

ESSEX WAY STAGE 8 - DEDHAM - BRADFIELD (8 miles)

START - WAR MEMORIAL, DEDHAM (Map Ref: TM 058332)

Key

**L = left; R = right; TL = turn left; TR = turn right; X = crossover;
CONT = continue; THRU = through; ST = stile; WM = waymark;
FPS = footpath (or bridleway) sign; FB = footbridge (normally wood);
TK = track; RD = road; KG = kissing gate; FG = Field gate.
All distances are approximate**

- 1 TR** at war memorial. Follow narrow gravel TK 200M to FPS just past brick pavilion. **TR** for 50M on field edge to just before red dog loo. **TL THRU** gap and **X ST**. Straight ahead 100M over field and **THRU KG**.
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Straight ahead 100M over field to **X ST** and **X FB**.
- 2** after 20M TK forks-take left fork and X field diagonally 100M to new FB by stream. **CONT** ahead up **R** edge of field (fence on your **L**) to corner and **X ST** by FG. **X** over small lawn and **THRU** metal gate.
TL for 30M passing in front of pink cottage and **THRU** small wooden gate.
- 3 CONT** ahead on lane 50M to RD.
TR on RD for 175M to pass white house (on your **L**) 'HUNTER'S MOON'.
Immediately **TL** onto gravel lane for 35M and **TL** 20M over brick paved driveway across front of house to **Wm end**. **TR** at **Wm end** and follow narrow TK 70M to KG.
- 4 CONT** ahead as TK bears uphill and **X** field diagonally 100M towards thin poplar tree. **X ST** by FPS to RD. **TR** on RD for 100M and **TL** into Anchor Lane.
- 5** After 30M **CONT** ahead on grass TK for 50M to WM by KG.
CONT ahead on TK to **X** field 200M & go **THRU** wooden gate & **X FB**.
CONT 150 M with wire fence on both sides, go THRU wooden gate, **CONT** 100M (hedge on **R**) & go **THRU** wooden gate. **CONT** 100M downhill, wooden fence on **R**, to go **THRU** wooden gate.
CONT 50M downhill & go THRU wooden gate to road.
- 6 TR** uphill 100M on RD, bear **R** round bend, and 50M on **TL** to **X** ditch and **THRU** KG. **X** field diagonally **R** 150M to go **THRU** KG to RD.
X RD slightly **R** to FPS. **TL** over ditch & follow narrow enclosed TK 50M to go **THRU** KG. **CONT** between wooden fences and **THRU** several more KGs (watch out for rabbit holes).
CONT straight across field 200M downhill (wooden fence parallel 20M to **R**) to KG by **YELLOW DANGER SIGN**. **TAKE GREAT CARE HERE (2 miles)**
THRU KG, **X ST**, and **X** railway line. **X ST** after railway, slight left 30M and then **XST** & **X FB**.
CONT 150M uphill (**ignore** side TKs) on main TK to emerge at WM & gravel TK.

- 7 TL** & follow gravel TK 400M to TK junction. **CONT** ahead bearing **L** round bend and then 100M on to bear **R** at next bend (ignore farm entrance on **L**). **CONT** 100M downhill to pass **THRU** wooden gates (on **R**) just past cottages.
Follow **R** field edge (hedge on **R**) 200M passing wooden power pole to metal gate.
THRU FG and ahead 20M on grass TK to RD.
- 8 TR** on RD 300M to **R** bend. Just round bend **TL** at FPS **THRU** wooden gate.
300M on gravel TK. **TR** to leave gravel TK **THRU** gap in fence (by FG) into path with wire fence both sides. Follow enclosed path round field edge & exit **THRU** gap.
20M to road (LAWFORD CHURCH ahead). **TR** on road for 20M then **TL** down narrow FP (WM at **R** side, initially redbrick house on L, later churchyard on L) approx 50M to go **THRU** wooden gate. 30 M to WM. 3.3miles
- 9** Bear **R** downhill 250 M in field (aiming for L end of tall hedge) and & **X** stream by earth bridge. **TL** 30M to **KG:overgrown use clear path thru gap in fence** and **CONT** round & uphill (keep woods on your **R**) 100M to go **THRU** metal KG on **R**. **TL** 150M on wide TK to main RD.
X RD VERY CAREFULLY & **TL** downhill 50M to FPS by red dog loo.
- 10 TR** and follow grass TK downhill, keep R and **R** at bottom WM on **FB** to X FB then **CONT** uphill bearing **R(ish)** 150 M to red dog loo.
CONT Half R 150M **X** field on dirt TK to corner of wire school fence.
TL onto tarmac path (wire fence on **R**). Follow 500M to FPS by RD.
- 11 X RD** & **CONT** (railway on **L**) down then uphill 300M to **TL** over railway bridge at TRINITY ROAD. 50M on **TR** into SOUTH STREET. **(4.7 miles)** . Follow South Street 350M down to the very bottom by blue 'JEWSON' sign. **TR** 200M to RD junction. **CONT** on pavement (river on **L**) for 650M to MISTLEY TOWERS. 150M up hill, just past 'THORN HOTEL', is EDME factory on **R**. **TR** here (**new FPS but no ExW sign**) passing along the whole length of the factory (on your **L**).
- 12 THRU** metal gate in wire fence, **TR** for 20M, **TL** at WM **THRU** tunnel.
Exit **THRU** white KG. **X** field slightly half **R** (almost parallel to power lines) for 250M to go **THRU** metal KG by WM. **X** lane and immediately go **THRU** 2nd metal KG.
- 13 CONT** 200M straight across field (aim for wooden power pole) to **KG in iron fence**.
Do NOT X the **KG**. (6.1 miles) **TL** (Iron fence on **R**).
CONT for 30M & X earth bridge over stream. **CONT** 50M with woods on your R to go **THRU** KG.
- 14 CONT** ahead (ignore TKs to **L** & **Rish**) bearing slight **L** initially then slight **R** uphill & follow main TK through woods for 500M (**concreteposts will be on your immediate L nearly all the time**). After leaving main woods **CONT** to end of concrete posts & then **CONT** 500M straight ahead (aiming for wooden end of building) to RD by FPS. (do not enter field on R at WM)
- 15 X RD** carefully & **TR** 40M to cottage (WYMARKS). **TL** & **THRU** KG.
Follow **R** edge of field 100m & **THRU** KG. **CONT** 30M to field.
Absolutely straight 600M across field to **X** FB over ditch.
CONT ahead 300M to hedge, bear left then go **THRU** WM gap in hedge. **CONT** ahead 400M over field (power poles parallel 75M to R) to lane.
TL at lane & follow for 500M to finish at T junction at the *end of MILL LANE.
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