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**The 2021 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 for 80yds 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 to **T** sharp **L** at BWS on EBW with A12 below on L**. TR** at BWS on EBW for 800yds, crossing FB and drive. **AH** on TK, and at LH bend, go **AH** on EBW to meet lane. **BL** along lane facing traffic to LH bend. **Routes converge here. AH** through concrete bollards and BMG on E BW to drive. **AH** to BMG. **TR** on TK with BMF on L and follow BMF to cross railway at level crossing (automatic full barrier with warning lights) by Margaretting Church.

**GR TL 664 004 3.4 miles**

**2.** **AH** for 30yds to **TR** at FPS by BMG. **AH** through KG and **AH** on narrowEP to cross FB. **AH** with BMF to cross drive. **AH** through KG on wide EP to MP.  **Routes diverge here AH** to go through KG.Cross stile and **BL** across field to gate. Cross road **(with care)** to Tollgate Farm.  **Routes converge here. AH** 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.

**GR TL 653 012 4.8 miles**

**3. 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 (do not cross). **Routes diverge here.**

**GR TL 642 017 5.7 miles**

**4. T** sharp **R** between holly bushes and **AH** on EP to cross stile. **AH** RHS of two paddocks to cross stile. **TL** downhill on grass path with fence on L and **AH** on LHFE, then narrow EP,to cross FB. **TR** on road **(cross with care**), then fork **L** after Redindyke Farm on metalled TK. **Routes converge here.** 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 8.5 miles**

**Highwood Village Hall** **Open 11.00am to 3:00pm**.

**5.** 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  **GR TL 649 064 11.0 miles**

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**6. TL** on TK to MP at corner of barn. **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 13.4 miles**

**7. 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 14.5 miles**

**8. 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.

**GR TL 694 046 15.4 miles**

**9. 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. **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.

**GR TL 703 029 17.2 miles**

**10.** 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 17.5 miles**

**Congratulations**!!