

SNIVELLER'S LANE - BETTER THAN IT SOUNDS



WALK DIRECTIONS

From St Mary's church, walk S.E. arriving at the High St by the Knights Templars Terrace. Crossing here to the Angel gives the *best traffic sight lines*. Walk down the Maldon Road, cross the river and bear right going over the A12. At the T junction turn right and follow the pavement for ¼ mile to a finger post pointing right to a path (this was realigned in 2007 so it may not yet appear on the OS map). Cross the plank bridge to a track skirting a willow plantation on your left. After 350 yards, cross the footbridge and follow the track to the A12 southbound slip road. Cross at the track exit giving the *best sight lines and a wide footway. The traffic is 2-way.*

Walk under the flyover and cross the one-way northbound A12 slip road and enter Crane's Lane. Pass Crabb's Farm, cross over the railway bridge and then pass Clarke's Farm. The track now becomes Sniveller's Lane, an unsurfaced bridleway. (The waymarked track to your right will take you back to Church Hill via Felix Place for a shorter walk.) After ½ mile, Sniveller's Lane opens out into a gravel track. (250 yards further on there is a waymark pointing right, across a field to Hollow Road for a shorter route. This brings you to a waymark for a further field crossing.)

Sniveller's Lane proceeds north west to its junction with Hollow Road. Turn right along Hollow Road to Rook Hall on your left, about 400 yards. *As this can be a busy road, it may be safer to keep left for better sight lines and wider verges.*

(For a much longer walk, you can leave Hollow Road, following a finger post pointing across a field to the south of Rook Hall. This takes you past Monks Farm and back to the station end of the village, partly along the Coggeshall Road.)

Follow Hollow Road for 200 yards past Leapingwells on your right. A further 200 yards brings you to a finger post pointing left into a field. Carry on east across the field to a gate into a small wood where a track brings you back onto Hollow Road. Turn left back to the Church over the level crossing. *Walk on the right for best traffic sightlines.*

INFORMATION

Length: 4 miles approx with two shorter variations and one longer.

Time: 1 1/2 hours approx.

TERRAIN:

Easy walking but tracks can be muddy and heavily churned by agricultural vehicles in winter. Field paths can be unpleasantly sticky in winter but are usually easy going after weed killing in the spring. Attention to road safety is critical when crossing the High St and London Road and using Hollow Road. *Children are best accompanied.*

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Knights Templars (medieval behind the façade)

Old Timbers (very old)

Library – the old primary school

Bridgefoot – beauty spot with cricket bat willows.

MAPS

OS Landranger Series No.168
1:50,000 and OS Explorer Series
Nos.195 and 183
1:25,000

