

U3A WEEKLY WALKS FROM BASE AT SILVERLEYS

EXTENDED WALK No. 5

Silverleys – Hadham Hall – Hadham – Church End Farm – Hadham Park – Hadham Lodge – Silverleys

Distance: Approx 5.3 miles. Time: Approx. 140 mins

CARE: RE-DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA MAY REQUIRE AMENDMENT TO THE ROUTE

Leave Silverleys 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 reaching 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 Bloodhounds and High Woods ahead. Continue through woods to other side.

You will come out of the woods roughly where the pylons cross. The footpath is shown veering to right but do NOT take this route as usually it is covered by crops and the farmer does not clear a defined route through it.

Instead continue straight ahead keeping hedge marked on map to your left until you reach farm lane at T-junction.

Turn right here, continue until farm lane turns sharp right, do not continue along lane but turn sharp left on footpath.

Continue along footpath keeping hedge to your left. Upon reaching the ditch turn left, keeping ditch to your right.

Approximately 100 yards later turn right across small bridge. You will see a lake and high ground to your right.

Continue up the hill turning right at the top of the hill (Do NOT take left turn to Hadham Hall) but turn right.

Continue for 10/20 yards then turn left on to track. Carry on until you reach Church End Farm (Hadham Water).

Turn left on to a new track, then after a short distance, left again on to a marked footpath. Continue along this path.

At the end of the footpath you will come out into Hadham Hall drive by a cottage. Continue across the grass to drive.

Turn right on to drive, almost immediately you will see a footpath sign veering left through a gate.

When you are through the gate continue diagonally right to the opposite far corner of pasture field.

Go through the small gated opening into a usually cultivated field, cross to the copse and ditch on opposite side.

Make your way through the copse and into the field beyond, cross field to the farm opposite until you reach fence.

Climb over fence and continue ahead along a tarmac track until you reach a stile and footpath sign pointing right.

Climb over stile and continue across pasture field veering diagonally right to the opposite far corner.

Climb over gate onto a tarmac road (the old A120) and continue past cottages on your left until you reach bridge on right.

Turn sharp left here and continue along drive to Hadham Lodge. Follow footpath ahead crossing in front of big house.

Do NOT cross immediately in front of house on drive but keep to fence and woodland to the left well away from house.

Keep to this footpath keeping High Wood to your left. At end of High Wood turn sharp right towards the bypass.

You are now on familiar ground as this is the reverse of the route taken earlier in the walk out to Hadham Hall. Reach the bypass turn left until you come out onto the tarmac road to Wickham Hall, turn right here. Continue under the bypass and up the other side until you reach the opening on your left to Silverleys.

Continue back to the car park taking care not to walk on the rugby pitches.