



Title: Moreton

Distance: about 2.5 miles

Time taken: 1 hour

Location: 3.5 miles East of Junction 7 (Harlow) on the M11

Parking: St Mary's Church Car Park, Moreton

OS Explorer Map: 183

Grid Ref.: TL533071

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 through the water meadow towards the stream. You will see a ford through the stream to the right, do not take it but continue on crossing over a brook and then look for the footpath exit to the left near a telegraph pole (2).
- C. Follow the field edges until you reach a farm track.
- D. Cross the farm track and continue straight on across arable land aiming towards the white house with the red roof. 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 look for a leafy by-way on the right next to a cattery (3).
- F. Follow the byway, taking in the views of Moreton Church and the local countryside, until you see a gap in the hedge which opens onto a lake (4).
- G. Keeping to the left of the lake, look for a signposted field entrance on you 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 the 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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