **TR** on path for 400yds to Crondon Park Lane on R. Cross road **(with care)** and **AH** on lane for 550yds to FPS on L by 1st house on R. **TL** (St Peter’s Way) downhillon boardwalk and cont. **AH** with golf course on R to cross stile to lane. **TR** for ½ mile, crossing lane before RH bend, to **BL** between concrete bollards. **Routes converge here. TL** through BMG and AH onE BW to drive. **AH** to BMG. **TR** on TK and follow BMF on L for 1600 yds to cross railway at level crossing (automatic full barrier with warning lights) by Margaretting Church. **GR TL 664 004 5.3 miles**

**3.** **AH** for 30yds to **TR** at FPS by BMG. **AH** through KG onEP to cross FB. **AH** with BMF to cross drive. **AH** through KG on wide EP for 50yds and **Before MP** **- routes diverge here –** **BR** with BMF on R. **BL** in FC to cross stile by pond. **AH** across fieldto cross stile and FB. **AH** atcrossing path (MP) to cross stile and FB. Cross field diagonally to gate (FPS). **TR,** cross road at traffic island, and **TR** on pavement. **TL** atcrossroadson Wantz Road to ‘Margaretting Village Hall’ sign. In a further 100yds go through gate and **TR** RHFE passing benches to go to through KG in hedge before 2nd FC. **GR TL 668 019 6.6 miles**

**4. TL** on lane to T junction. **TR** on pavement passing Red Lion PH to FPS at Tollgate Farm. **Routes converge here. TR** through side gate, cross stile, and **AH** to cross FB (FPS). **TL** on EP (paddocks on R) to go under road. Cross stileand **AH** onEP to cross stile and FB. **TL** on LHFE passing FPS to cross FB in FC. **AH** for 30yds, **BR** to cross FB and AHthrough wood to cross stile. **AH** LHS of two fields to cross stile to lane. **TR** uphill to cross stile (FPS 139) on L. **AH** on RHFE for 40yds to **TR** crossing stile and FB. **AH** RHFE to cross stile in FC. **AH** on EP (ignoring FB on L) to cross stile. **TR** RHFE, **TL** with wood on R, and at enclosure, **AH** uphill (WMs) on grass path to cross stile to enter wood. **AH** to stile and gate. **Routes diverge here.** **GR TL 642 017 8.7 miles**

**5. Cross stile** and **AH** to FPS. **TR** for 20yds to FPS and **TL** to enter wood. After 15yds **TL** at FPS. Afteranother 15 yds, follow winding path **(taped) R** and **L** to find MP. **BL** to exit wood at FPS. **AH** to cross stile and **AH** LHFE to cross FB. **TR** RHFE to cross stile in FC. **AH** on EP to drive at Slab Cottage. **TL** for 20yds and **TR** on EP on RHFE. **AH** with lake on L to open field. **AH** uphill RHFE, then BL across field to go through gap by fence corner (MP). **TL** LHFE to **BL** through gap in FC (MP). **TR** RHFE and **AH** in FC to cross EB into wood and AH to lane. **Caution next 1 mile** **of road without a pavement.** **TR** to junction. **TR** on Back Lane **(can be busy – take care)** passing‘Masonetts’ on L and follow to end. Cross road **(with care)** and **TL** with pond on R. **TR** to **Checkpoint**. **GR TL 640 002 10.4 miles**

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 **Fryerning Parish Rooms**

**Open 10.30 am to 12.00**

**6. TR** to Fryerning Church.  **AH** through KG and AH through graveyard (church on R) to go through gap in hedge. **TR** with hedge on R, pass seat, **TL** to go through gap in FC (MP). **AH** to FC and go through gate. **AH** RHFE to MP (pond on R) and **BL** on path across field to MP. **AH** on path through wood following fence on R to cross FB. **TL** to road. **TR (with care)** facing traffic to FPS at Spring Farm. **TR** on TK (pass RHS of gate, **stepping over chain**). **AH** to end of barn and **TL**. At field **BR** to MP, **AH** on middle path, and follow MPs to cross FB and stile. **AH** with broken fence on L to cross stile and boardwalkin FC. **BL** LHFE to MP and **AH** on EP to lane. **BR** to FPS and **TL** on E TK to field. **BL** to pass pond on L to cross stile by pond on R. **AH** on EP to cross stile by gate. **AH** up field on path to gate R of house. **GR TL 636 013 12.2 miles**

**7. TL** on metalled TK, fork **L** at pair of BWSs, to pass Mapletree Cottage. keep R of wide TK to go **AH** through wood for 1200yds to road. Cross **(with care)** to BWS and **AH** on concrete TK for ¼ mile to FPS on R. **TR** to enter wood. **AH** through barrier and follow the main path through wood to road. cross **(with care)** and **AH** on Metsons Lane. **AH** on BW to road. Cross road **(with care)** and **TL**. **TR** on Cock Lane and **Fork R** at BWS. **AH** to FPS and **BL** on path through wood (ignoring all crossing TKs) to cross FB (MP). **AH** across field to cross FB and **AH** uphill to lane. **Routes converge here.**

 **GR TL 647 024 15.2 miles**

     **8. TL** on grass verge passing Redindyke Farm. Fork **L** on metalled TK. After passing Keepers Cottage, **TR** on TK into wood. Fork **R** to MP, **BR,** and **L,** heading uphill through wood on main path for 1200yds. **AH** on TK with wood on R, later between fields, to distant farm buildings.

**AH** with farm buildings on L to lane. **TR** for 130yds and **TL** around log on EPto cross FB on R. **TL** LHFE and **AH** between fields to MP. **AH** RHFE to cross FB and **TR** on narrow EP to road. **TR** and cross road **(with care)** to **Checkpoint. GR TL 642 041 17.4 miles**

 **Highwood Village Hall**

 **Open 11.00am to 3:00pm**

**9.** Exit checkpoint in LH corner of car park. **TR** on RHFE to MP.

**TR** LHFE to road. **TR** and cross road **(with care) before** RH bend to **TL** on lane. **TL** down the side of cottage (FPS) and **AH** across field to gap (CB 3300). **AH** with hedge on L to road. **BL** to cross road **(with care)** at traffic island and **TR** on grass verge. **TL** (Cooksmill Green) for 1100 yds **facing traffic** to **TR** on Chapel Lane (FPS). **AH** to FPS (dog bin) and **BL** across field to MP at hedge corner (CB 400). **AH** LHFE to MP in hedge. **BR** across field to white-topped MP (CB 600). **TL** to MP and **TR** over FB. **AH** on EP for 140 yds to go through gap in hedge (lake on R). **AH** LHFE to MP at Moor Hall. **TL** on TK to MP at corner of barn.

 **GR TL 650 065 20 miles**

**10. TR,** then **BL** across field to MP next to white plastic tubing in hedge. **TL** to MP and **BL** across to MP by fence. **TL** RHFE to cross FB and **AH** to cross stile. **TR** RHFE to broken stile and **AH** on EP to road. **TR** facing traffic andcross road **(with care)** before RH bend. Cross bridge on bend and in 40yds cross stile on **L**. **BR** and **TL** with fence on R to cross gate. **AH** RHFE to cross stile in FC. **TR** on narrowEP and **AH** on drive to lane. **AH** through barrier opp. and **AH** on TK to cross FB. **AH** across field, and at MP, **TL** on EP. **TL** on TK for 500yds. **AH** on narrow EP by metal gate on L. Cross stile and **AH** passing allotments on L to cross road (FPS). **AH** to main road. Cross at traffic island and grass triangle. **TL** on pavement. Keep R after passing Rose and Crown PH and **AH** along avenue. **AH** to Writtle Church gate (WM).

 **GR TL 677 061 22.3 miles**

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**11. BL** passing notice board to gate and **AH** to road. **TR** and cross road before bend to **TL** on Paradise Road. **AH** to BWS and cont. on path/cycleway underpass to meet drive. **TL** across drive to go through gate (not main park gates) and **AH** to cross bridge. **BL** across to fence and **AH** with fence on R uphill to copse and pond on R. Take the L **(AH)** and the narrower of the two grass paths to pass between two small, isolated trees to meet wide grass TK (lake ahead).

 **GR TL 687 049 23.4 miles**

**12. TL** (plantation on L) to cross bridge over River Wid. **TR** along avenue to KG at the end of the hedge on L. **TR** across car park entrance and **AH** on path (Widford Church on R) to church gate. **TL** to bus stop and cross dual carriageway **(with great care). TR** for 300 yds on path alongside carriageway, passing information board, to FPS. **TL** LHFE to cross bridge over railway. **AH** onnarrow EP for 500yds, passing through oak plantation, to cross FB. **AH** RHFE with hedge and River Wid on R to gothrough gap at barrier (FPS). **TL** to FPS and **TL** uphill on EP to road. **GR TL 698 030 25.5 miles**

**13.**  **TL** on road facing traffic for 280yds to **T** sharp **R (with care)** on Horse and Groom Lane. **BL** in front of pub. **BL** on wide ride following white topped posts, passing church, to crossing path (WMS). **TR** through KG and **AH** through graveyard with Galleywood Church on R, to exit by seat. Cross lane to notice board (MP) and **BL** on path in wood. 20yds before reaching field, **TL** to fence and **AH** to road (FPS). **BR** across road **(with care)** to FPS. **TL** through metal squeeze barrier and **AH** on main path to short MP. **TR** and **BR** on narrow path, passing information board, to open area. **BR** to cross EB (**beware ditch). AH** through gap R of notice board. **TL** for 10 yds to **TR** through green gate to Heritage Centre and **Finish. GR TL 702 025 26.4 miles Congratulations** **!!**