

**6th Essex Walker Challenge 2012**  
**Purleigh Village Hall GR TL 836 019**  
**(Park in Road)**

	<b>26.67 miles</b>	<b>MILES</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Go across grass right of hall, through gap in hedge. Bear slightly right, houses on right.</b>  <b>Ahead through bushes almost to top of rise. Turn right to Marker Post; go along enclosed path to road.</b>  <b>Grid Ref. TL 836 024</b></p>	<b>0.33</b>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Turn Left. In 20 yards cross over to Finger Post. Go through vines to concrete road, turn left.</b>  <b>Passing buildings, go over concrete bridge. Keep ahead to gap (3rd Electricity pole on right in hedge), turn half left to take diagonal path to go through gate. Keep ahead with hedge on right. Go through gate, over bridge, turn right. In 20 yards turn left, then in 15 yards turn left over bridge, then turn right. Keep ahead to stile, then another two stiles.</b>  <b>Through Horse establishment to another stile STRAIGHT AHEAD (in black fence to right of buildings). Now on grass area keep ahead to gravel drive with Hazeleigh Hall on right. Grid Ref TL 836 037</b>  <b>Turn Left.</b></p>	<b>1.33</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Ahead on minor road. As road bends right at wood corner, turn left at finger post. Ahead with fence on right, ignore paths on left and right. At field corner, turn left. At end of hedge turn right. Pass house on left (Spar Hill Farm) then out to road, Grid Ref: TL 830 031</b></p> <p><b>Cross to kissing gate and narrow path. (Mosklyns Farm) As path opens out, keep ahead to gate, through gate, then diagonally right across to another gate. Continue ahead up hill aiming for large poplars and conifers. Cross stile, then ahead towards conifers on right to gate and stile and out to road. Grid Ref: TL 828 025</b></p>	<b>2.18</b>  <b>2.60</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Turn Right along road pass Scotts Farm on right to junction. Turn right into Birchwood Road.</b>  <b>In 50 yards at finger post turn left. Hedge on right, turn right with hedge, keep ahead with hedge on right to reach marker post. Turn left across arable field to hedge corner, then ahead with hedge on left to road. Grid Ref: TL 818 020</b></p>	<b>3.38</b>

	<b>Cross road to Finger post opposite. Keep ahead with hedge on right large pond on left. Keep ahead passing 2 marker posts, then ahead to reach concrete road.</b>	<b>3.98</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Cross road, go over Footbridge, keep ahead with fence/hedge on right. Cross two more Foot bridges then with wire fence on right keep ahead to gate in fence on right, go through gate then with fence on left keep ahead to field corner (do not go diagonally across), at field corner turn right keeping fence on left, to gate and concrete road. Grid ref: TL 819 004</b>	<b>4.65</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Cross road, keep ahead through large gate, please close this gate. Now keep ahead to bear left, then right, keep ahead passing Charity Farm on left to reach cross roads where go straight across. Grid Ref: TL 809 001</b>	<b>5.35</b>
	<b>In 300 yards at finger post, leave road, stay ahead on path under overhead wires, and go across to hedge line and across stile in hedge. Grid Ref: TQ 805 999</b>	<b>5.64</b>
	<b>Turn left immediately, and follow path bearing right to end of short hedge line then cross the crossing track and go ahead downhill for 3/400 yards passing logs to reach hedge line where turn right with path, hedge on left. At end of hedge line turn left through gap before marker post. Keep ahead with hedge on right and plantation on left to pass horse jumps and finally cross a plank bridge into field beyond the ditch. Turn left up the huge field, over the rise and after 400 yards or more to reach a gate in the hedge line ahead. Pass through right of farm boundary to stile and road. Edwins Farm. Grid Ref TQ 810 992</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Turn Left and stay on Edwin's Hall Road for approx..500 yards, passing Crows Lane junction, then round bend to end of wood, (Hawes Wood). Turn left on path, wood on left. At crossing path, turn right. Now keeping ahead on path, hedge on right, path becomes a cinder track out to road. Grid Ref: TQ 823 989</b>	<b>7.74</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Turn Left and in a few yards cross over to rusty gate and go left up the bank and onto the dismantled railway. Stay on this enclosed path for 1 mile (ignoring all paths. Go under a bridge) until you reach a Blue Arrow to road, (Honeypot Lane) at the</b>	

	<p>4th Tee, here turn right on road. Grid Ref: TQ 839 993</p>	9.26
9	<p>Stay on Honeypot Lane to junction, cross road, turn left to face oncoming traffic.</p> <p><u>This is a very busy fast road, so please take care.</u></p> <p>Turn Right into Rookery Lane, keep ahead along Rookery Lane, round left bend, to end, passing the Old Rectory on right. In 100 yards, where track swings right into a property, keep ahead on grass track with hedge on right. On reaching open ground, prepare to turn right at the third telegraph post to cross over level crossing. <u>Listen for trains, they come very fast.</u> Keep ahead with hedge on right to reach minor road Grid Ref: TQ 851 971</p>	10.75
10	<p>Turn Left then at end of minor road, turn right, then ahead to church gate, through gate turn left, church on right, pass Memorial garden to marker post in corner, follow this enclosed path out to road, turn right, cross over to pavement, then in 400 yards Grid Ref: TQ 852 969</p>	11.10
11	<p>Pass Ferry Boat PH. Where concrete road goes in to boat yard, (YACHT HAVEN) leave tarmac road, keep ahead and up onto the grassy seawall. At finger post turn left, passing boat yard, buildings on left and seat on right. Keep ahead on sea wall (river Crouch) for approx. 4.5 miles. The path meanders along the sea wall, going round a creek with saltings, then after passing some caravans on left, down and up concrete steps, keep ahead passing boat yard. After passing the boat yard/marina and some houses, the creek curves in at Grid Ref TQ 911975 with lakes on left, saltings on right. <u>DO NOT GO through Black Iron Kissing Gate over to your right, but stay ahead along lovely grassy path to reach and cross over level crossing, continue up path until reaching Lane.</u></p>	16.92
12	<p>Continue up lane to road, cross road and turn left. At Junction, turn right. Continue down hill crossing over to pavement when necessary and back again after junction. Pass old cottages on right, then old pub with new buildings, then on bend before white cottages, turn right into path and over stile. Go over a series of stiles then at open field, cross aiming to left</p>	

	<b>of conifers stile and Road Cross Road to Huntsman and Hounds PH Grid Ref: TL 906 003</b>	<b>18.08</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Stay right of pub along conifers, conifers/poplars on left, then stay ahead, same line of travel, across open field to hedge, keep hedge on right to stile in right hand corner (or jump ditch). Keep ahead, passing high bank and driving range on left, then a house, over stile continue passing bungalow on left to Road Grid Ref: 905 011</b>	<b>18.57</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Turn Right, 200 yards cross road to finger post and gate, continue along this path to reach a right then left turn, pond on left. Continue ahead to telegraph pole, then ahead to hedge line and houses. At hedge line turn left and in 60 yards turn right into enclosed path to Road (West Avenue) Turn Right. Grid Ref: TL 903 021</b>	<b>19.33</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>At end of Road turn right, cross over, then at bend, between Imperial Avenue and The Drive, turn left then right into alley way. At end of alley, ignoring all paths from right, it comes out on a short track; go ahead on this track for a few yards then turn LEFT onto unmade road (Nipsells Chase). Grid Ref: TL 912 023</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>Near the end of unmade road, at sharp left bend, go over shingle heap, and then go up slope onto sea wall, Mayland Creek. Turn left, keep on sea wall to THE END ignore steps left and right until as far as you can go, reaching the boat yard steps. Down steps, follow yellow lines, up steps then left/right down steps to beach Grid ref: TL 903 024</b>	<b>20.96</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Continue along sea wall passing houses on left to reach metal gate, <u>don't go through</u>. Go left down bank to go through metal kissing gate. Then ahead to cross stile and bridge on right. Turn left, dyke on left, to next bridge. Here keep ahead half right, through crops on St Peter's Way. At marker post turn right, then ahead to footbridge, turn left. Ahead straight across field bearing WEST across foot bridge then straight across again. At hedge line turn right, staying on St Peter's Way heading towards 'Petrified Trees'.</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>At trees, ahead to marker post turn left moat on right. Turn right then keep ahead to gate in wire fence (do not cut across). Turn left to church, through gate, church on left. Out to track and then Farm Road. Grid Ref TL 878 027</b>	<b>22.93</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Keep ahead on road. Where road bends right, keep ahead on</b>	

	<b>cinder track. At end of track keep ahead with houses each side, to road. Grid Ref TL 870 025</b>	<b>23.62</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Turn right. Pass pub on right, and then cross over. In 150 yards turn left at Finger post and track. Grid Ref: TL 069 027</b>	<b>23.83</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Pass stables then into house drive. Turn right opposite house (Sparrow Wycke Farm) to go through farm gate. Turn left, then swing right to go down left edge of field to corner where turn right to stile in hedge. Cross stile, then half left to stile and footbridge in hedge. Turn right, hedge on right. Keeping on St. Peter's Way go over footbridge, then ahead to 2nd footbridge, keep ahead to hedge corner in the distance. Then ahead with hedge on right to road.</b>  <b>PLEASE TAKE GREAT CARE HERE. THIS IS A VERY FAST, BUSY ROAD WITH POOR VIEWS OF ON COMING TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.</b>	<b>24.67</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Cross road, turn left. In 60 yards turn right through hedge. Keep ahead to footbridge, then ahead towards telegraph pole then keep ahead, hedge on left to field corner. Turn left through hedge over footbridge, then ahead, hedge on right to marker post in hedge on right after house. Out to Road.</b>	<b>25.04</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Turn left. Keep ahead on road to finger post in hedge on right, <u>before bend and house</u>. Go half right across field to earth bridge, then ahead to old railway embankment, up steps, across and down steps and across foot bridge. Now ahead towards right of telegraph pole. Then ahead to stile in hedge. Cross stile then ahead to another stile in fence. Then ahead up to mound where turn right to stile at side of gate. Pass houses on left. At white house ahead (Bell PH) red letter box, turn left in to church yard. DO NOT go up gravel but keep hard left with wall then fence on left, stay on this enclosed path (Rigby's path) to stile on right. Over stile, downhill, over footbridge, children's play area on left. On towards Pavilion. Round Pavilion on right to path then ahead across grass to Hall and</b>  <b>END = 26.67 miles</b>	<b>26.22</b>

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- **Route devised by Anita Stamp and John Mountain**

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