

BILLERICAY : WALK 1

Distance : A circular walk of approximately 4 miles

Time : Approximately 2 – 4 hours

A circular walk round Billericay of about four miles taking in three of the green areas of the town, Lake Meadows, Norsy Woods and Mill Meadows, each with its own beauty and environment. At a good pace, this walk should take about two hours, at a leisurely stroll, it could take four hours. As a circular walk, you can pick up the trail anywhere along the way, walking its entire length if time permits, or perhaps just a part of it.

From the High Street, starting at Stock Road and Radford Way cross Radford Way at the pedestrian crossing and turn LEFT. Walk down Radford Way to the public footpath No. 5 signposted to Lake Meadows and Perry Street. Turn RIGHT and walk along the path to Cromwell Avenue, cross straight over and carry on walking along the path, round the bend and then straight on into Lake Meadows car park. At the main entrance to the park, turn sharp RIGHT and walk into the park. At this point you can turn left or right to go round the lake where you will see many kinds of water birds. At the far end of the lake the paths meet up and you continue your walk away from the lake towards Hillhouse Drive and out of the park. At Hillhouse Drive turn RIGHT and walk to Stock Road, cross over and turn LEFT, walk along to Headley Road, turn RIGHT and walk up Headley Road to Norsy Road, cross over and turn LEFT. Walk along Norsy Road to the entrance to Norsy Woods on the right – this is almost opposite Lilford Road.

Walk along the path to the main path. Turn LEFT and walk along to the third path on the right, turn down this path and walk on to the edge of the woods. Go through the gate and into Break Egg Hill and turn LEFT. Walk to the end of the road and onto Outwood Common road. Turn RIGHT and walk along the path down the hill and along to Greenway on the right. Now walk up Greenway to Mons Avenue, continue and go into Thynne Road, walk up the road to Greens Farm lane, cross over and turn LEFT. Walk up the hill to the 40 mph sign; on the right is the second kissing gate, go through into Mill Meadows. Follow the path through the wooded area, along the edge of Field No.1 to Field No.2. Cross the shallow ditch and walk straight across the narrow field up the hill to the gap in the hedge and into Field No.3. Follow the path straight across the field to the next hedge and cross over the small footbridge into Field No.4. Walk straight across this field along the path to the next hedge and another larger footbridge at the gap in the hedge and into Field no.5. Then walk straight across the field along the path and go through the gap in the hedge into Field no.6. Now turn sharp RIGHT and walk down the hill following the path down to the footbridge and cross over into Field No.7. On each side of the bridge are oak trees, walk straight ahead up the hill and as you walk along you will see some broom on the left with its nice green rods. Carry on to the top of the hill, on the right is an oak and on the left there is some more broom. Just here the path forks, take the LEFT path along the top of the hill; passing between two young oaks, cross the next path keeping to the top of the hill; this is a well used path and you will now be passing through a bracken area. As you come out of the wooded area you will find yourself looking across an open area where on the horizon you will see a mobile phone tower. Follow the path on to meet another path, carry on up the hill to the gap. Here the path forks again, take the one to the RIGHT and walk on to the kissing gate at the roundabout at Sun Corner/Chapel Street. Turn RIGHT and walk along to the other end of Chapel Street into the High Street, carry on RIGHT down the High Street, crossing near the traffic lights at the junction of Norsy Road, Stock Road and Western Road with the High Street. Cross over and turn RIGHT, crossing Western Road at the lights and down Stock Road over the railway bridge and you will find yourself back at Radford Way.

BILLERICAY : WALK 2

Distance : A circular walk of approximately 4 miles.

Time : About 2 hours

A circular walk of about four miles taking about two hours using metalled public footpaths through the urban area and field paths in the rural area. Remember to wear appropriate footwear in wet weather and to take your litter home.

Starting at the car park behind the "Abbey" bank, walk into the High Street, turn LEFT and walk down to the traffic lights crossing over Western Road into Stock Road on to the zebra crossing in Radford Way. Go across the crossing and turn LEFT down Radford Way to Footpath 5 leading to Perry Street.

Footpath 5 passes along the western side of Lake Meadows. Carry on to its end at Perry Street, cross over the road and turn LEFT. Walk down toward the roundabout at Queens Park, turn right by the fish and chip shop, past the tyre fitters and cross the road into Footpath 4 leading to Rosebay Avenue. Follow this footpath to its end in Rosebay Avenue and cross over the road to the north part of Footpath 4. (From here most of the footpaths are field paths).

Go through the kissing gate and carry on up the hill, through the next kissing gate and over the footbridge. Turn LEFT and walk down alongside the wood and stream on your left to the corner of the field on your right, then turn RIGHT along the path to the road (Buckwyns Chase). Here you turn LEFT down the hill to fingerpost on left with Footpath 183 to Buckwyns – turn LEFT.

The path passes through the bushes diagonally to the left, to a stile in the corner, on the other side of the stile is the drive to Buckwyns Farm. Over the stile and walk on towards the farmhouse, past the barns and stables on your right to a hedge in front of the farmhouse where there is a waymark post. Turn to the LEFT and walk along the grass lane around the farmhouse. On the left is another waymark post and the end of Footpath 183.

Carry on to the gate at end of lane (Footpath 13). Go over the stile and turn right along the hedge to next stiles on either side of hedge, go over and turn LEFT. Walk alongside hedge down hill to footbridge over river, cross bridge and walk on to stile in hedge by electricity pole, once over stile the path now crosses diagonally to the right (almost under electricity cables) to corner of field. The path now follows alongside the hedge on the right past the house and outbuildings called Hannakins Farm to its end at Linda Gardens.

Walk to the end of Linda Gardens and cross over Mountnessing Road, turn RIGHT and walk along to Footpath 199 at the corner on the left. Go over stile and walk to the corner of the field. There are two stiles here. Go over stile on left (Footpath 12) and walk alongside of hedge to far side of the field and next stile. Go over this stile and turn LEFT between hedge on left and fence on right, carry on past large oak tree in hedge to the gap in the metal fence, go through and turn sharp RIGHT, cross over drive of Little Cowbridge Grange Farm at the end of Bluebell Wood.

Carry on to stile and footbridge at corner of field, and go over them and follow hedge on the left over another stile and a railway bridge and on to Great Cowbridge Grange Farm to the end of Footpath 12 and fingerpost to Mountnessing Church. At the side of the fingerpost is a stile, this is Footpath 11. Go over stile and turn LEFT towards Billericay Town. With hedge on right carry on over stile into next field the hedge is now on left. Walk on down to stile and footbridge at corner of field, go over. Here there is a ditch just to the left right up the middle of the field. Walk up the right side of the ditch to the far end and stile at the back of the gardens in Mountnessing Road. Over stile, walk up to Mountnessing Road and the end of Footpath 11. Cross over, turn LEFT and walk along to Station Road. Walk up Station Road, turn LEFT into Western Road to St. Mary's Avenue on the right. Walk up St. Mary's Avenue to footpath at end and into the car park.

BILLERICAY : WALK 3

Distance : A circular walk of approximately 4.5 miles

Time : Up to 2 hours 30 mins

Leave the car park behind the "Abbey" bank via the back footpath to St. Marys Avenue into Western Road, cross over and turn LEFT and walk along to Station Road. Turn RIGHT and walk down Station Road to Mountnessing Road. Cross over the road and turn LEFT, walk along to the start of Footpath no. 11 on the right between house numbers 77 and 79 and follow the footpath to great Cowbridge Grange Farm. Turn LEFT at the farm and walk along to the end of the drive to London Road. Cross over London Road turn RIGHT and walk on to Hunters Chase. Turn down Hunters Chase to the end and go down the side of the garden at Tally Ho Drive to Footpath no. 14 to Blunts Wall Road.

Turn LEFT over footbridge and go through gap in hedge, follow hedge on left to bend, the footpath now crosses field to footbridge. Look up the hill, about south-east there are some tall trees at Blunts Wall Farm – walk towards these – at the farm the path turns LEFT and goes round past the pond on the right to the fenced off field with conifers along the fence. Walk along with conifers on the left to the cricket ground and over the footbridge and follow footpath signs through cricket ground to far side, this is to the right of the Club House by the car park.

Cross car park and go through the stile, follow path diagonally to second stile and footbridge. Go over these and follow hedge on right side to third stile and footbridge in the hedge just past football ground and walk up Blunts Wall Road; turn LEFT to Tye Common Road. Cross over Tye Common Road, turn RIGHT and walk along to Frithwood Lane. Turn LEFT into Frithwood Lane and walk to far end; on left is Finger Post Bridleway no. 48; straight on and footpath to left, turn LEFT along footpath no. 23. Go over stile alongside woods, and walk along with wood on right. At end of wood go through gap and turn LEFT along hedge to Laindon Road, turn LEFT to High Street and back to start of walk at the car park.



BILLERICAY : WALK 4

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Time : Up to 2 hours 30 mins

Start at the car park behind the "Abbey" bank, walk into the High Street and turn RIGHT, walk along to the pedestrian Crossing, cross over and turn RIGHT, then sharp LEFT and walk down 'Alma Link', crossing at the pedestrian crossing and into Chapel Street. Turn RIGHT and walk on to the pedestrian crossing, cross road and turn RIGHT, keep on going past the west side of 'Mill Meadows' and turn LEFT into Southend Road.

At the end of the pathway, on the LEFT, is a kissing gate, go through into 'Mill Meadows and turn RIGHT. Walk along hedge to corner of field, to the start of F.P. No. 31 to Greens Farm Lane. With the hedge on the RIGHT, walk to the end of field, there is a footbridge here through the hedge. Keep straight on to next hedge, go through gap and over footbridge. With the hedge on the right, still carry straight on through gap in next hedge, this has a post on each side. Across this field in a straight line is a kissing gate, go through and onto 'Greens Farm Lane' on the left is the Scouts Building, etc.

Turn LEFT and walk down 'Greens Farm Lane' to 'Thynne Road', on the right, cross over and walk down 'Thynne Road' and into 'Mons Avenue'. This goes into 'Greenway', carry on along 'Greenway' to the mini roundabout and cross over. This is 'Outwood Common Road', keep straight on past Stuart Way on left.

Almost opposite the church turn LEFT at the start of F.P. No. 30. This path is well used, at the end of the first part, hedge on each side, go into field, keep to the hedge on the left, cross this field and the next and in the corner is a stile. Go over and onto 'Outwood Farm Road', turn RIGHT, walk along to F.P. No. 164, this is on the left. Be sure to follow the path as described below. Do not enter the lane just beyond the path. You will get to the lane by following the path.

Go over stile to end of 'alley', and turn RIGHT. STOP! On the RIGHT is a wooden fence, this curves to the RIGHT. The path goes straight across field, leaving the fence about one third along its length. A finger post can be seen in the fence across field. Walk to it, go over stile and turn LEFT. Walk on along lane past the barns and other buildings, until the sewage works gate. Just past the gate is the next part of F.P. No. 164. On the right is a way marker post. The path goes between the sewage works fence on the left and a hedge on the right. Walk to end of alley and into field. Keep the hedge on the left and carry on along to the corner of the second field. There is a footbridge crossing the stream here, but no hand rails. Cross over, overhead power cable, cross the path here, go over the stile at edge of wood and follow to end of wood.

The path keeps close to the edge of the wood, just keep on to end of woods to Bridle Way No. 33, this is a T-junction. To the right is Crays Hill and to the left is Ramsden Heath. Turn LEFT and walk up the hill, as you go over the railway bridge the Bridle Way changes numbers. It is now Bridle Way No. 8 to 'Heath Road'. This is some half a mile. It takes about one and a half hours to get to 'Heath Road' from the start. A much needed drink may be got if one turns RIGHT at Heath Road. Walk down and round the double bend and on for about another four hundred yards and on the left is the Nags Head Pub, or turn LEFT and continue the walk.

There is no path along here, so walk along the grass verge as it is fairly wide. Be careful of the dips. Walk on to the bend where the entrance to Ramsden Hall School is, this is on the LEFT. Walk down to the gate and to the right is a finger post and the start of F.P. No. 11 to Outwood Common Road. Walk along with the fence on your left, on the right is a barn and a heap of manure. At the corner of fence is a stile, go over and walk along, when up to the ditch walk

down on the right side. At the end of ditch is a hedge, this is on the same side, your left, the path number changes about here to No. 28. Walk on to end of field, in corner is a stile, go over and turn LEFT. This is 'Outwood Common Road', keep on the verge on this side as it is the widest. Walk round bend past the other entrance to Ramsden Hall School, and on to the next bend. On other side of road to your RIGHT is Break Egg Hill and F. P. No. 26 to 'Norsy Road'. Walk on down the hill to the end of Break Egg Hill. Go over footbridge and carry straight on up the hill. On the right is Norsy Woods, ditch and fence, the path is very well used. Keep on to the top of hill, cross the grassy area and come to the end of F.P. No. 26 at Norsy Close. Turn RIGHT into 'Norsy Road' then LEFT and walk back to the High Street at the end of 'Norsy Road', cross at the pedestrian crossing, turn LEFT and continue on to the car park.



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BILLERICAY Circular Walks

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