

U3A WEEKLY WALKS FROM BASE AT SILVERLEYS

WALK No. 14

Silverleys – St Michael's Mead – Thorley Lane – Bishop's Park – Silverleys

DISTANCE: APPROX 4.5 MILES. TIME: APPROX 95 MINS

Leave Silverleys by crossing the Hadham Road and continuing along Dane Park.

When you reach the end at the T-junction, cross over and go through the kissing gate.

Carry on ahead until you reach the college sports field, continue keeping close to hedge on right.

Reaching the end of the hedge, turn right and continue, still keeping the hedge on the right.

When you reach the end of the hedge on right you will see an opening into next field ahead, slightly left.

Walk through the kissing gate and keep left.

Continue, keeping hedge on left until you reach the gap at the end and go through to the road.

Continue ahead past the houses until you reach Oriole Way, turn right and cross the road.

Next you turn left into Kestrel Gardens and continue to end of road and onto tarmac footpath.

This leads immediately onto the Great Hadham Road, turn right and continue to traffic lights.

Cross over and take the right-hand footpath (NOT LEFT) across the park diagonally to right, keep houses to left.

When you reach the far side of the park, the houses are still on your left. Follow footpath to left.

Continue along this footpath, keeping houses to left and St James Way to your right until you reach Mercers Avenue.

Turn right here and carefully cross the bypass roundabout ahead. Follow footpath ahead.

At fence T-junction turn sharp right and continue to follow the footpath round to right and into Old Thorley Lane.

Continue along the lane and when almost to main road (B1004), turn right and follow footpath sign which veers sharp right.

Continue along footpath ahead eventually crossing a field. When you reach the fence turn left and continue, keeping fence to left.

When you reach the roundabout (Hadham to left and B/Stortford right) cross over keeping bypass to right.

Continue ahead along footpath keeping ditch to your right. Reach track at T-junction, turn left.

Continue in direction of pylons until you find yourself on the Mound, veer to the right and descend on the left to lower level.

Continue again towards pylons keeping ditch and later hedge to your left. Close to pylons turn left over bridge.

Turn right and continue in line with the pylons, keeping hedge and ditch to your right.

You will pass a bridge on your right, carry on past this, veering right at end of hedge as path opens into a field.

Continue ahead in pasture field until just before the field narrows into a track. Turn right through the hedge.

You are now in another field, continue uphill towards the bypass keeping the hedge to your left.

Cross the bypass and follow the footpath opposite across Dukes Ride and into Squires Close.

Continue ahead over Burghley Avenue and up to the end of the road onto a footpath to the left of house at end of road.

Follow the footpath by side of wood which later turns sharp right, still keeping wood to left and fence to your right.

Continue to follow this path and eventually you will find houses on your left and hedge on right.

The end of the path brings you out into lane by side of College cricket field. Turn left then right into Maze Green Road.

Continue a short way before turning left into Dane Park and back to Silverleys.