



Title: Moreton

Distance: about 2½ miles

Time taken: 1 hour

Location: 3½ miles East of Junction 7 (Harlow) on the M11

Parking: St Mary's Church Car Park, Moreton, CM5 0JB

OS Explorer Map: 183

Grid Ref.: TL 533 071

Transport: Bus 47 (Excel Coaches)

Refreshment:

The Nag's Head

The White Hart

## Walk Description

This is a gentle and pleasant walk through open farmland and along green lanes around the pretty village of Moreton. The village dates from Roman times: it was the point at which the Roman road connecting Great Dunmow to London crossed Cripsey Brook. There are still several medieval cottages in the village, and parts of the church date from the early 13th century. Although it is only 7 miles from Harlow it is right in the heart of the Essex countryside. The terrain is fairly flat and the route is well signposted.

## Directions

**A.** From the church car park turn right along the lane for about 75 yards, then take the footpath on the left (1).

**B.** Walk southwards through the water meadow towards Cripsey Brook. You might see a ford through the brook on the right, do not take it but continue southwards crossing over a ditch and then look for a footpath exit on the left near a telegraph pole (2).

**C.** Bear right to walk along the field edge with a hedge on your right to a wooden kissing gate. Go through the gate and continue,

now with a hedge on your left, until you reach a farm track.

**D.** Ahead you can see two white houses. Cross the farm track and continue straight on across arable land aiming towards the white house on the right, with the red roof, known as Hill Farm. When you get closer you will see a gap in the hedge, which opens onto a lane.

**E.** Turn left along the lane, and after the road junction go downhill towards the corner and look for a leafy by-way on the right next to a cattery (3).

**F.** Walk along the muddy byway. After about 500 yards you will come to a footpath crossroads. Continue straight on along the byway for a further 500 yards, until you see a gap in the hedge on the left which opens onto a lovely view of a lake (4).

**G.** Keeping to the left of the lake, walk through the field for about 100 yards and go through the signposted field entrance on your left.

**H.** Once in the field turn right and follow the field edge to the end.

**I.** When you reach a line of trees turn left and follow the path back to the church, entering St Mary's Churchyard through a gap in the hedge (5).

**J.** The main village and the two pubs are about 350 yards to the right as you exit the car park (6).

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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: [OS Map](#).

The set of photographs in PDF format can be downloaded from this page: [www.essexwalks.com/walks/moreton.html](http://www.essexwalks.com/walks/moreton.html)