

U3A WEEKLY WALKS FROM BASE AT SILVER LEYS

EXTENDED WALK No. 1

Silver Leys – Wickham Hall – Hadham Lodge – Bury Green – Stortford Park – Dane Park – Silver Leys

Distance: Approx 5.6 miles. Time: Approx. 145 mins

Leave Silver Leys crossing rugby field keeping to right close to hedge.

At end of field go through path onto lane and turn right towards Wickham Hall.

Walk under bypass, up the hill and turn left at first opening in hedge, before reach the silos.

Turn left again keeping hedge to your left and continue until you reach the bypass road on your left.

At about this point you will see footpath signpost and a green sward between crops on your right.

Turn right onto this and continue towards the woods ahead, turning left at the first opening.

Carry on through the gate into the field ahead (beware of horses) exit via gate the other side.

You will pass Hadham Lodge on your left. Continue along the drive, over the lane and under the bridge.

Follow the path keeping fence to left and ditch to right. This will gradually widen into a pasture field.

Approximately 50 yards before reaching the ditch ahead, veer right through opening and then left keeping hedge to left.

You will pass the footpath on your left, continue to the hedge ahead at right angles to you, turn right here.

The footpath should be on the right of the hedge but is usually too overgrown so continue along left side of hedge.

Continue until hedge on right runs out, just past here you turn left, then after a few yards turn right across field.

Reaching the other side, go through the gate into the garden of Ivy Farm in front of you, continue, keeping Ivy Farm on right.

Exit via gate the other side and into lane. Turn sharp left and along footpath at edge of garden you have just left.

Continue, keeping the hedge to your right and veering right almost in a half circle until you reach the lane again.

You come out into the lane with cottage on your left with an old fashioned lamp post. Turn left and continue along lane into Bury Green.

Cross the green to the other side keeping row of cottages to your left.

Turn left down the farm lane, past footpaths to left and right, past a converted barn, downhill to woods.

At the bottom, turn left onto signposted footpath. Continue to Stocking Wood, keeping ditch to your left.

At woods veer left, then right and continue through the woods, out into the open and under the pylons.

At the hedge ahead, do not turn left but carry on across the footbridge, turning sharp right the other side.

Continue along this path, firstly with hedge on your right, then the ditch. Eventually you will reach the mound ahead.

Climb the mound and continue right then left along the brick/grass track down towards the bypass ahead.

Turn left just before the bypass until you reach the stile, cross over bypass, over stile and along path through woods.

This opens out into a pasture field, continue, keeping hedge to your left until you reach a footpath from your left.

Passing in front of house, continue until you reach next stile. Climb over this and cross field to gate/stile opposite.

Continue through gate or over stile, over drive veering right over the grass until you reach the next stile.

Climb over the stile turning immediately left and continue up the gradient past school on left keeping hedge to your left.

Walk through gap at the end and veering slightly left continue keeping hedge to left into college fields.

Reaching end of hedge, turn left still keeping hedge to left and continue ahead until you reach kissing gate.

Go through kissing gate, cross over road into Dane Park and continue until you reach Hadham Road and Silver Leys.