



Title: **Langford**

Distance: 4½ miles

Time taken: 2 hours

Location: 1½ miles north west of Maldon

OS Explorer Map: 183

Grid Ref.: TL 840 084

Parking: Beeleigh Falls car park, opposite Langford village hall: follow access road towards Maldon Golf Club; park before bridge

Bus: Bus 73 from Chelmsford and Maldon roughly two-hourly, not Sundays

Train: No train service

Refreshment: Tesco Maldon Extra, CM9 4LE

PEAR Rating: 

Walk Description

The **Loquacious Lowdown**:

This **Labour-of-Love** is not for **Lazy Lounge-Lizards**. Only the **Lively Lithe-Limbed** will **Lope** around the **Loop** that **Lends** itself to this **Lengthy Lexical Leviathan**! **Leading** from your **Limousine's Location**, **Leave** the **Lapping Blackwater** and **Locomote Languidly** across the **Levels**. **Leap** over the **Lawn-Like Landscape**, **Luxuriate** at the **Lapping Liquid** of the **Lakes**, then **Lollop** along the **Long Leafy Lanes** and **Levees**, wherever your **Lodestone Leads**. As you **Loosen** your **Ligaments**, **Listen** for the **Larks**, **Locate** the **Lovable Lop-eared Lapin** and the **Lustrous Lepidopterae** and **Libellulidae**, and **Look** out for the **Lupines Lurking** in the **Lumber**. **Let** your **Legs Lift** you a**Long** the **Laid out Line** through this **Lovely Locality**, and **Linger Lastly** at the **Langford Location**.

Directions

- A.** From the car park (P), cross the bridge over the Blackwater, turn right and stroll 50 yards along the riverbank to view Beeleigh Falls (1). This enticing spot is beautiful every time you visit.
- B.** Retrace your steps to the car park and walk northwest for almost half a mile, using the footpath running parallel to the Golf Club access road to the B1019 (2).
- C.** At the roadside, turn right passing Langford Mill (3), cross the road and enter St Giles churchyard. The church is sometimes open to the public, and there is a community shop in the vestry.

- D.** Leave the churchyard via a wooden gate in the north east corner (4) and walk north, away from the village, along the Witham Road for 250 yards.
- E.** Turn right opposite Langford Hall along a wide track heading east. There is a sign at the entrance saying Conag Farms (5).
- F.** After 230 yards you will come to a scenic reservoir. Continue along the track past the reservoir, and as you clear it, turn left along another track heading north towards Maldon Angling Society Little Park (6).
- G.** Follow this track north for 350 yards, curving past some trees on your left, until you reach a junction. There is a beautiful but neglected bridge on your left and a few yards ahead, a tranquil lake. Turn right, skirting the south eastern corner of the lake and heading eastwards again (7).
- H.** About 250 yards after the lake the track suddenly curves to the left: almost immediately turn right so as to regain your easterly trajectory (8).
- I.** Follow the track until you reach an avenue of fir trees leading to the driveway outside the house called 'White Lodge'. Head on past the property following the gravel drive to the metalled road (9).
- J.** Cross the road and continue ahead along the track to Furzelds Farm. As you approach the farm, you will see a large barn to the right. From the barn to paragraph L the route on the ground is confusing, being different to both the map and the limited signage. Go ahead past the barn: there is a large oak tree in front of you, overlooking an area of mown grass, and to the right of that, some scrubland. Fork right across the scrubby ground to a fence (10).
- K.** Bear left to walk next to the fence on your right. When the fence turns hard right, continue eastwards along the field edge for 320 yards until you reach a large gap in the facing hedge. Continue on this grassed path alongside the lake (containing huge carp). As you clear the north edge of the lake, fork right across some grassland to a farm track (11).
- L.** Turn right on the track to go south, passing the southern tip of the lake on your right (where there is a Maldon Angling Society sign). 200 yards later, you will pass some woods on your left. 150 yards past the end of the woods, go past Grapnell's Farm and carry on for a further quarter of a mile to the Holloway Road (12).
- M.** At the roadside, turn left towards Heybridge for 160 yards to a bridge over the Navigation canal (13).
- N.** As you approach the bridge, the entrance to the towpath is on the right, down a few steps. Walk along the towpath with the canal on your left (14).
- O.** Keep going along the canalside for about a third of a mile, ignoring the paths off to the right into the housing development, until you pass under a road bridge graced by graffiti art. (15).

P. Continue along the canal with the water on your left for a further 230 yards. The canal bends quite sharply, passing a Tesco Extra on the opposite bank as it does so. There's a footbridge to Mill Lane here, meaning you can get to the shop for refreshments (16).

Q. 170 yards after the footbridge, pass under another road bridge then 25 yards later, cross the canal on a narrow black metal bridge (the Maldon Bypass Gates) (17).

R. Carry on walking along the tow path, initially under some trees then with the canal on your right (18).

S. Continue along the towpath for another 250 yards until you pass another old brick bridge (19).

T. Keep going, past the golf club (20). Continue along the tow path for another quarter of a mile back to Beeleigh Falls. The parking area is just across the canal, over the bridge.

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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](#).