

ESSEX WAY STAGE 2 - CHIPPING ONGAR to GOOD EASTER (9.5 miles)

START - CHIPPING ONGAR (Banson's Lane Car Park – Map Ref: TL 552031)

Key

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

- 1 **X** main RD by Zebra Xing and **TR**. Ahead 100M to 'Public Footpath Essex Way' sign & **TL**. **CONT** past 'The White House' gates bearing **R** into narrow alley. **TL** at **RD**. **THRU KG** and **CONT** ahead on **TK**, passing farm buildings (on your **R**), staying on main **TK** as it twists and turns until it eventually goes under power cables. Immediately **TL** and follow **TK**, in direction of power cables, to corner. **TR** downhill and **TL** at end of hedge (on your **L**).
Follow **TK** (hedge on **L**) straight ahead to **RD** ... BUT ... just BEFORE **RD** turn **R** at gate. **CONT** downhill (hedge on **L** then wooden fence). **TL THRU** gap in wooden fence & up steps to **RD**. (1¼ miles)
- 2 **X MAIN RD** carefully. Ahead at **FPS** down steps bearing **R** then **L** for 50M **THRU** gap to **RD**. **X RD**. At **FPS THRU** gap (hedge & metal gate), **CONT** straight ahead, hedge on **L**, to **WM**, **CONT** ahead **X** field to **WM**, straight ahead, at **WM TR**, (Trees on **L**) at **WM CONT** ahead, at **WM TL**. Follow track, river on **R**, to **X FB**, **CONT** with river on **R Xing FBs** (over ditches) en route but **NOT Xing** river yet. At 2nd metal railed bridge over river **TR & X FB**. (2¾ miles)
- 3 **TL** and **CONT** ahead, after 30M **TL** then almost immediately **TR** into *green lane (hedges both sides). Exit green lane and **CONT** on broad **TK** to **RD**.
***[DO NOT FOLLOW THE FIELD EDGE – it is NOT a public right of way and the landowners now object strongly.]**
- 4 **CONT** ahead on **RD** for 90M and then **TR** at **FPS** (Bridleway) by telegraph post into green lane. **CONT** ahead to emerge at field edge for 250M then re-enter green lane and **CONT** ahead to **RD**.
- 5 **TR** to **CONT** on **RD** passing 'The Barn', 'Little Witney Green', & 'Wit's End' (on your **L**) and then 30 metres after 'Private Road' sign, **TR X FB (WM)**. Follow **EP** to **WM** and exit into field. **CONT** ahead and **THRU** gap in hedge (seen soon) at **WM**, **CONT** ahead **X** field to exit by **WM** and **FB** to **RD**. (4¼ miles)

- 6 At **RD TL** for 400M (Take care, bends in **RD**). Where **RD** bends **L** at road sign, Millers Green Road, **CONT** ahead and **IMMEDIATELY TR** at **FPS THRU** hedge, **X FB** and **TL** (keep hedge/fence on **L**). 20 metres after path turns **L**, **TR** at **WM** (aim for church tower) to **X** field and **X FB** (**WM**). **TL** before bearing **R**. At **WM CONT** ahead on field edge uphill, ignore **L** turnings, to eventually **TL** to **X FB** (**WM**), **TR** to go **THRU** gate, and pass between Willingale churches to **RD**. (**5 miles**)
- 7 **X RD & CONT** ahead at **FPS** (between wooden fences then with hedge on **R**) for 2½ fields, then at wide hedge gap, **X** to follow other side of hedge, in same direction, to **WM** just before field corner. **TL** over **FB** and **CONT** ahead (hedge on **R**) to corner. **TR**, **X** ditch and **TL**. **CONT** with hedge on **L** to **WM** at field corner.
- 8 **TR** following **TK**, ditch on **L**, for 100M to **TL** at **WM** and **X FB** (**WM**) over ditch and straight ahead on **TK** (ditch on **L**) for 300M to arrive at **RD** (Take Care).
- 9 **X RD & CONT** ahead on Byway (**L** of power pole) for 700M to T junction at lane. **TR** and **CONT** for 500M then **TL** at **FPS** on bend (25M before 'Private Property' sign). (**6½ miles**)
- 10 **CONT** 1000M (turning **R** with **TK**) & **TL** at sharp corner (**WM**) then 1300M on **TK**, ignoring any **TKs** off, to eventually emerge at **FPS** by lane. **CONT** ahead on lane for 500M to main **RD**. (**8¼ miles**)
- 11 **X MAIN RD HALF L** to **FPS** in lay-by and **CONT** on Byway for 900M (hedge on **R** at first then bearing **R** to go between hedges at **WM**).
Emerge on hard surfaced lane passing house and barn to reach **RD** at junction.
- 12 **TL** over bridge, pass 2 white houses and then **VERY** soon **TL** at **FPS** just after telegraph post into **EP**. At end **TL**, follow **L** side of field to **X FB** in corner and **TR**. **CONT** 200M up **R** edge of field to **FPS** and **CONT** ahead **X** field aiming for **R(ish)** side of church spire.
- 13 At **WM X FB** and follow **L** edge of graveyard to pass **L** side of church exiting onto **RD**. **TL** and finish is 150M away by ***CROSSROADS**. (**9½ miles**)

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