

Fields, Tracks & Tunnels

This walk is about four miles and takes about 1 hour 30 minutes
Please note, for long stretches this walk gets very muddy after long periods of rain or in winter, so best to leave it to the summer or be prepared and wear Wellingtons or waterproof boots.

Starting at the Post Office, walk down Robin Hood Road, across the level crossing and up the Fullers End hill.

Just before the road forks take the signed footpath to the right through a five-barred gate, go over a gravelled area and along between two houses with Jia Cottage on your left.

You then cross three fields and four stiles.

The path across the third field meets the corner of a wood, leaves it on the right and then goes parallel to the M11, running downhill to join a bridleway as it emerges from a tunnel.

Here you turn left and walk up past the long plantation, and on until the bridleway turns to the right through a gate and over the stream.*

Follow the bridleway up the hill.

At the top there is a mobile telephone mast, the high point of the walk. Before the mast bear right and follow the track downhill turning left at the bottom for a short distance to reach the bridge over the airport railway spur.

Cross this and turn immediately right, continuing downhill along a broad track following it round a 90 degree bend to the left through woodland* and over a bridge over a stream.

[Here you may encounter giant hogweed, an escaped introduced plant up to 3 metres tall which has flower heads up to 25 -30cms. across and highly likely to cause severe skin rash if any part is handled.]

Immediately after the bridge, the rights of way fork with a footpath to your left but you continue on, straight up the hill alongside the M11* until you reach the tunnel under the motorway.

Here you turn right, joining the footpath under the motorway tunnel* and turn right again on leaving it.

Continue on down the hill with Durrell's Wood to your right and *through a railway tunnel, and then keep to the right when the path forks.

Do not cross the bridge to the left, but go under another railway tunnel.

The path then veers left and narrows between the trees next to Stansted Brook and a paddock fence until the junction with a bridleway, where you turn left under the mainline railway.

After this tunnel, turn immediately to your right and follow the path, back under the M11*, and eventually bear left onto the hard surface of Mill Lane and Rush Lane until you regain Robin Hood Road.

***These points tend to be the really bad ones after prolonged rain.**

