

U3A WEEKLY WALKS FROM BASE AT SILVERLEYS

EXTENDED WALK No 3

Silverleys – College Fields - St Michael's Mead - The Lake - Thorley Church - Moor Hall - Butler's Hall - Thorley Houses - Stortford Hall – Silverleys

DISTANCE: APPROX 5.9 MILES. TIME: APPROX. 150 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 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 opening where once the stile was and turn immediately left.

Continue, keeping hedge on left until you reach the gap at the end and 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.

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 the bypass to your right until you reach a road.

This road is Mercers Avenue. Cross over and continue past house on left, then immediately veer right.

Continue along footpath keeping hedge to left, when you reach the small bridge cross over and turn left.

Continue along footpath until you reach the road (Moor Hall Lane).

Turn left and continue until you reach the lakes on the right, cross over and into the park.

Continue along path keeping the lake to the left and hedge to the right. At end of lake turn left and up the hill.

At top right-hand corner, turn right and out through hedge and continue along footpath to Thorley Church.

Upon reaching the bypass turn left and continue until you reach the bridge. Cross bridge and continue.

Keep walking in a straight line, passing church on left until you reach a farm track. Turn right here.

Continue along farm track down the hill and up the other side. Carry on until you reach Moor Hall farm.

Turn very sharply right here and continue along track past the farmhouse until you reach a right-hand bend.

Turn off the road on the bend and continue along the footpath past Butler's Hall until you reach the old Thorley Lane.

Turn left here and continue along the lane, turning right just before you reach the Great Hadham Road.

After a few yards the path turns right. Continue generally in a straight line until you reach the bypass.

Either turn left and continue, keeping the bypass to your right or, if overgrown, cross over the bypass and turn left.

When you reach the roundabout, go round, cross the main road and continue keeping the bypass still to your right.

The footpath gradually gets closer to the bypass, after passing the gate to your right, you come to a stile.

Cross bypass to footpath the other side and through a copse, turn left and continue keeping the hedge on left. When you reach a footpath coming down steps from your left, veer right in front of house to right-hand corner of field.

Climb over the stile and continue across another field to the gate on the other side.

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 Silverleys.