

ESSEX WAY STAGE 8 - DEDHAM - BRADFIELD (8 miles)

START - WAR MEMORIAL, DEDHAM (Map Ref: TM 058332)

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 **TR** at war memorial. Follow narrow gravel TK 200M to FPS just past brick pavilion. **TR** for 50M on field edge to just before red dog loo. **TL THRU** gap and **X ST**. Straight ahead 100M over field and **THRU KG**.
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Straight ahead 100M over field to **X ST** and **X FB**.
- 2 after 20M TK forks-take left fork and **X** field diagonally 100M to new FB by stream. **CONT** ahead up **R** edge of field (fence on your **L**) to corner and **X ST** by FG. **X** over small lawn and **THRU** metal gate.
TL for 30M passing in front of pink cottage and **THRU** small wooden gate.
- 3 **CONT** ahead on lane 50M to RD.
TR on RD for 175M to pass white house (on your **L**) 'HUNTER'S MOON'.
Immediately **TL** onto gravel lane for 35M and **TL** 20M over brick paved driveway to WM. **TR** at WM and follow narrow TK 70M to KG.
- 4 **CONT** ahead as TK bears uphill and **X** field diagonally 100M towards thin poplar tree. **X ST** by FPS to RD. **TR** on RD for 100M and **TL** into Anchor Lane.
- 5 After 30M **CONT** ahead on grass TK for 50M to WM by KG.
CONT ahead on TK to **X** field 200M & go **THRU** wooden gate & **X FB**.
CONT 150 M with wire fence on both sides, go **THRU** wooden gate, **CONT** 100M (hedge on **R**) & go **THRU** wooden gate. **CONT** 100M downhill, wooden fence on **R**, to go **THRU** wooden gate.
CONT 50M downhill & go **THRU** wooden gate to road.
- 6 **TR** uphill 100M on RD, bear **R** round bend, and 50M on **TL** to **X** ditch and **THRU** KG. **X** field diagonally **R** 150M to go **THRU** KG to RD.
X RD slightly **R** to FPS. **TL** over ditch & follow narrow enclosed TK 50M to go **THRU** KG. **CONT** between wooden fences and **THRU** several more KGs (watch out for rabbit holes).
CONT straight across field 200M downhill (wooden fence parallel 20M to **R**) to KG by **YELLOW DANGER SIGN**. **TAKE GREAT CARE HERE (2 miles)**
THRU KG, **X ST**, and **X** railway line. **X ST** after railway, slight left 30M and then **X ST** & **X FB**.
CONT 150M uphill (**ignore** side TKs) on main TK to emerge at WM & gravel TK.

- 7 TL & follow gravel TK 400M to TK junction. CONT ahead bearing L round bend and then 100M on to bear R at next bend (ignore farm entrance on L). CONT 100M downhill to pass THRU wooden gates (on R) just past cottages.
Follow R field edge (hedge on R) 200M passing wooden power pole to metal gate. THRU FG and ahead 20M on grass TK to RD.**
- 8 TR on RD 300M to R bend. Just round bend TL at FPS THRU wooden gate. 300M on gravel TK to X KG on R (by FG). X field half L 100M & go THRU KG. 20M to road (LAWFORD CHURCH ahead)TR to WM at R side of churchyard.TL down narrow FP(church on L) approx 50M to go THRU wooden gate. 30 M to WM.3.3miles**
- 9 Bear R downhill 250 M in field (aiming for L end of tall hedge) and & X stream by earth bridge. TL 30M to KG and CONT round & uphill (keep woods on your R) 100M to go THRU metal KG on R. TL 150M on wide TK to main RD.
X RD VERY CAREFULLY & TL downhill 50M to FPS by red dog loo.**
- 10 TR and follow grass TK downhill, keep R and R at bottom WM on FB to X FB then CONT uphill bearing R(ish) 150 M to red dog loo.
CONT Half R 150M X field on dirt TK to corner of wire school fence.
TL onto tarmac path (wire fence on R). Follow 500M to FPS by RD.**
- 11 X RD & CONT (railway on L) down then uphill 300M to TL over railway bridge at TRINITY ROAD. 50M on TR into SOUTH STREET. (4.7 miles)
Follow South Street 350M down to the very bottom by blue 'JEWSON' sign.
TR 200M to RD junction. CONT on pavement (river on L) for 650M to MISTLEY TOWERS. 150M up hill, just past 'THORN HOTEL', is EDME factory on R. TR here passing along the whole length of the factory (on your L).**
- 12 THRU metal gate in wire fence, TR for 20M, TL at WM THRU tunnel.
Exit THRU white KG. X field slightly half R (almost parallel to power lines) for 250M to go THRU metal KG by WM. X lane and immediately go THRU 2nd metal KG.**
- 13 CONT 200M straight across field (aim for wooden power pole) to ST by WM.
Do NOT X the ST. (6.1 miles) TL (barbed wire fence on R).
CONT for 30M & X earth bridge over stream. CONT 50M with woods on your R to go THRU KG.**
- 14 CONT ahead (ignore TK to L) bearing R initially uphill & follow main TK through woods for 500M (concrete posts/wire fence will be on your immediate L nearly all the time). After leaving main woods CONT to end of concrete posts & then CONT 500M straight ahead (aiming for wooden end of building) to RD by FPS. (do not enter field on R at WM)**
- 15 X RD carefully & TR 40M to cottage (WYMARKS). TL & THRU KG.
Follow R edge of field 100m & THRU KG. CONT 30M to field.
Absolutely straight 600M across field to X FB over ditch.
CONT ahead 300M to hedge, bear left then go THRU WM gap in hedge. CONT ahead 400M over field (power poles parallel 75M to R) to lane.
TL at lane & follow for 500M to finish at T junction at the *end of MILL LANE.
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