



Title: Jury Hill

Distance: about 5 miles

Time taken: 2.5 hours

Signage: variable

Refreshment: Greyhound Pub, at start and end of route

Location: 1 mile south of Brentwood

Parking: off Childerditch Lane

Walk description

This is a fairly easy walk through open farmland, along green lanes and through Thorndon Country Park. If you do this walk on a clear day you will be rewarded with extraordinary views across the South Essex countryside all the way to Canary Wharf and the O2 to the east and to the Thames and the hills of Kent to the south.

- A. Leave car park to the south, through a gap in the hedge
- B. Head SW across the grass down towards a road junction (2)
- C. The footpath starts at a gap between the houses opposite the junction. Head south over an open field, towards a line of trees, keep to right of these (3)
- D. At the hill crest, stop and take in the view! Then go through the hedge and turn left on the golf range for 100 yards and then right towards a field entrance, straight across the field(4)
- E. Leaving the field on a grassy track, (5) continue straight ahead until you reach a green lane, then turn left up the lane until buildings come into view
- F. Just before the buildings, turn left up a grassy slope, then turn right along a line of trees to a small lane(6)
- G. On the opposite side of the lane the footpath continues (unmarked) through a small clump of trees.(7) Proceed through these trees to a mown grassy area and a small field
- H. Follow the unmarked footpath straight across the field towards the north (left) end of a lake and around the tip of the lake
- I. Go up along field edge (do not go through 5-bar gate)
- J. Exit field at roadside; cross road straight on down Childerditch Street for about 250 yards
- K. Take the permissive bridleway on the right.(8) After 150 yards, before the gate into Thorndon Park, turn right along the footpath heading south
- L. Go straight on through the next gate and along the path until the field opens out (9) and

you can see a gate in the top left (south east) corner of the field (10)

M. Go straight on through this gate, to the next gate where you turn hard left up Jury Hill (11).

At the top is a bench from which the views across Essex are amazing

N. Go through the gate behind the bench, and turn right, following the field edge

O. Turn right (east) on the bridleway to the waymarker (12, then turn left (north) across the field

P. Go through a gate into scrubby woodland, exiting this continue straight on along a grassy track with woodland to the left

Q. At the bottom of a dip turn left into the woods (13)

R. Exiting the woods, continue straight on until you reach the farm track, then turn right (14)

S. Just before the farm gates, take footpath to the left (signposted to Childerditch Street). (15)

T. After 250 yards this path turns to the right but continue straight on down the grassy slope (16) until you see another track ahead of you, turn right along this track through some woods

U. As you exit the woods go through the gate then turn hard left up a grassy track

V. At the top of the slope turn left through a gate (17) then immediately right following the track to the road

W. Turn right along the road, (18) turning right at the junction to return to the car park, or going straight across the junction to end your walk at the Greyhound Pub.

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