



Title: The Centenary Circle - Sandon to Springfield

Distance: 3¼ miles

Time taken: 1½ hours

Start Point: Sandon village green

OS Explorer Map: 183

Grid Ref.: TL 744 048

Transport:

To Sandon 31, 36, every 15 minutes

From Sainsburys: A frequent bus service into Chelmsford

Refreshment: None on route, but the walk ends near Sainsbury's in Springfield

## Walk Description

The section of the Centenary Circle between Sandon and Springfield is an easy, generally pleasant walk. Much of the route is along the banks of the Chelmer and this has the merit of being very pretty, but when we were there, there was quite a lot of noise from the A12 nearby. The small amount of urban walking is well planned, managing to stay off the roads until right at the end. Sadly though there is a section of road walking as you leave Sandon. The route ends near Sainsbury's in Springfield, from where there is a regular bus service into Chelmsford.

## Directions

- A.** From the village green in Sandon, walk north along Brick Kiln Road (1) for a third of a mile.
- B.** This road can be busy, and there is no verge. (2) Continue to the junction with the A1060 Maldon Road.
- C.** At the junction with the A1060 turn left for 50 yards then turn right to go through a gap in the hedge under the power lines, into a field (3).
- D.** Cross the field heading north west towards a 'No Through Road' sign (4)
- E.** Turn right down Sandford Mill Road, passing some cottages on the left (5).
- F.** At the bottom of the road, bear right along the cycling route towards the River Chelmer (6)
- G.** Cross a couple of bridges over the Chelmer and continue north to a T-junction. Turn right.
- H.** Walk along the lane to Sandford Mill Lock and turn right to walk along the tow path (7).
- I.** Continue east along the tow path for a third of a mile, passing under the A12, then bear left to continue along the riverside but heading north.

**J.** After two thirds of a mile you will reach Cuton Lock, and one third of a mile on from that, you will arrive at a footpath junction. Turn hard left to pass back under the A12 heading west (8).

**K.** Cross a narrow field and carry on westwards to a grassy bank, with a residential road and houses on your left.

**L.** Go straight on across an access road into an industrial estate, then 80 yards later bear right along the path into some trees. Go over a footbridge then turn right (9).

**M.** You will pass an area of scrubland on the left. Follow the path back into the woods and turn left, walking north. The path emerges onto a small road called Sheepcotes, cross the road and go straight ahead into the enclosed path opposite.(10).

**N.** Follow this path as it meanders northwards between fences for 350 yards (11).

**O.** You will emerge by a roundabout (12). Cross the A130 Colchester Road on your right, towards Sainsbury's, where this section of the Centenary Circle ends.

**P.** To return to Chelmsford, there is a regular bus service from the bus shelter on the access road into Sainsbury's, or from the bus stop a few yards to the north east along the Colchester Road.

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The Route Map PDF can be downloaded from this page: [Description & Map](#)



The Route Photos PDF can be downloaded from this page: [Photos](#)

This route description is not meant to be used in isolation, it is one piece of a three part guide to the walk. The other two pieces are the route map, and the numbered photographs. The walks work best when the description, map and the photos PDF are printed off and used in conjunction with each other.

The numbers in brackets in the description refer to specific points along the route, marked with numbered symbols and these in turn are matched to illustrative photographs which show you the lie of the land.



These symbols are shown at strategic points along the route, overlaid on a 1:50K Ordnance Survey map: [Online OS Map at www.essexwalks.com](#).