**Halloween Ramble East of Epping, Saturday 31st October 2020**

6 walkers, 14.5 miles – leader Lonica Vanclay

6 of us in total set off from Loughton for an East of Essex Ramble. It looked promising – even a bit of sunshine. However by the time we got to Hainault Forest the rain had set in – and it continued on and off for the rest of the day. And the mud got worse too! Two short lunch stops in churchyards and by the second we were sufficiently wet and tired that everyone voted to shorten the walk and head for Epping. Lots of lovely autumn leaves en route but the low cloud meant the views were hidden. 14.5 miles in total.......maybe I'll offer the walk in midsummer as a contrast!

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