

ESSEX WAY STAGE 9 - BRADFIELD TO RAMSEY (5.6 miles)

START - BRADFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE (Map Ref: TM 144307)

Key

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

- 1** Follow pavement 150M towards pinkish house to war memorial (on your **R**).
X RD, TR, and follow pavement until it runs out.
CONT **with care** round **R** hand bend to FPS at end of wooden fence (on your **L**).
TL 30M on narrow dirt TK & THRU KG.
CONT 600M SA aiming for railway bridge.
Pass under railway bridge and turn **HALF R** to **X** next field 350M diagonally to WM.
- 2** **TR** (hedge/bank on your **R**) for 400M on (boggy??) grass TK to old tree stumps.
CONT SA 100M to start of trees. CONT 40M to WM.
TR and 40M on meet tarmac TK.
TL (hedge on **L**) and follow TK 200M to tarmac TK Xing.
CONT ahead, passing low wooden fence (on your **L**) to WM (on your **L**).
CONT ahead 30M to Essex Way badged WM.
- 3** **TL** 40M down 2 flights of steps to WMs.
TL on 2nd TK for 40M (past gate) on gravelly TK to FB.
X FB and CONT 30M to climb steps to seawall.
TR and follow seawall 150M to FPS (on your **R**).
- 4** **TR** down steps and immediately **TL** at FPS THRU wooden barrier.
Follow enclosed grass TK 800M (eventually uphill) to pass house and reach WM (just before power pole). **TR** 20M and **X** ST to FPS at RD. **(2.2 miles)**
- 5** **TL** and follow RD 200M uphill past houses to Wrabness Church.
CONT 150M on RD to FPS (on **L**) by '**STONE LANE CARAVAN SITE**' sign.
TL 500M down gravel lane eventually passing caravan site (on **L**) to WM at end of lane (by metal gate). **TR** and follow field edge 150M (wooden buildings/hedge on **L**) to metal field gate.
Just before the metal gate bear **L** on obvious TK & climb bank up to seawall.
TR & CONT 500M on seawall TK to FB.

- 6** X FB and immediately TL to follow TK 130M (woods on **R**) to WM as you exit woods. CONT SA 250M to WM (near house).
THRU green gate, X FB. Ahead 40M on dirt TK; THRU green gate & X FB.
CONT ahead 700M (woods parallel on **R**) to X FB to **RSPB** reserve. **(3.9 miles)**
- 7** Up steps and SA 25M to TK junction by WM.
Bear **L** & CONT 200M to X FB.
Bear **R** uphill 200M to wooden field gate (just after bench).
Pass THRU wooden barrier & X railway bridge.
CONT ahead 350M on wide grass/dirt TK (ignore side turnings) to pass metal field gate to main RD. **TAKE GREAT CARE NOW**
- 8** TL following RD to just before overhead wires (do not X RD before blind corner).
X RD (**VERY CAREFULLY**) and on to FPS by power pole.
TR and follow TK 275M to pass under power lines.
50M on CONT ahead (**Do not TL to ruined farmhouse/communications tower**).
CONT 130M (pond on **L**) to WM by **L** end of facing hedge. **(5 miles)**
- 9** CONT SA 150M on TK over field to X ST.
TL and CONT 75M (hedge on **L**) to X ST.
CONT 60M and X ST. CONT 100M (same direction) & X ST into paddock.
(You may encounter 4 legged friends)
X paddock diagonally and X ST in opposite corner.
CONT **HALF L** 50M to WM by windmill.
- 10** TL and CONT 100M along field edge (hedge on **R**) and then bear **R** down to RD at **RAMSEY**. TL 150M along RD to receive your reward at ***‘THE CASTLE’** pub!!

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