

# Rickling Green

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**County** Essex

**Location** Rickling Green

**Distance (km/miles)** 18.2km/11.4 miles

**Time taken** 5 hours

**Degree of difficulty** moderate  
(challenging if you account for distance)



Clavering

## Descriptive introduction

A primitive chapel, four wonderful churches, and two of the most picturesque villages in Essex - all this with panoramic views and two award-winning pubs along the way to redress the energy balance.

## Walk

- 1. Start** Starting from the Cricketers' Arms, go right, past the school and continue along the road then left down Woodside. Fork right alongside the fence taking the centre path at the crosstracks. Go diagonally left from the wood and right on the track then uphill; turning right at a waymarker to eventually join a concrete track. Go left at T-junction. At the bottom of a hill cross to a lower track and go right. At a yellow arrow go left to a field-edge path. Cross a stream by a concrete bridge and pass St Helen's Chapel (which you can visit) to a lane.
- 2. 3.9km/2.4miles** Go left for 40m and left at a fingerpost across a field. Go right; at end of the field keep forward right of a ditch to a road and continue to go right on a bridleway just before Coach and Horses. After about 1 mile, go left along a line of trees. Continue in the next field with a wire fence to the left. Swing right down to a lane then a road
- 3. 8.6km/5.4 miles** Go right then right again, past Axe and Compasses (a truly excellent pub) and left by a notice board up the left-hand edge of a field. Keep forward to join a track which continues uphill. When the track turns sharply right keep forward to the left of the hedge then right over a plank bridge keeping to field edge to join a hedged path then a road.



Arkesden

4. **10.7km/ 6.7 miles** Turn right then left at a fingerpost to go between houses. Cross a bridge and go forward to the road in Clavering. Cross the bridge by the ford, go right at end of the street. Go left in the churchyard, exiting by a gate, and continue, via lane to the road.
5. **12.4km/7.7 miles** Go left and keep downhill over a bridge and right through the Fox and Hounds car park. Carry straight on up along fields, under power lines, to a triangulation point. Go right then left along a hedged path. At a waymarker opposite a farm go right then left over a plank bridge into a field then cutting a corner to gap. Keep forward to a road.
6. **15.4km/9.6 miles** Go right and then left alongside a wall. Cross stiles into the churchyard to reach a road. Keep forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> fingerpost on the left. Follow the right of two fingers and aim for the right of buildings ahead. At a ditch go left and go right at a field corner going diagonally left to the road.
7. **17km/10.6 miles** Turn left. Just past a speed restriction sign go left then right at a marker. Fork right and continue to reach the road and find your car.

## Information Centre

**Terrain** mainly good paths and gradual inclines

**Stiles** 7

**Suitable for** all fit walkers

**Start/parking** – GR 512 298 Park near the Cricketers' Arms

**Nearest town** Stansted Mountfitchet

**Refreshments** a marvellous selection of pubs; the Cricketers' Arms at the start and the Axe & Compasses at Arkesden are particularly recommended

**Public toilets** none

**Public transport** buses running between Saffron Walden, Newport, Stansted and Bishops Stortford stop at nearby Quendon

**Maps** Ordnance Survey Explorer 195



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