Rickling Green

By Len Banister

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 ahedged 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 2nd 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

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If you love walking in the Essex countryside then **Len Banister's book 'Twenty Circular Walks'** will be your ideal companion for some stunning walks.

Walk to an ancient wooden church in Greensted and walks beside the great Essex coastal walls are just a couple. The walks vary in length from 2 and a half to 6 miles and are all based on good local pubs, cafés or tearooms. Information such as how to get to the start and where to park are given. There are also photographs of places along the way and numbered sketch maps.

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Hobs Aerie
FB Ford
Steven's Lane (Track)
Steven's Plantation
Hampits
Parsonage Farm
The Old Vicarage
Harcamlow Way
Chardwell Farm
Hampit Road
Arkesden
PO
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Hill Farm
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Severals Farm
Three Corner Plantation
Whiteditch Farm
Tudehope Farm
Long Plantation
Whiteditch Plantation
NEWPORT CP
Bury Water Lane
Nursery

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Knock'emdown Grove
Westmead Grove
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Eastfield Plantation
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Home Grove
Sidehill Plantation
Madley Spring
Pit (dis)
Wicken Bonhunt
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Bonhunt Water
St Helen's Chapel

Horsepasture Grove
Wood Hall
Braziers Grove
Four Acre Grove
Brand's Grove
Pit (dis)
Wicken Hall
Howland Farm
Wks
Lower Farm
WICKEN BONHUNT CP
Bonhunt Springs

Clatterbury Lane
Clavering Place Farm
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Clavering Court
Stickling Green
Pit (dis)
Brick House
Howland Farm House
Rickling Road
London Wood
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Rectory Wood
Bolsters

CLAVERING CP
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Bushy Lays
Broadfields
Spring Close
Mary Ann Plantation

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Tinney Spinney
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Church End Farm
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Codham Wood
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Coney Acre
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Start
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Quendon Wood

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Potash Spring
Northey Wood
Rickling Green
Bury Farm
Playing Field
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Coles Green
Easingwell House
Little London
The Byre
Rooks Farm
Potash Farm
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Catherine Grove
Orchard Cottage
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Birds End
Belcham's Lane
Broomwood Farm