

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

**START - CHIPPING ONGAR (Banson's Lane Car Park –
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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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