



BRAXTED REVISITED

A long-accustomed route is reopened



WALK DIRECTIONS

From the Pay and Display car park in the centre of the village turn left along the High Street before turning left again into Easterford Road. As the road bears left turn right onto a very short footpath that leads into Brockwell Lane at the end of which turn left into Maldon Road. Cross the bridge by Grays Mill and bear right climbing gently to a bridge over the A12. At the T junction turn right into Braxted Road and continue on the grass verge for ¼ mile to a finger post pointing right to a track which skirts a willow plantation on the left. After 350 yards, cross the footbridge and follow the track to the A12 southbound slip road. Turn left along the A12 (**keeping within the barrier**) to a finger post at Hole Farm where a track leads down towards the Blackwater. After some 250 yards turn left and in a further 100 yards turn right before crossing a gated wooden bridge which is quickly followed by a brick bridge then continue straight ahead through the grounds of Braxted Mill House and into Mill Lane. (See shorter alternative **A**)

Turn right at the T junction and take care since there is no pavement. After about 300 yards, where the road meets the Braxted wall, turn left onto the footpath/track marked by a finger post. Walk gently uphill for about half a mile keeping the wall on the right and where the open fields on the left give way to a wooded area turn immediately left onto another track. Then, with the woods on the right, continue for some 500 yards before joining a metalled road. Turn right and after a ¼ mile enter the outskirts of the yard of Kelvedon Hall Farm. Make for a large grey barn after which turn immediately left onto an unsigned track. (If you find yourself in the main yard you have missed the turn.) After some 150 yards leave the track which turns 90° left. (See shorter alternative **B**)

Continue straight ahead entering the field onto a footpath marked by a finger post. Walk across the field in a northerly direction aiming for a gap in the field edge just to the right of the largest tree in the hedgerow where a small wooden gate gives safe access through an electrified fence to an adjoining field. Follow the left hand edge of this field and when about half way down bear right and walk diagonally towards a hedgerow aiming well to the right of a large black barn visible in the next field. At the field edge look for a waymarked gap into the next field and walk directly ahead towards a flight of steps onto the Braxted Road immediately opposite the bridge over the A12. From there simply follow the return route back to the car park.

SHORTER ALTERNATIVES

A Turn left at the T junction of Mill Lane and return along Braxted Road (**taking care**) and retrace the route back to the car park via the A12 bridge.

B In wet weather stay on the track for some ¾ mile and on gaining the Braxted Road (**taking care**) turn right and return along the outward route back to the car park.

INFORMATION

Length: 4.5 miles approx.
Time: 2 hours approx.

TERRAIN:

Fairly level going but could be muddy after rain. **Although suitable for children, care should be taken when walking along the A12 and the Maldon and Braxted Roads.**

PARKING:

Pay and Display car park in the centre of Kelvedon.

REFRESHMENTS:

The Angel public house situated in a prominent position near the corner of Maldon Road and Kelvedon High Street.

MAPS

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

