

Great Tey

Here is a pleasant spring walk from Chalkney Wood to the village of Great Tey. The route has taken into consideration wet weather and so the country lanes have been used to a large extent but if the ground is dry walkers can use a map to find alternative public rights of way.

Distance: 4 miles

Starting point: Lay-by at Chalkney Wood.

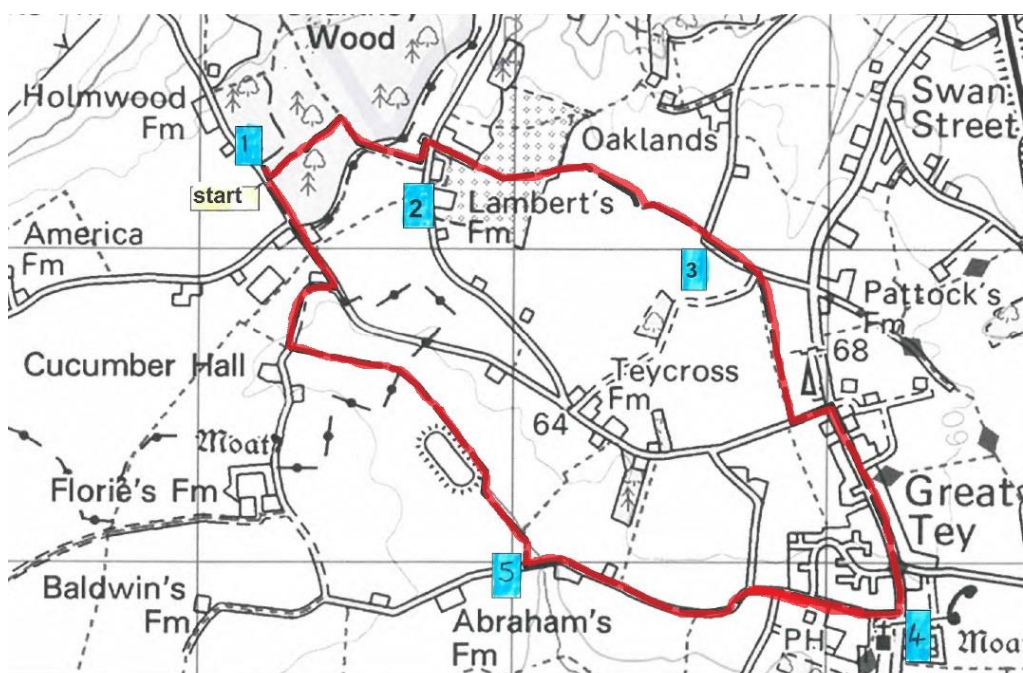
How to get there: From the A1124 at Earls Colne, east of the junction with the B1024 Coggeshall Road, take the next turning, Tey Road, heading south. When you reach Chalkney Wood, you will see a lay-by for cars on the left.

OS Map: Explorer 195 Braintree & Saffron Walden.

Refreshments: The Chequers Public House en route at Great Tey or The Swan at Chappel

Tourist Information Office: Hollytrees Museum, Castle Park Colchester CO1 1UG
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Places of Interest nearby: Less than 2 miles to the north of Great Tey village is the interesting Railway Museum at Chappel for Train Buffs. To the south is the old historic town of Coggeshall, with its Medieval Barn, Tudor Merchants House and listed old buildings. To the east is another ancient town, Colchester and its zoo is just south of the town.



The Walk



1. From the layby, head down the road with the wood on you left but turn immediately left through the wooden kissing gate into Chalkney Wood, passing the information board with a map of the wood. Continue straight ahead.

The path meanders for some distance through the trees, eventually to a T junction to join a public right of way. Turn right and proceed straight across at a path junction and you then emerge by a little stile into an open field. Turn left along the field edge onto a wide grass path. Bear left following the footpath way marker, soon after reaching the lane.

2. Turn left, then almost immediately right onto the next footpath, through a field gate. The path bends sharp left and then sharp right onto a wide path

between the blackcurrant bushes. There are distant views to the left. At the end of the field, turn left. The path bends right and continues through a gap in the hedge. Bear right and follow along the side of the field with a hedge to the right. Continue straight on through another gap into the next field. At the end, it crosses a ditch and continues between the crop fields to a lane.

3. Turn right along the lane. After about 100 meters, take the footpath on the right going diagonally across a large field. On the other side, follow the grass path on the edge of a field with a hedge on the left. This takes you to a lane. Turn left along the lane to the T junction, where you turn right and use the pavement on the far side taking you to the village of Great Tey. Continue to the church and turn right along 'The Street'.





4. Pass the church and The Chequers pub (or stop for refreshment) and proceed along the road, which becomes a country lane for some distance. After the property on the left called Brookhouse, you cross a stream, then look out for a footpath on the right which goes across a field for a short distance, following the brook to your right. Continue straight on, ignoring the first bridge on the right, and just as the path bends left, take the next footbridge on the right.

5. Follow a wide grass path, which passes a raised lake out of view, and continue to the next field. At the end of this one, the path passes through a tiny copse and you go right over a footbridge, then left following the field edge with a ditch to your left. Eventually you reach the lane. Turn right and the lane bends right at Willow Park, taking you to the

road junction, where you turn left towards Earls Colne. Proceed straight ahead along the road to where you originally parked.

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