## ESSEX WAY STAGE 6 - GREAT TEY TO WEST BERGHOLT (5.7 miles)

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## Key

L = left; R = right; TL = turn left; TR = turn right; X = cross over; CONT = continue; THRU = through; ST = stile; WM = waymark; FPS = footpath (or bridleway) sign; FB = footbridge (normally wood); TK = track; RD = road; KG = kissing gate. All distances are approximate

- 1 1 (Pub on your R) Go 100M down RD to RD junction. X RD. TL and CONT 120M down CHAPPEL ROAD to RD junction. (take care) CONT 200M along pavement in same direction (signed 'CHAPPEL') 30mph sign. 20M on TR at FPS (may be hidden by growth) immediately after ornate stone fence.
- CONT 200M on narrow path, becoming narrow TK, through gap in hedge.
   CONT 250M along field edge (hedge on L) to WM at corner of field.
   TL to X earth bridge. CONT 250M (hedge on R) bearing L toWM in hedge.
   TR THRU gap in hedge & down steps to enclosed green lane.
- 3 TL and follow green lane 150M until it is no longer enclosed. CONT 10M to FPS. TR to another FPS. CONT ahead 80M on enclosed TK to WM at its end (on your R). TR up earth steps and immediately TL. Follow field edge 80M (hedge on L) to gap in hedge and WM. THRU gap and CONT (hedge on L) 300M down field edge to exit at FPS.
- 4 CONT 10M & TR onto gravel TK. CONT 60M on TK to railway bridge. X railway bridge and CONT 100M to 'BACONS FARM'.

  CONT ahead 20M (new buildings on R) & TR (still on the TK). CONT 30M to metal field gate (on L). TL & go THRU small metal gate.

  Follow LH edge of field (hedge/wire fence on L) 300m down to concrete bridge.

  Important note there is no diagonal footpath across this field
- 5 TR and CONT 200M (river on L) to go THRU metal gate and X FB. (2 miles) CONT 250M (river still on L) to X ditch by earth bridge (Oak tree on your R). CONT ahead 300M 'til TK bears R away from river for 20M (opposite white house). Bear L again (parallel but not beside river). CONT 750M (hedge on L) to TK junct. CONT head 80M in same direction (hedge L/nursery R) to next TK junction. CONT ahead 50M (hedge L/nursery R) to concrete WWII pill-box.

6 CONT 50M X lawn (river on L) & 200M on narrow riverside TK (CARE – VERY NARROW WITH HOLES ALONG PATH) to wooden fence. TR between fences 20M then TL over FB & follow narrow TK 100M to RD. X RD EXTREMELY CAREFULLY. TL for 60M & X bridge to pub car entrance. TR (pub on L – ignore sign on GATE – IT IS A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY) & X pub car-park to grass.
CONT across grass (picnic tables on R and L) & X earth bridge to field.

7 TR and follow field edge 200M to bear L at power pole. CONT ahead 300M on field edge (trees away to your R) to next power pole. BR and then CONT ahead 300M on field edge (river on R again) to pass through gate to FPS by RD. (4 miles) X road to gap in hedge almost opposite. TAKE CARE AS YOU CROSS THIS BUSY ROAD.

8 Pass THRU gap in hedge & up steps. TL (hedge on L and house) and CONT 150M X to other side of 'hedge'.
CONT ('hedge' on R now) past WM following field edge 300M to X FB.
CONT 200M (same direction) to FB over river. DO NOT X THE RIVER
CONT ahead (same direction) Xing over metal FB.

9 CONT following TK through FB to small metal gate. THRU gate & CONT 350M on field edge (hedge on L) to hidden WM Pass THRU gap and turn 1/2 right & TR. CONT 150M following TK across field to gap. CONT ahead 180M on very clear TK to pass ruined red brick building to reach a gate.

10 THRU gate. CONT 450M on TK, later uphill, to pass barn CONT ahead 50M on concrete TK to hay barn (corrugated rounded roof). Bear L 60m uphill to WM on power pole. TL 15M on wide TK.

- 11 CONT 400M on TK following power lines to WM (in front of power pole). At track fork take **Right hand track. CONT 150M** (hedge on L). **IGNORE LH turn and in a further 40M TL through gap to XFB**
- 12 TR to finish by the \*church.
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