



**Title:** Good Easter

**Distance:** 3 miles

**Time taken:** 1 hour

**Location:** 6 miles north west of Chelmsford

**OS Explorer Map:** 183

**Grid Ref.:** TL 626 124

**Parking:** In Mill Road, Good Easter, CM1 4RR

**Bus:** No regular bus service

**Train:** No train service

**Refreshment:** No refreshment available

**PEAR Rating:** 

## Walk Description

Good Easter is right in the heart of Essex, yet blissfully remote. Nothing significant has ever happened here, and as a result the area is rich with echoes of the past. Pre-historic trade routes, Norman barns, and 18th century cottages all add interest to the area. The surrounding countryside is well walked, with the Essex Way running through the village and along parts of this route. In contrast, the local lanes are tiny and seem to see more cyclists than cars, perhaps because the road network is pretty much unchanged since medieval times. There are extensive views from St Andrew's Church, and the village itself has some interesting old buildings, but the main attraction of this route is the landscape itself - the open yet wooded aspect and ancient, quiet charm. Parking can be tricky: there are a couple of spaces off road in Mill Road, otherwise you will have to find a place at the roadside.

## Directions

**A.** Parking is on a small lay-by off Mill Road. The tiny parking area is only big enough for a single vehicle. From here (P) walk south down Mill Road to the crossroads and turn left.

**B.** Head south east along Souther Cross, passing the village pond and Top Barn, and enter St Andrew's churchyard. There are two footpaths leaving the churchyard to the south. Take the one on the left, (1) over a wooden footbridge and along the Essex Way. Walk towards the inverted corner of the facing hedge (2).

**C.** Continue down the hill with the hedge on your left. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and walk around the edge of the field towards the west (3).

**D.** At the facing hedge there is a 4-way footpath sign (4). Go straight ahead along an enclosed path for 60 yards.

**E.** As you emerge from the trees, turn left then follow the hedge line until you reach Fountain Road (5).

**F.** Cross the road and continue ahead with a hedge on your right to a scrubby wooded area where several field entrances conjoin. Fork left to cross the River Can via a grassy bridge, heading towards the corner of a hedge about 100 yards ahead (6)

**G.** Walk around the field with this hedge on your right (7).

**H.** Turn right along a track to a single-track lane (8). The road, which has existed since pre-historic times, is called Tituswell Lane. There are rumours that fairies still live in the water meadows beside the ford.

**I.** Turn right down Tituswell Lane to the ford. Cross the river using the footbridge and turn left with the River Can on your left and a fence on your right. 20 yards later, climb over the stile (9).

**J.** Turn left, treading carefully in case of fairies. Walk around the field edge for about 250 yards, until you reach the facing hedge. Go through a hedge gap beside the river, then turn right to walk away from the river with a hedge on your right (10).

**K.** At the unnamed lane, turn right (east) (11) and walk 150 yards up the hill to a T-junction. Turn right in front of Amadyes. 100 yards later, turn left into a field. Go straight across the field heading east, to the footbridge. You might see deer here in the evenings! (12).

**L.** Cross the footbridge and continue east across the fields, passing through a large gap in the facing hedge. Aim towards the oak tree ahead of you (13).

**M.** Pass to the right of the tree and continue, with a hedge on your left, to the facing hedge. Turn right to re-join the Essex Way heading south (SES) (14). Follow the track round to the right behind some houses, then turn left to emerge back into the parking bay on Mill 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](#).

Unless otherwise stated, the parking facilities available on this walk are not suitable for large walking groups or those arriving in more than one car. Parking cannot be guaranteed. If you are using a car, be considerate with your parking: parking areas in rural communities are primarily for local use: please don't abuse this and spoil it for others. It could result in parking controls being tightened, requiring the withdrawal of the walk route. For more see: [Advice: Courtesy](#)