

FOOTPATH WALKS AROUND RIVENHALL PARISH.
NUMBER 3: FIELDS & WOODS VIA SILVER END.

Map: O/S Explorer 183 OR o/s pathfinder 1099
Start: Rivenhall Village Hall, Church Road. (828175)
Distance: 6.5 miles approximately.
Duration: Approx. 2.5 hours (longer if you stop at The Western Arms)
Terrain: Easy walking but cross field paths can be muddy after rain.
Refreshments: At The Western Arms in Silver End. (Roughly half way)

The Walk:

Exit the Village Hall car park and turn right along Church Road.

Go past the church and, being very aware of oncoming traffic, continue to the entrance drive to Rivenhall Hall Farm.

Turn right and walk up the drive and straight through the farmyard to the gate ahead.

Go through the gate and cross the field to another gate at the bottom then continue ahead along the track up to the corner of the Barrowfield Wood.

Continue ahead with the wood on your right and at the end of the wood go left and cross the field to the waymark sign opposite.

Turn right at this waymark sign and cross the field up to the trees at the top of the field.

Pass the pond on your left (837185).

Cross the field path straight ahead then turn left onto track and follow it out to Hollow Road.

Being very aware of oncoming traffic turn left and follow Hollow Road along to the entrance road to Allshotts (832194).

Walk along this roadway passing Cutley's Wood on your right.

Arriving at the small industrial estate (former Polish Camp) on your right, turn left off the roadway.

Almost immediately turn right with the hedge on your left then after approx. 50 yards turn left alongside Storey's Wood on your right. (Rivenhall Airfield lies behind the trees and undergrowth)

At the very end of the woodland continue straight ahead on a cross field path to meet a farm track.

Turn right along this track to the path junction (821198) then turn left with ditch on your right.

At the bottom of the field go through a gap in the hedge to emerge into another field.

As you emerge from the gap in the hedge there is a map which indicates the various footpaths at this location.

Go straight ahead by a cross field path to the ditch in the lower hollow.

Turn left with the ditch on your right then eventually cross the footbridge and turn left.

After approx. 150 yards, at the end of the field cultivation, turn right and continue along with the hedge and road on your left to eventually emerge, with extreme care, through the hedge at the top of the field onto Western Road.

Cross the road to the pavement and turn right to walk along to the Western Arms Public House (813193).

After a welcome drink and/or other refreshment leave the Western Arms and turn right into Western Lane.

At the end of the road follow ahead on the well defined footpath leaving the last house behind on your left.

At the next waymark post turn left with the hedge on your left and continue following the footpath uphill with the lakes away to your left..

Turn right at the path junction then turn left at the end of the field with the hedge on your right.

Eventually turn right through the hedge to now follow a well defined a track.

At the large trees ahead, turn left along the field edge with the hedge on your right.

At the end of the hedge continue straight ahead on a cross field path with Rivenhall Thicks away to your left (813182).

At the next hedge turn right then almost immediately left keeping the hedge on your right.

At the next path junction turn left towards the corner of Rivenhall Thicks.

At the entrance to Rivenhall Thicks, turn right.

After 150 yards cross the footbridge on your left and follow the footpath, turning right to arrive at the corner of Tarecroft Wood.

Pass along the track with the wood on your right until you arrive at the southern corner (822172).

Turn left away from the wood and at the end of the ditch turn right with the hedge on your left.

Turn left to cross the footbridge and cross the field.

Once across the field keep the hedge and ditch on your left and walk along to exit footpath onto St. Mary's Road.

Walk down the road to find the Village Hall on Church Road.