

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

START - CHEQUERS PUB (Map Ref: TL 892258)

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.
- 2** **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** to **WM** 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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