



Title: Roxwell

Distance: 4 miles

Time taken: 1½ hours

Location: 4 miles north-west of Chelmsford

OS Explorer Map: 183

Grid Ref.: TL 645 086

Parking: The Street, Roxwell, CM1 4PA

Bus: No.46 - 4 times a day (Chelmsford - Ongar)

Train: No train service

Refreshment: The Chequers, CM1 4PD, 01245 248240

The Village Store, CM1 4PD

PEAR Rating: 

Walk Description

On this walk you can enjoy the relatively unspoilt character of the village, remarkable in view of its proximity to Chelmsford. The walk takes you along Roxwell Brook, a tributary of the River Can, on nice wide grassy field edges and through paddocks full of friendly horses. (Dogs on tight leads please). After passing a scenic boating lake, the route curves around Skreens Park, the scouting centre, then returns through open fields and more horse paddocks back to the site of the Old Mill House. This is an easy little walk through open flat farmland with a short section in the wood at Skreens Park. There are 10 stiles to navigate. The route taken follows the signage on the ground - which doesn't always follow the exact path marked on the latest OS maps.

Directions

- A.** From the parking (P) in Roxwell, find the footpath to the right of the Parish Church on The Street (1).
- B.** Head south on the footpath past the church for 150 yards and emerge onto the corner of a residential road 'Church Green' (2).
- C.** Turn right to the end of the road, and take the footpath on the left between hedge and shed. In 40 yards this leads to a stile over-looking an arable crop (3).
- D.** Across the crop, about 150 yards away, you should see the eastern corner of the hedge which borders the playing fields. Head for this, and then carry on in the same south-westerly direction, with the hedge to your right for about another 100 yards. Look out for the gap in the fenced hedge leading into the football and cricket grounds (4).

- E.** Enter the playing fields through the gap, keeping to the right edge, heading towards the right side of the cricket pavilion. Go behind the pavilion, through the parking area, and down a short track to the road (Stonehill Road) (5).
- F.** Turn left, away from the village, and walk down this quiet road for about one fifth of a mile when you should reach Tye Cottage on your left. Just opposite is a footpath heading north west along a low wooden fence (6).
- G.** This footpath will take you to a line of trees running alongside Roxwell Brook. Cross over the footbridge, and the stile, (7) and turn left into the open horse pasture.
- H.** Head south south east for another 250 yards where you will have another stile to climb into the next pasture (8).
- I.** Carry on following the line of the brook for about half a mile, until you reach the corner of the crop field, just before Patience Bridge. Staying on this side of the fence/hedge in front of you, turn right uphill, along the field edge (9).
- J.** Follow the field edge north west until you come to the brow of the hill where footpaths cross. A waymarker points you straight ahead north west across the crop towards a line of trees bordering Skreens Park and the Boating Lake (10).
- K.** You are looking for a stile hidden in the hedge and trees to the left of the boating lake (11).
- L.** Once over the stile, bear left to cross the field diagonally. You will see the Skreens Park huts ahead and to your right, but the easiest way to navigate this part of the walk is to keep fairly close to the hedge on your left and follow it in a general north-westerly direction. You are looking for a tall white-topped wooden post in the top corner of the field, directly west of the building complex. This post leads you to an exit from the field via a stile (12).
- M.** Once over the stile, immediately turn right towards a concrete track 130 yards to the north. When you reach the concrete track, turn right towards the wooded area, where the concrete gives way to a wide woodland footpath (13), skirting the northern perimeter of the Skreens Activity Centre.
- N.** As you emerge from the enclosed path, you will see an isolated cottage in front of you. This is Hawthorn Cottage (14). Turn left in front of the cottage, go over (or squeeze past) the stile and turn right along the back of the house.
- O.** After 60 yards, the fenceline stops. Carry on in the same direction towards a wooden electricity supply pole about 200 yards away. Exit the field onto the track, and enter the neighbouring field by the waymarker post to the right of the oak tree (15).
- P.** From this side of the field, you will see the red brick buildings of the Grade II listed Tye Hall. To the left of these are large barns where you are heading. Cross the field in a straight line towards a post and opening in the hedge in front of the barns (16). After crossing the footbridge, keep straight ahead passing to the left of the large open barn, with a short hedgeline on your left.

Q. Carry on west, around the pond, and back into the open field, which after 260 yards funnels into a pair of stiles to traverse (17).

R. In the next pasture, ignore the misleading direction of the fingerpost, and instead keep left. The stile you are looking for is to the left of a line of trees in the north west (top-left) corner of the field (18).

S. Carry on through the paddocks in a north east direction. Ahead of you about 300 yards you will see the red brick and tile of the residential property now occupying the site of the original mill, demolished in 2003. Climb over the stile in the middle of the fencing and turn right in front of the house via the footbridge (19).

T. Carry on up the grassy path a few steps and look for a way-marked turning to the left. Follow this along the black-fenced perimeter of the house for about 50 yards and emerge into, once again, horse paddocks. This continues north east to a gate at the corner of Stonehill Road and The Street (20). From here your start point is 200 yards away, with the Chequers pub and Village Store another 100 yards after that.

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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](#)



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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: [Online OS Map at www.essexwalks.com](#).