

Mapjog Tracker 37.

Green Corridor

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A12 from Great Yarmouth for Ipswich start to Blackwall Tunnel by Bow

Plus

Canon's Canter to Bury

Pilgrimage Chelmsford to Clare for Bury St Edmunds



'Fresh footpath use for railbridge' image by late Sandy Snell

Preamble

Like millions of others I have driven through Blackwall Tunnel beneath the River Thames and emerged on the A12 by Bow, and then pursued that carriageway to junction 26 near Colchester. Amid less numbers I have also driven from junction 26 to Great Yarmouth. Whilst doing so on one occasion, my wife Jessie, who happened to be Director of Mapjog, surmised that as the railway and the A12 road seemed to share a corridor, there might be space in that corridor for a continuous greener country-walking route suitable for social groups. I swallowed hard, as the Mapjog Producer I saw this conjecture adding to the backlog of Mapjog production. "I will look into it" I said quoting a ubiquitous politician.

So it came to pass. We took a train ride to Great Yarmouth via Norwich and started off for Bromley-by-Bow along a route as yet undiscovered that inter-twined with the railroad and the A12 carriageways.

We soon realised the best walk-route from Great Yarmouth to Lowestoft had been enfolded in The Angles Way Trail, so we shared that to Oulton Broad, a little inland west from Lowestoft in two day shifts.

By then we learned Friends of the East Suffolk Railway had a book of walks, Station to Station from Lowestoft to Ipswich. That shortened Mapjog's project delightfully. So at the end of day three: Oulton Broad to Beccles, we retired to concentrate on the Ipswich to Blackwall Tunnel sections mimicking the station to station strategy.

The sectors from Great Yarmouth to Ipswich are not repeated here, but I am glad to point out that they are available in *The Angles Way - Knettishall heath via Oulton Broad to Great Yarmouth* and in *East Suffolk Line Walks - Ipswich via Oulton Broad to Lowestoft*.

Angles Way	Great Yarmouth	> Fritton
	Fritton	> Oulton Broad South
East Suffolk Line	Oulton Broad S.	> Beccles
	Beccles	> Brampton
	Brampton	> Halesworth
	Halesworth	> Darmsden
	Darmsden	> Saxmundham
	Saxmundham	> Campsey Ash- Wickham Mt
	Campsey Ash	> Melton
	Melton	>Woodbridge
	Woodbridge	>Westerfield
Green Corridor	Westerfield	> Ipswich
	Ipswich	> Lawford - Manningtree
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Two-car trickery not needed when rail-stations are suitably spaced and services stop there on a near hourly basis

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Swap to another linear trail, a pilgrimage Canon's Canter to Bury not served by rail. Original requirements waere support vehicles and overnight shelters organised in church halls. See, God does provide. Otherwise Two-car Trickery can be useful.

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Mapjog provided a route from Chelmsford to Clare, but the Canon's pilgrimage continued to Bury St Edmunds using a St Edmundsbury Council route - The Bury Clare Walk. No rail back-up: how about Bicycle support? R

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Abbrevlations

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O.S.	Ordnance Survey
CC2B	Canon's Canter to Bury (the S part in Essex)
E	East cardinal points
N	North many mobile
S	South phones have
W	West compass feature
F-o-t	Face oncoming traffic; see Highway Code
N T	National Trust
W T	Wildlife Trust.
§	Colchester Ramblers' Web site
±	Monochrome product or Parking suggestion if Chew-chewing
H F	Holiday Fellowship

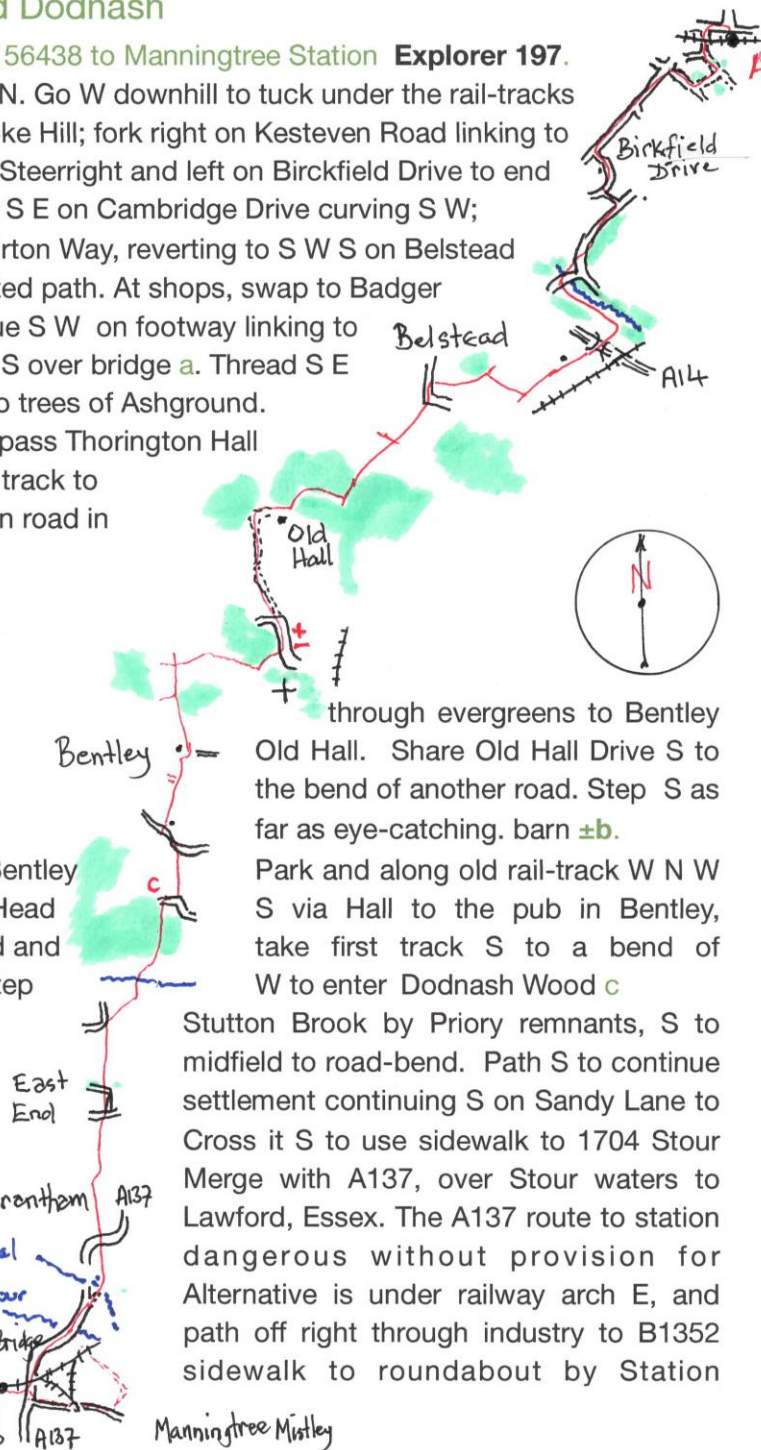
A > B Belstead Dodnash

Ipswich Station TM156438 to Manningtree Station Explorer 197.

Station **A** exit faces N. Go W downhill to tuck under the rail-tracks to lead S S E up Stoke Hill; fork right on Kesteven Road linking to Stone Lodge Road. Steerright and left on Birkfield Drive to end of school-field. Fork S E on Cambridge Drive curving S W; wriggle S E along Girton Way, reverting to S W S on Belstead Road's E side elevated path. At shops, swap to Badger Bank orifice, continue S W on footway linking to Belstead Park entry S over bridge **a**. Thread S E parallel with brook to trees of Ashground. Twist S over A14 to pass Thorington Hall to take next N W N track to Revert S W to exit on road in Belstead. Lead S to road-bend. Keep S on track to Bentley and make way

Lead S W through Bentley to Pond Hall Lane. Head curve to S E on road and Hazelshrub Lane. Step Downhill S. cross next field, S W through East End the A137 road. canal bridge. White Bridge in is direct but pedestrians. sea wall to then E on entrance **B**.

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through evergreens to Bentley Old Hall. Share Old Hall Drive S to the bend of another road. Step S as far as eye-catching. barn **±b**.

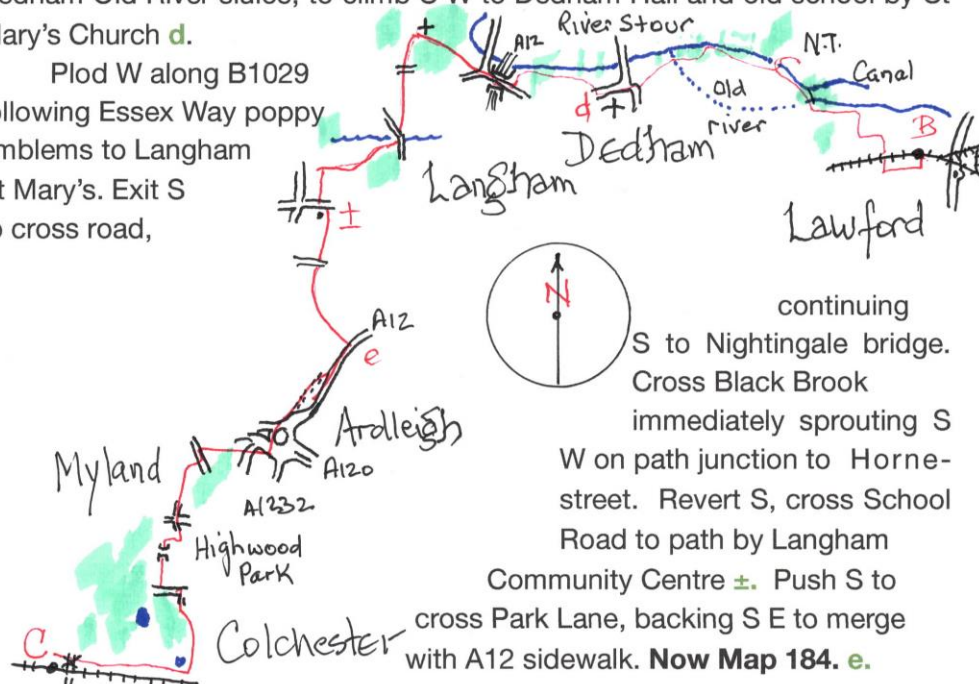
Park and along old rail-track W N W S via Hall to the pub in Bentley, take first track S to a bend of W to enter Dodnash Wood **c**

Stutton Brook by Priory remnants, S to midfield to road-bend. Path S to continue settlement continuing S on Sandy Lane to Cross it S to use sidewalk to 1704 Stour Merge with A137, over Stour waters to Lawford, Essex. The A137 route to station dangerous without provision for Alternative is under railway arch E, and path off right through industry to B1352 sidewalk to roundabout by Station

B > C Lawford, Manningtree TM094321 to Colchester Station

Explorer 196. Cross the Staton's **B** forecourt S to lead W on track way-marked as St Edmund Way via the Stour seawall and sluices of Dedham Old River, then right to Flatford Bridge N T complex, where Milly Pond, NT, FSC, ANOB may be serving teas. John Constable walked to school in Dedham. Trace his footsteps upstream. river right-side, beyond Fenn bridge, and the Dedham Old River sluice, to climb S W to Dedham Hall and old school by St Mary's Church **d**.

Plod W along B1029 following Essex Way poppy emblems to Langham St Mary's. Exit S to cross road,



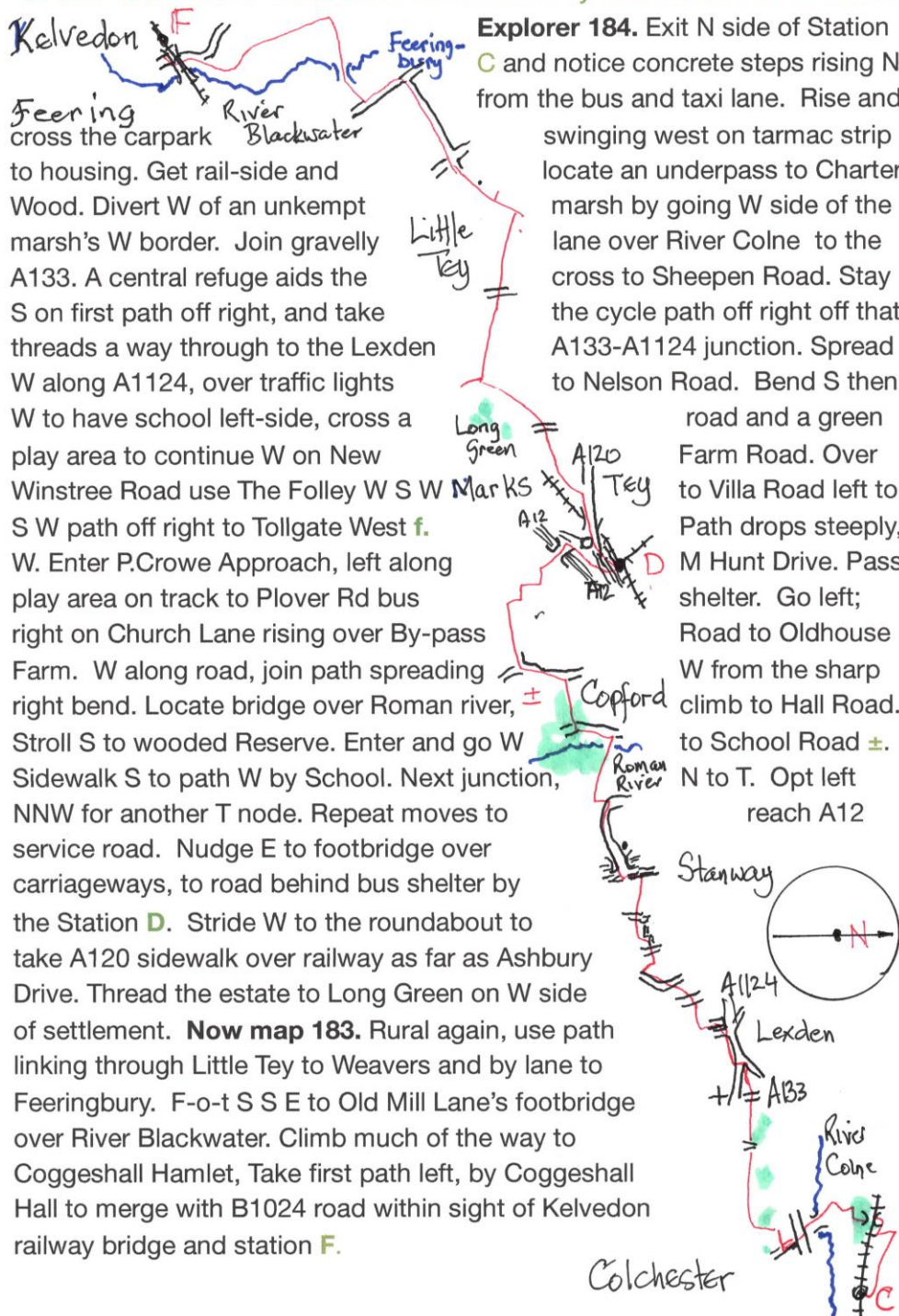
continuing S to Nightingale bridge. Cross Black Brook immediately sprouting S W on path junction to Horne-street. Revert S, cross School Road to path by Langham Community Centre **±**. Push S to cross Park Lane, backing S E to merge with A12 sidewalk. **Now Map 184. e.**

A furlong S the raised path diverges S S E on cut-off road to join a spur of A1232 at the Ardleigh Interchange. Move S and adroitly cross to A120 spur off the roundabout. From S W corner of the junction a tarmac strip leads W. As Flood Lane it leads W across Newcomen N side of Bank's hedge, across The Crescent by bus stop, to be tree-lined to a roundabout. Lead S S E on Severalls Lane sidewalk, hook W on Vitellus Close. Share Titus Way left, as a link to Gavin Way S. Over traffic island S E on Derwent Avenue, fork right linking S with Chinook continuing S to enter Hunters Ridge and Tally Ho underpass to Highwood Square. Depart S on cycle path, left on Eastwood Drive right on Chanterelle passing through the carpark, S downhill on grass to the dam S of pond. Steer W along by railway fence to S W exit of park. Continue W on sidewalk with footbridge over A134 traffic to locate Colchester's main-line Station **C**

C>D>F Colchester TL992264 via Marks Tey TL916239 to Kelvedon

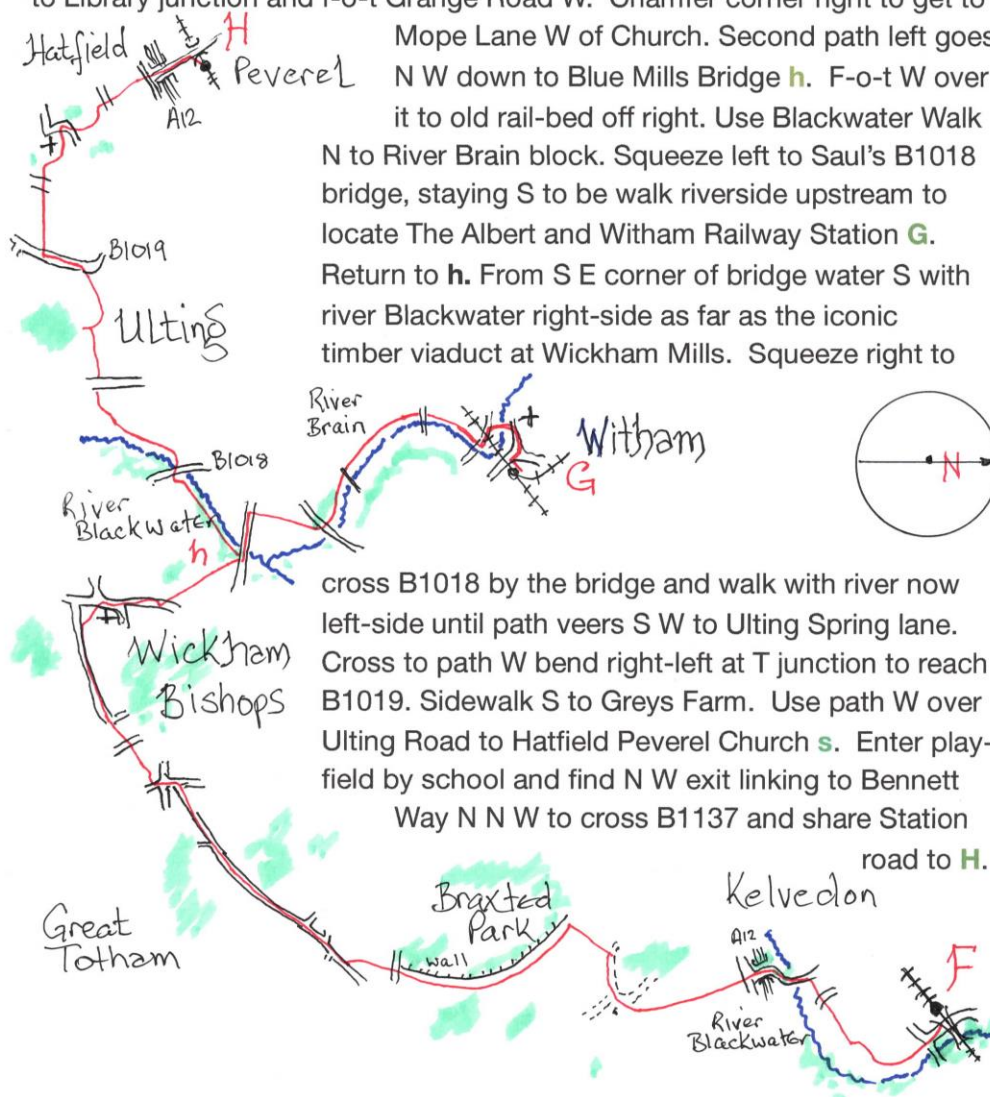
Explorer 184. Exit N side of Station C and notice concrete steps rising N from the bus and taxi lane. Rise and swinging west on tarmac strip locate an underpass to Charter marsh by going W side of the lane over River Colne to the cross to Sheepen Road. Stay the cycle path off right off that A133-A1124 junction. Spread to Nelson Road. Bend S then road and a green Farm Road. Over to Villa Road left to Path drops steeply, M Hunt Drive. Pass shelter. Go left; Road to Oldhouse W from the sharp climb to Hall Road. to School Road ±. N to T. Opt left reach A12

Now map 183. Rural again, use path linking through Little Tey to Weavers and by lane to Feeringbury. F-o-t S S E to Old Mill Lane's footbridge over River Blackwater. Climb much of the way to Coggeshall Hamlet, Take first path left, by Coggeshall Hall to merge with B1024 road within sight of Kelvedon railway bridge and station F.



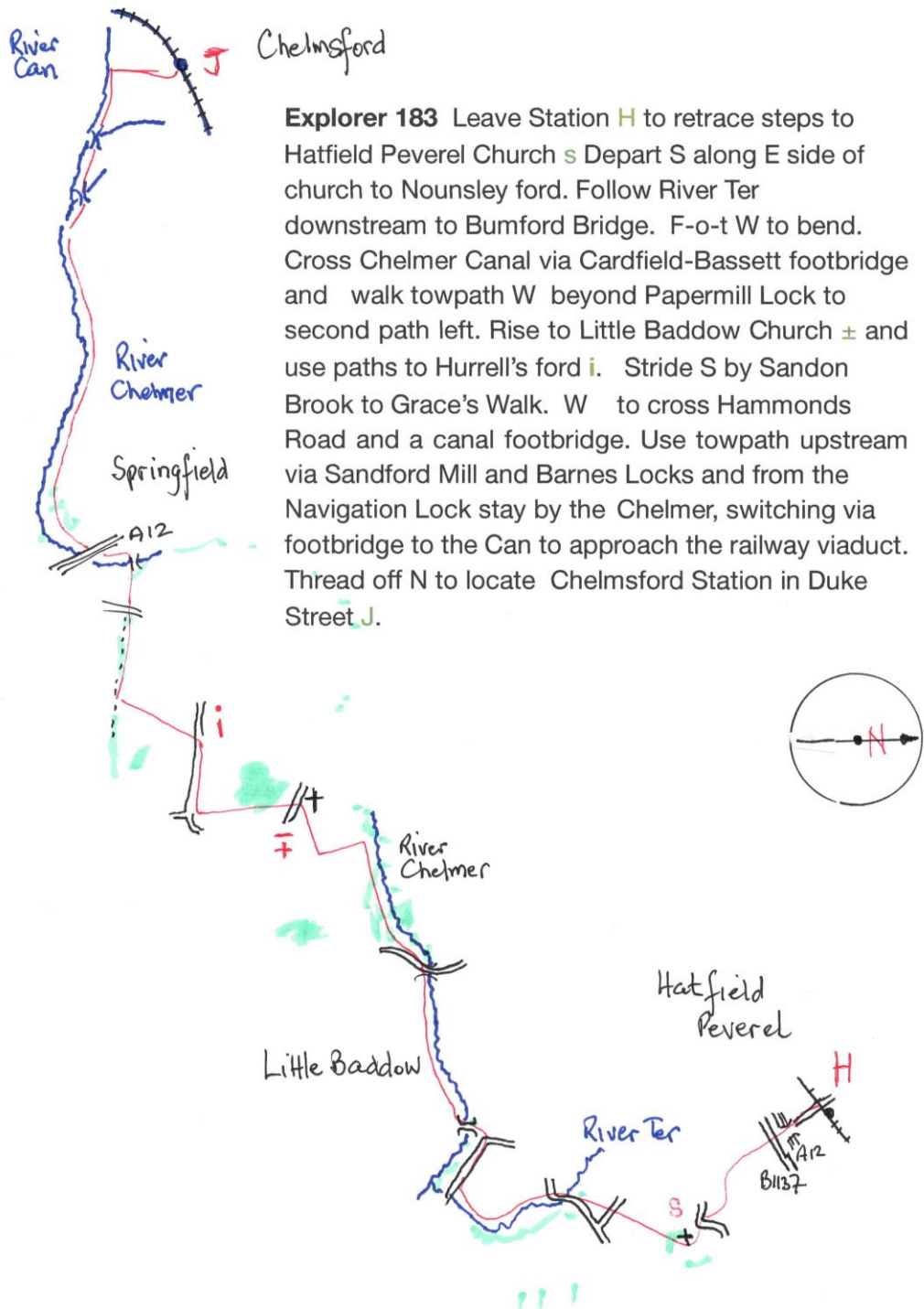
F>G>H Kelvedon TL862193 via Witham TL820152 to Hatfield

Peverel Station Explorer 183 Depart the Station **F** S and cross to Swan Street. Thread through housing's snicketts parallel with river to next Mill. Cross the Blackwater, f-o-t right and left to cross the A12 also. A midfield path spreads S S E - the Braintree-Maldon boundary hedge has been erased - to pass N of Kelvedon Hall veering right to Merlins. Cut S W to Braxted Park wall to go S by it as it bends to the road nearer the top. Cross the road to merge f-o-t with Tiptree Road along the Braxted Ridge $\pm$, by Cock-a-Bevis to Wickham Bishops War Memorial. Straight over to Kelvedon Road, first path right becomes Handley Lane to The Street. Cross to Library junction and f-o-t Grange Road W. Chamfer corner right to get to Mope Lane W of Church. Second path left goes N W down to Blue Mills Bridge **h**. F-o-t W over it to old rail-bed off right. Use Blackwater Walk N to River Brain block. Squeeze left to Saul's B1018 bridge, staying S to be walk riverside upstream to locate The Albert and Witham Railway Station **G**. Return to **h**. From S E corner of bridge water S with river Blackwater right-side as far as the iconic timber viaduct at Wickham Mills. Squeeze right to



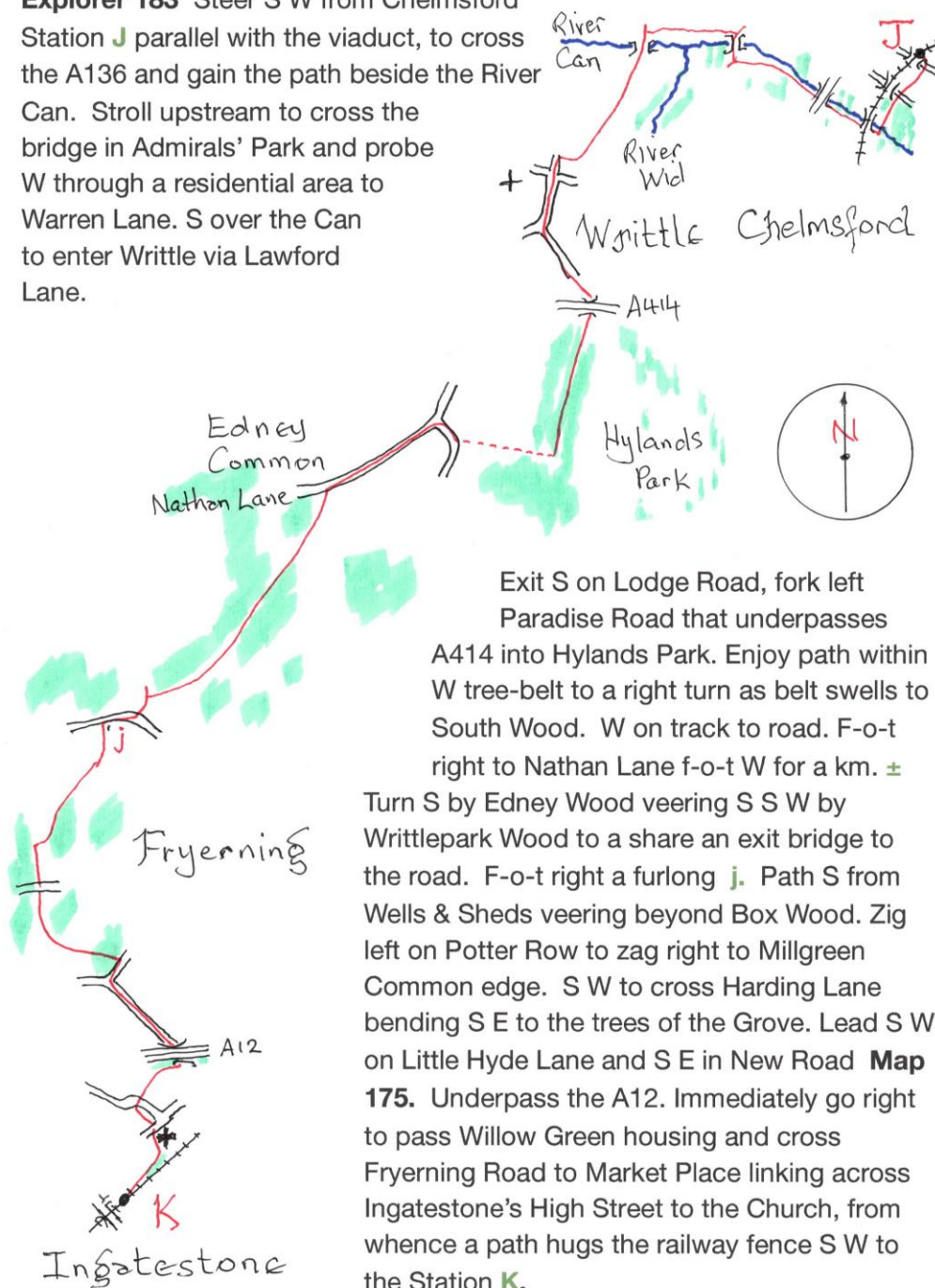
cross B1018 by the bridge and walk with river now left-side until path veers S W to Ulting Spring lane. Cross to path W bend right-left at T junction to reach B1019. Sidewalk S to Greys Farm. Use path W over Ulting Road to Hatfield Peverel Church **s**. Enter play-field by school and find N W exit linking to Bennett Way N N W to cross B1137 and share Station road to **H**.

H > J Hatfield Peverel Station TL789122 to Chelmsford Station



J > K. Chelmsford Station TL706072 to Ingatestone Station TQ650992

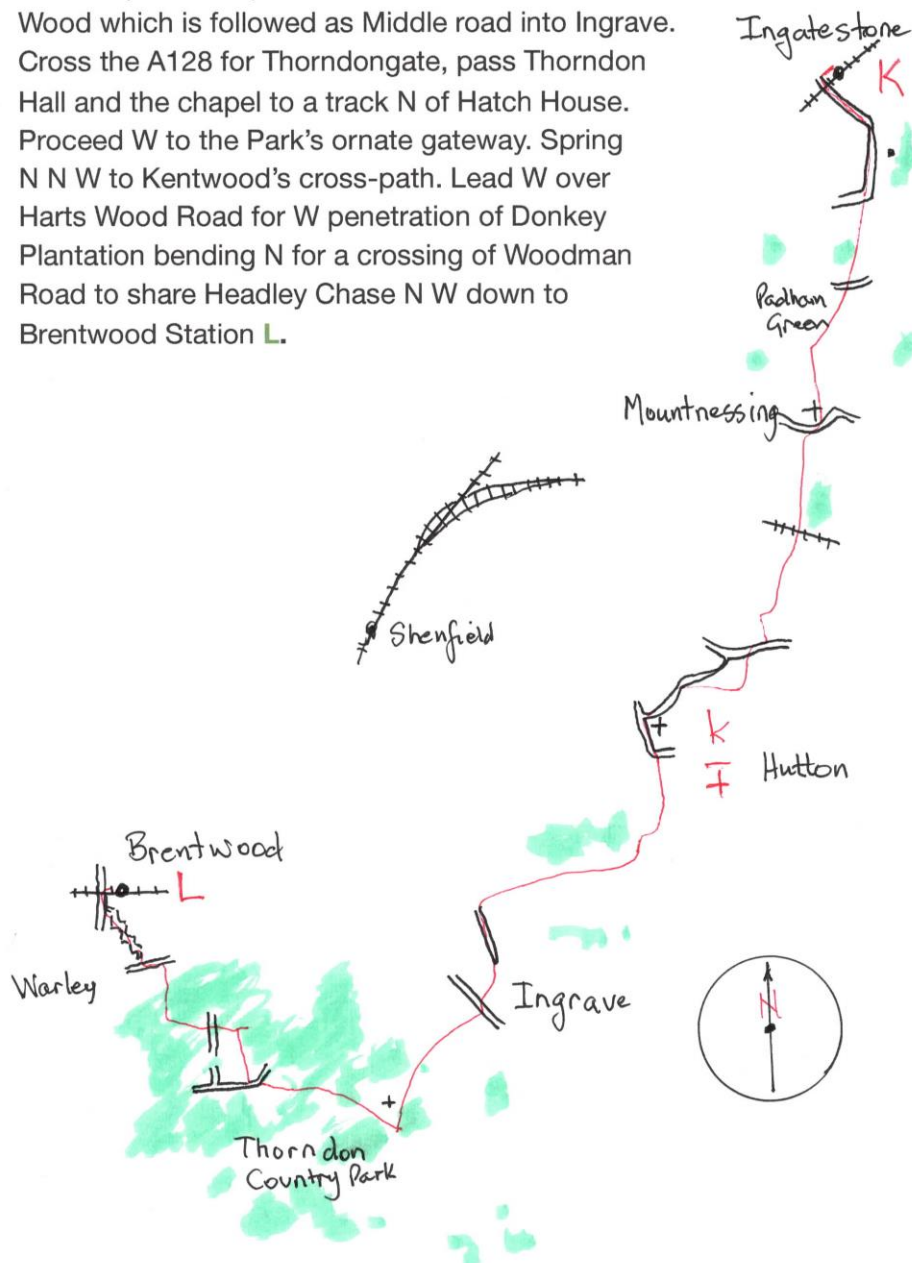
Explorer 183 Steer S W from Chelmsford Station **J** parallel with the viaduct, to cross the A136 and gain the path beside the River Can. Stroll upstream to cross the bridge in Admirals' Park and probe W through a residential area to Warren Lane. S over the Can to enter Writtle via Lawford Lane.



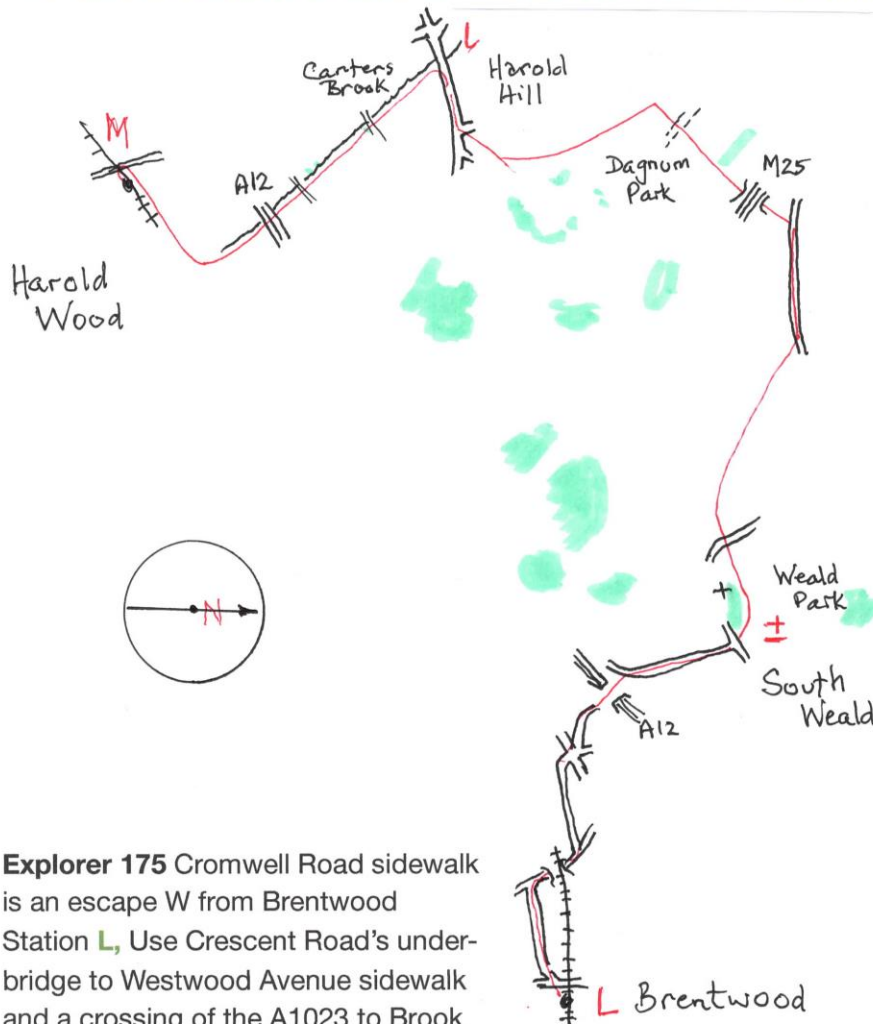
K > L Ingatestone Station to Brentwood Station TQ594930

Explorer 175 Depart **K** f-o-t on road by Ingatestone Hall to find Bacons Farm's path S to Mountnessing Church. Maintain S heading on path by Claygate railway crossing, and on to Bushwood Farm and the A129. Chicane right left over to a path S bending W for Hutton Church **k ±**.

Depart S on path to a track S side of Hall Wood which is followed as Middle road into Ingrave. Cross the A128 for Thorndongate, pass Thorndon Hall and the chapel to a track N of Hatch House. Proceed W to the Park's ornate gateway. Spring N N W to Kentwood's cross-path. Lead W over Harts Wood Road for W penetration of Donkey Plantation bending N for a crossing of Woodman Road to share Headley Chase N W down to Brentwood Station **L**.



L > M. Brentwood Station to Harold Wood Station TQ549907

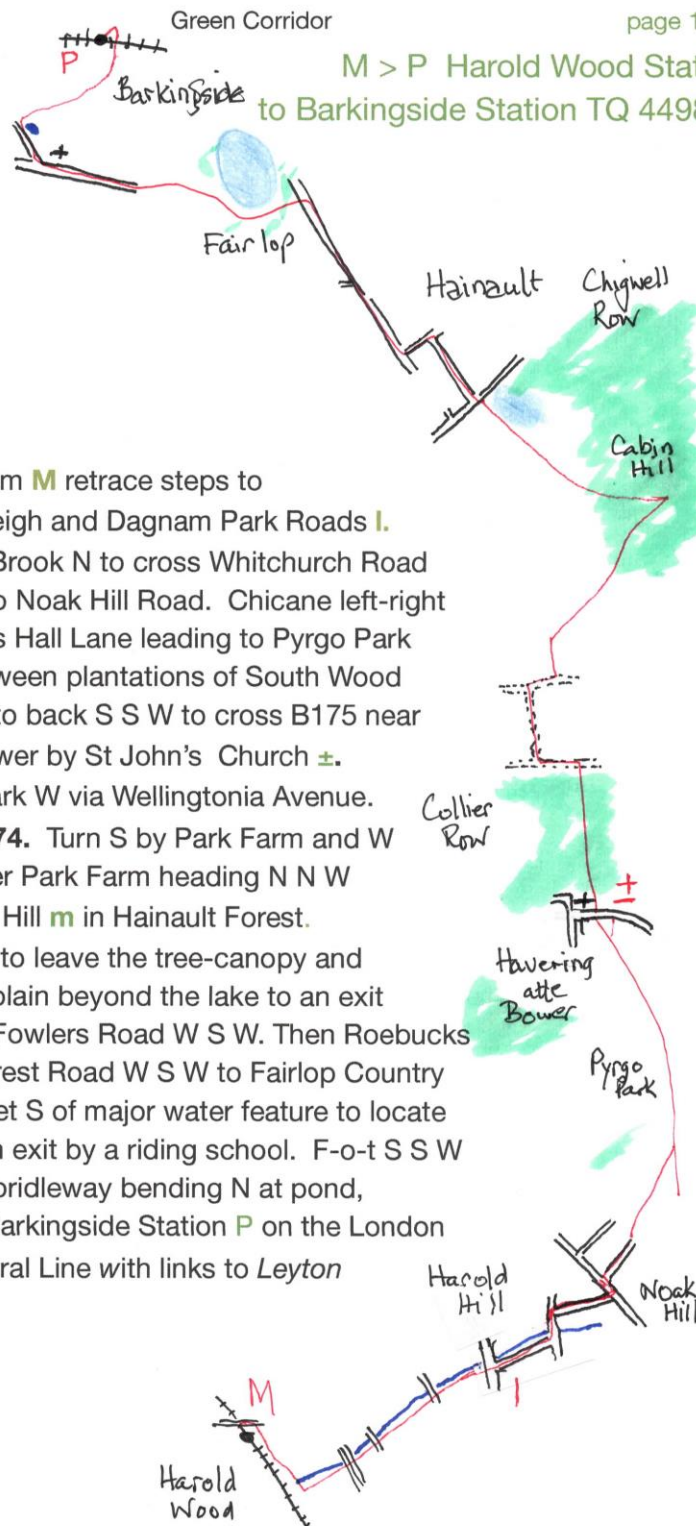
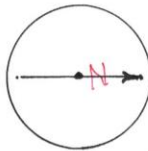


Explorer 175 Cromwell Road sidewalk is an escape W from Brentwood Station **L**. Use Crescent Road's under-bridge to Westwood Avenue sidewalk and a crossing of the A1023 to Brook Road. Off its W end is a footbridge

over the A12. F-o-t N to enter South Weald Park $\pm$ with church left-side. Locate exit W of church and cross road to W path veering N W to St Vincent Hamlet. F-o-t W along Weald Road to Wrightsbridge Farm, not to mention MacDonald. Dip left under the M25 carriageways to enter Dagnam Park on a lane, over cross-lanes to an avenue S S W to Hatter Wood and an exit on Dagnam Park Road. Three furlongs W Carters Brook flows beneath **I**. Beside it is a path S all the way to the railway fence. Turn W on parallel residential roads for Harold Wood Station **M**.

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M > P Harold Wood Station
to Barkingside Station TQ 449883



Explorer 175 From **M** retrace steps to junction of Chudleigh and Dagnam Park Roads **I**. Steer by Carters Brook N to cross Whitchurch Road for Tees Drive N to Noak Hill Road. Chicane left-right over to Cummings Hall Lane leading to Pyrgo Park paths. Opt W between plantations of South Wood and Hoime Farm to back S S W to cross B175 near Havering-atte-Bower by St John's Church **±**. Enter Havering Park W via Wellingtonia Avenue.

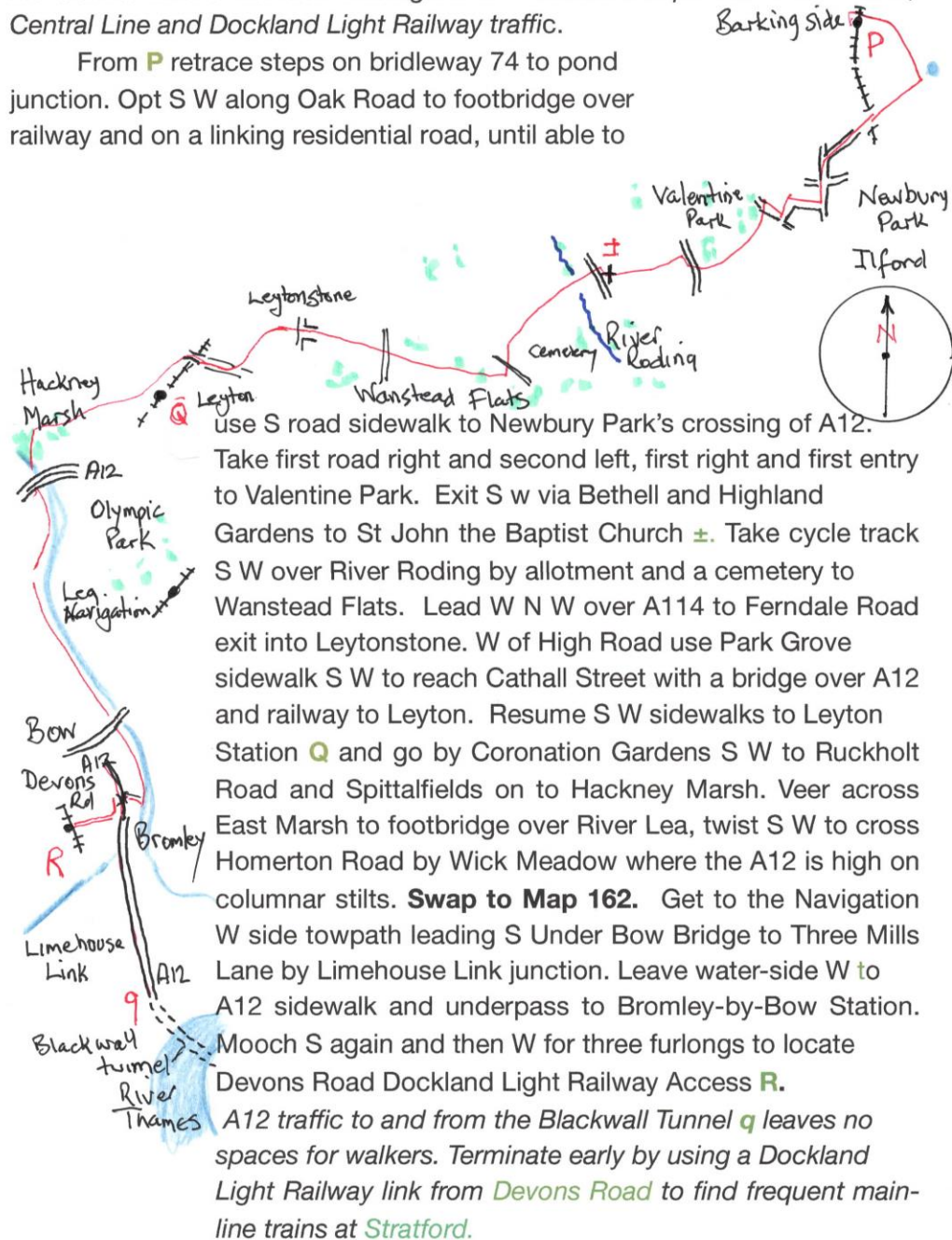
Switch to map 174. Turn S by Park Farm and W to approach Lower Park Farm heading N N W on path for Cabin Hill **m** in Hainault Forest.

Depart S W to leave the tree-canopy and cross the grassy plain beyond the lake to an exit over the A112 to Fowlers Road W S W. Then Roebucks Road S S E to Forest Road W S W to Fairlop Country Park. Enter and get S of major water feature to locate Aldborough Hatch exit by a riding school. F-o-t S S W to church. W on bridleway bending N at pond, then W again to Barkingside Station **P** on the London Underground Central Line with links to *Leyton and to Stratford*.

P>Q>R Barkingside Station via Leyton Station to Devons

Road DLR TQ377823 **Explorer 174.** Both Barkingside and Leyton are on the Central Line of London Underground. Stratford is pivotal to Main Line, Central Line and Dockland Light Railway traffic.

From **P** retrace steps on bridleway 74 to pond junction. Opt S W along Oak Road to footbridge over railway and on a linking residential road, until able to



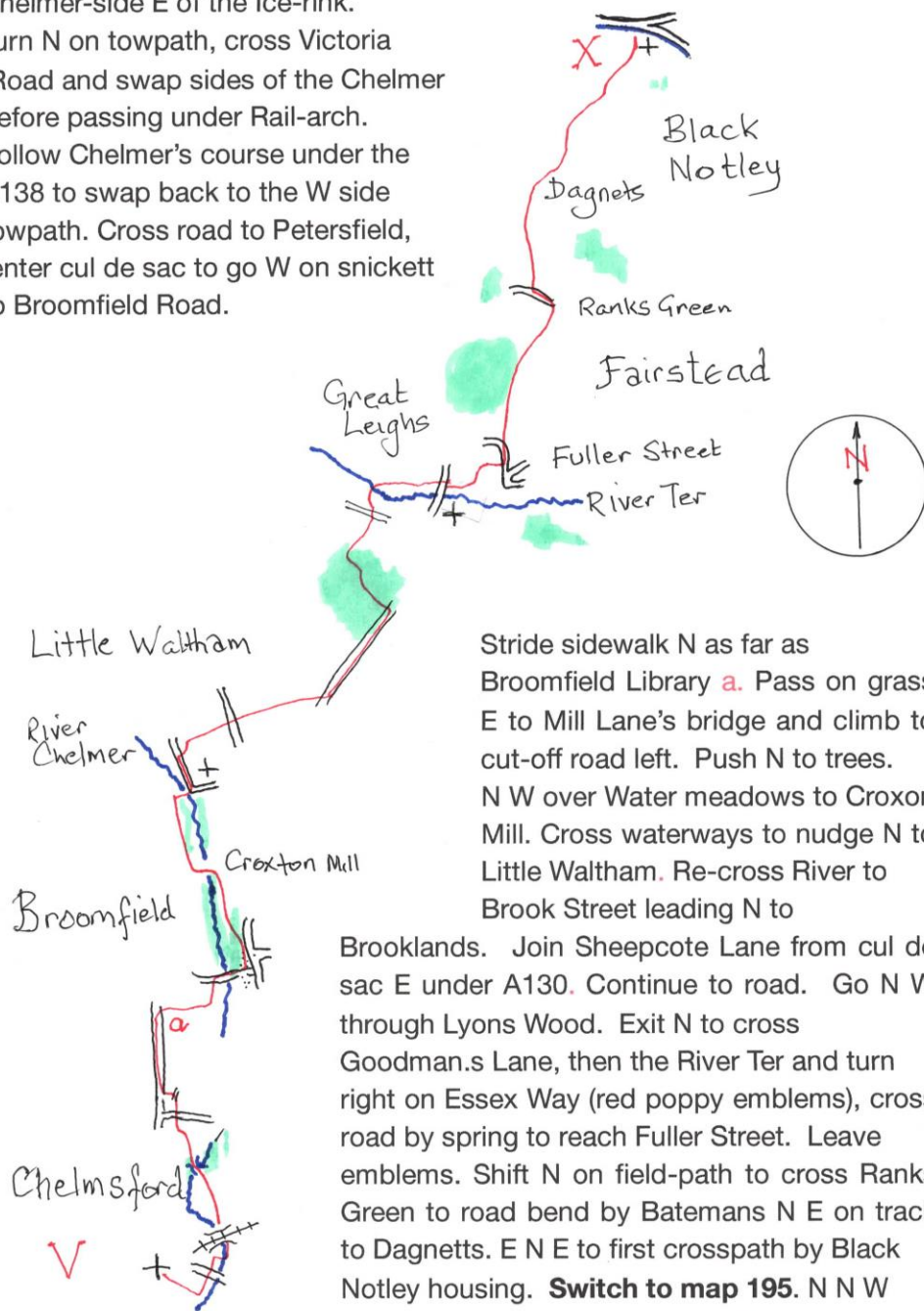
CC2B. V > X Chelmsford Cathedral TL708070 > Black Notley

Explorer 183. Depart S E from the cathedral V to Waterloo Lane E to get Chelmer-side E of the Ice-rink.

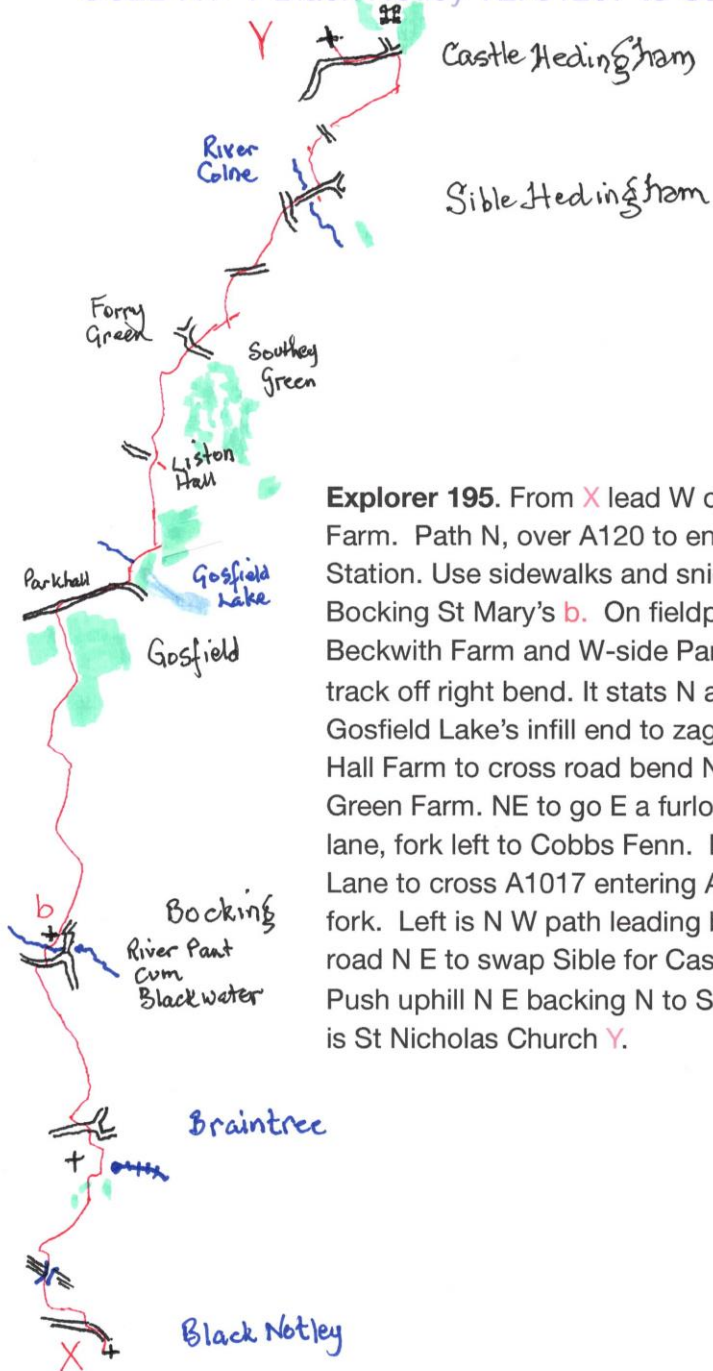
Turn N on towpath, cross Victoria

Road and swap sides of the Chelmer before passing under Rail-arch.

Follow Chelmer's course under the A138 to swap back to the W side towpath. Cross road to Petersfield, enter cul de sac to go W on snickett to Broomfield Road.

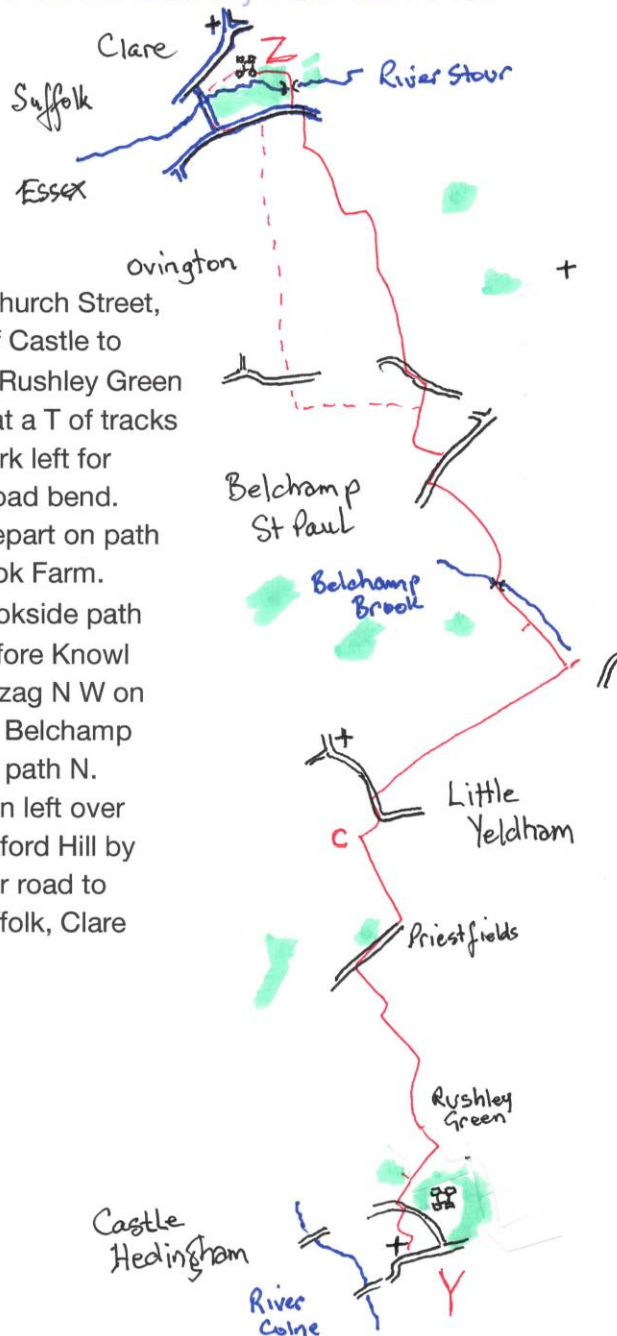
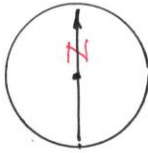


CC2B X > Y Black Notley TL761207 to Castle Hedingham



Explorer 195. From X lead W on Baker's Lane to Oak Farm. Path N, over A120 to enter Braintree by Station. Use sidewalks and snicketts to reach Bocking St Mary's b. On fieldpaths go N via Beckwith Farm and W-side Parkhall Wood. F-o-t E to track off right bend. It stats N and zigs N E by Gosfield Lake's infill end to zag N veering by Liston Hall Farm to cross road bend N E until N of Southey Green Farm. NE to go E a furlong along sunken Lamb lane, fork left to Cobbs Fenn. Depart N N E on Swan Lane to cross A1017 entering Alderford Street to its fork. Left is N W path leading by Maiden Ley to cross road N E to swap Sible for Castle in Hedinghams. Push uphill N E backing N to Sudbury Hill. Downhill W is St Nicholas Church Y.

CC2B. Y > Z.

Castle Hedingham St Nicholas TL784355 to
Clare Castle Country Park TL778452

Explorer 195. Depart **Y** along Church Street, cross road and climb track W of Castle to Rosemary Road. Head N W via Rushley Green and Hewsons Farm to go right at a T of tracks to pass Priestfields Farm and fork left for Upper Yeldham Hall **c**. N E to road bend. N W to bridleway going N E. Depart on path N W found a furlong before Brook Farm.

Switch to map 210. Follow brookside path N E to swap banks a furlong before Knowl Green. Zig N E on Gage Road, zag N W on W path to cross-paths. Zig N to Belcham St Paul's Baker Lane. W to next path N. Pass under pylon cables and turn left over the watershed to descend Hickford Hill by Claredown Farm. Left-right over road to path N over River Stour into Suffolk, Clare and Clare Castle Park **Z**.

Jessie's Score

Jessie kept watch for opportunities to create Trails in and around Essex, because the county had none, and she predicted Trails would aid most country walking formats. In 1970 our address - Jessie was Honorary Secretary for Colchester Ramblers - was the only ramblers' address in Essex. Consequently she received requests for all sorts of information. She created an archive of replies in files that underpinned her simultaneous development of Trails, in a system we called Mapjog. She liked naming walks, and obeyed "Now write your notes" after each event and before the next. She walked Essex and South Suffolk extensively and her AWAY record was good too, viz *Austria 355 kms*, *Avon 36 kms*, *Bedfordshire 40 kms*, *Belgium 6*, *Berkshire 147*, *Buckinghamshire 44*, *Cambridgeshire 80*, *Canada 166*, *Channel Isles 96*, *Cheshire 31*, *Cumberland 311*, *Denmark 60*, *Derbyshire 401*, *Devon 675*, *Dorset 308*, *Durham Cnty 106*, *France 99*, *Germany 272*, *Gloucestershire 142*, *Hampshire 251*, *Herefordshire 24*, *Hertfordshire 61*, *Huntingdonshire 13*, *Isle of Man 53*, *Kent 516*, *Lancashire 9*, *Leicestershire 8*, *Lincolnshire 187*, *Middlesex 64*, *Minorca 64*, *Norfolk 574*, *Northamptonshire 9*, *Northumberland 224*, *Norway 132*, *Nottingham 87*, *Oxfordshire 147*, *Rutland 8*, *Scotland 652*, *Shropshire 24*, *Slovenia 210*, *Somerset 196*, *Staffordshire 254*, *Suffolk N E 600*, *Surrey 72*, *Sussex 313*, *Switzerland 562*, *Wales 717*, *Warwickshire 74*, *Westmorland 172*, *Wiltshire 163*, *Worcestershire 24*, *Yorkshire 402*. *Wildflowers and Butterflies were noted on all.*

01.1970-1 The Hadleigh:Hadleigh Way, a k a *Jonathon's Journey* 73 miles from Leigh-on-Sea across corduroy countryside to Ipswich, Stoke Bridge. *JonJ*

02.1972-3 The *Camuplodunum*, circumnavigating Britain's oldest recorded town. Marathon. 26 miles *Camu.*

03. By 1980 *Constable Beat*, 29 miles from Mistley to Middleton in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's, Essex side was completed, as her third input. *CBeat.*

04. Our interest in the Red-hills of the North Blackwater Shore, created by Celtic efforts to extract salt from seawater resulted in the *Thurstabubble Redhills*, a looped marathon from Heybridge St Andrew's via Tothams ... Tothams and Tolleshunts plus yellow-horned poppies near Tollesbury's Shinglehead Spit. *Bubble*

05.1983 saw a very long distance route, 450 miles veering from Southend Pier *Abounding An Edge of Essex*. Published as Keeble's Essex in 101 Essex Couriers spanning the millennium switch 1999-2001 *Abdg*

06. In 1985 *Maria Mehalah Macabre*, saw a linear linkage of 19thC death scenes for two reluctant heroines, one Polstead 1827 the other created on Mersey island *M M M*

07. 1987 saw the *Winstree Layer Marathon* unfold as a marathon loop between Tiptree Heath and the Roman-Colne marriage at Fingringhoe. *WinM*

08. 1988 introduced *Walks in the Essex Colne Zolne* with 95 miles of valley and estuary side walking. *Zolne*

09. The *Puddly Mud Crawl*, a marathon based upon Halstead dates from 1989. *PMC*

10. 1990 produced the **Hinterland Marathon** from Tendring Village, avoiding its coastline used by Abdg. **Hint**

11. The Battle of Maldon of 991 was remembered a thousand years in Trail form. **Byrhtnoth's Last Visit** celebrated that with 49 miles from Great Chesterford to Northey Island battle site. **B L V**

12. **Hinckford Path Care** was recorded in 1993 as a looped marathon in the delectable Belchamp Brook catchment area, starting from Bulmer. **Hinck or HPC**

13. 1994 produced the **West Tendring Marathon**, a linear route from Lawford a k a Manningtree Station, via Wivenhoe, to St Osyth a k a Point Clear. **W T M**

14 70 miles of Chelmsford border loop from Pleshey deemed **The Chompsfod Flit**.

15 Part of that Chelmsford/Braintree boundary walk is shared with **Tour de Braintree**, a 109 mile circular tour from Sturmer in 2000. **deb**

16 Treading on some of our splendid medieval settlements is a 126 mile triangular format linking Mucking (a Saxon stronghold) with Ugley and Messing, Re-issued in 2020 anti-clockwise as **Medieval Mingle** but abbreviated still as:- **M U W**

17 Two sponsored walks 1966 Friary and 1967 Plume centred at Maldon, were united in 2001 for **Maldon's Twin Rounds**. **Maltx**

18. **WHAMBLAB** links eight villages suffixed "Roding" and some neighbours in a looped marathon. **Whamb**

19 A 2004 linkage of green walks, an alternative for the A12 corridor, from Bromley by Bow to Ipswich, and ultimately to Great Yarmouth **Green**

20 In 2005, Jessie's across a peninsula theme was included in **Dodge Around Dengie**, a marathon loop from Southminster via Purleigh **Dodge**

Jessie was involved with others like 21 The **Essex Way** extension to Harwich 1984. 22. The Ore Bit carbuncle off Suffolk' Coastal path 1980. 23 Flitch Way extension to a **Combo** viz. Great Hallingbury to Braintree plus Ray Way to Witham and via Blackwater Walk to Maldon 24 Inspiring John W's Bunroe Round of sixty miles linking six high spots listed as Essex Bunroes 25 A Chelmsford to Clare route half-way for a 1997 Canon's 60 person pilgrimage to Bury St Edmunds CC2B 26 Assisting Braintree Outdoor Pursuit Club to publish the 39 mile tour of **FIELDS** (e.g Gos) around Braintree 27 Filing material for a Babergh Marathon idea which died with her. I could not complete without her. 28 Much the same with **Wood "n" Water Marathon** which withered in the Justine file. 29 A request to verify a national marathon route in our AONB for Samaritans came in 2011. Done posthumously.

Now a **Colchester Rambler of the Year** is selected by members, and the winner gets to guard the **Jessie Keeble Memorial Shield** for a year, ready for her/ his successor a year hence.

Pack-a-Back bicycle aid, possible for CC2B

PACK - A - BACK: BICYCLE BACK - UP for WALKS



Pack-a-Back Distance Walking using Bicycle Back-Up, helps selection of daily distances.

Simply secure bicycle to car, drive to your chosen finish, say Black Notley.

Unfix bicycle and re-secure it at this location.

Drive on to your idea of a starting place, Chelmsford

Park safely, boot up and walk on.

Enjoy the walk and countryside recreation

Refind bicycle and pedal back to de-boot by vehicle.

Pack-a-Back drive safely all the way home..

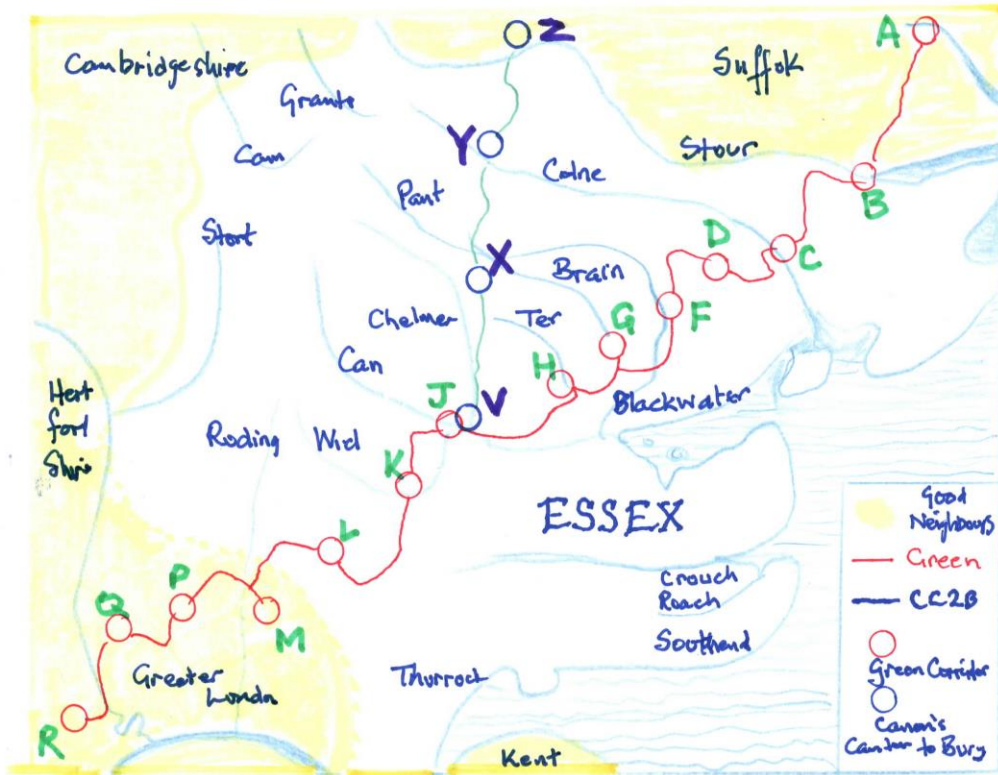
Of course it this a version of Two-car Trickery, with the other motorcar substituted by pedal-power. A train, or buses even, or a taxi perhaps, could be used as Backup. A private chauffeur in your other limousine, could even pander to mobile-called requests.

Why not forget the bicycle; walk half the distance intended, then map-read an encircling way back to the start? Cannot read a map ? Merely turn around and retrace along the same route in reverse order.

Every way is enjoyable.

Keep happy feet

Scatter Map



Green Corridor

Mapjog Tracker of Jessie Keeble's creation
originally 2004 from her Raymond Elkard file
Amassed in reverse 2020 by Derek Keeble

Canon's Canter to Bury

Direct Response to 1997 Request for a Mapjog Route
Used as part of a six-day pilgrimage

Cover Image, Fresh footpath use for rail-track bridge, by late Sandy Snell.

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