



Title: Quendon

Distance: 3½ miles

Time taken: 1½ hours

Location: 4 miles north of Stansted

OS Explorer Map: 195

Grid Ref.: TL 515 306

Parking: Quendon Church car park, off the B1383

Bus: 301 Saffron Walden - Stansted Airport, hourly (not Sundays)

Train: No train service

Refreshment: Ugley: The Chequers, 01799 540387, CM22 6HZ

Rickling Green: The Cricketers Arms, 01799 543210, CB11 3YG

PEAR Rating: 

Walk Description

This is a nice, easy stroll in the countryside of rural west Essex. It follows some very well maintained, wide and clearly signposted footpaths and bridleways. From the tiny church car park you walk across a field then beside the bluebell woods of Quendon, with views across the M11 valley, and then into the pretty village of Ugley. The return route goes through some more woods and across fields to Rickling Green, before returning along the Harcamlow Way to Quendon. Although there is some road walking, it is along small country lanes.

Directions

A. Access to the small church car park is via an easy-to-miss steep single track road off the B1383 heading east. Look for a large half-timbered white house, the track is immediately to the right (P). Please avoid on 2nd Sundays and other days of church services (see [website](#) for details)

B. Leave the car park along a bridleway opposite the access road, heading initially east (1). After a few yards, the bridleway turns right then 50 yards later, reaches a field. Turn left along the field edge.

C. After another 50 yards, at the corner of a small copse, turn right to cross the field diagonally towards Quendon Wood, heading south east (2). Turn left to walk eastwards alongside the woods.

D. At the end of the woods go through a field entrance and turn right to walk south with Quendon Wood on your right (3). About two thirds of a mile later, climb over a stile and turn right then left to continue alongside the woods (4).

- E.** At the end of the woods, climb over another stile and head diagonally across the field towards some houses (5) . Half way across the field there is a mysterious crater-shaped dell.
- F.** Go through a gate adjacent to one of the houses, and turn right along the road through the village of Ugley, passing some thatched cottages (6).
- G.** At the bottom of the hill is the B1383, and The Chequers is on your left.
- H.** Cross the B1383 and continue westwards into Broom Wood opposite (7). The route through the woods is a straight line on the map. In practice it twists and turns. At one point a farm track crosses the footpath, ignore this and continue along the waymarked footpath.
- I.** Emerge from Broom Wood via a stile (8) then turn right to walk for about 50 yards with the woods on your right. Bear left to cross the field along a diagonal footpath towards an oak tree, about 50 yard to the right of a house with an orange roof. (9) .
- J.** Turn right at the oak tree (10) and walk along Brixton Lane towards Rickling Green.
- K.** Turn left at the village green, and go past the cricket pavilion (11). The Cricketers Arms is on the far side of the village green, opposite the pavilion. Bear left by the village sign, along Brick Kiln Lane towards Rickling church.
- L.** After 400 yards the houses on the right stop. Turn right at a lay-by and walk along the bridleway (the Harcamlow Way) (12). You will pass several tracks off to the right into the woods. Once you are past the woods the bridleway turns to the left and goes downhill.
- M.** As you go down the hill, look out for a waymarker post on the right. Leave the track here and turn sharply right heading up the hill with some bushes on your right (13).
- N.** As you approach a large cream house, fork left cutting off the corner of the field. Look for a well-mowed footpath to the left of the house (14).
- O.** Follow the enclosed path to the roadside, emerging at the Providence Cottage bus-stop. Turn right for 75 yards then cross the road and go back up the access road to the church car park.

[ROUTE DIRECTIONS at www.essexwalks.com](http://www.essexwalks.com)

The ROUTE MAP and ROUTE PHOTOS **also** need to be downloaded and saved on your computer for printing.



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](#).

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. (Avoid days of church services). For more see: [Advice: Courtesy](#)