

Colchester Ramblers' Association Group. Rambles available for leading as culled from Jessie's Escort Series by Mapjog. Contact Ramble Sec. for date and do one in 2009

Berechurch, Bounstead Grove carpark. Opposite the carpark in Bounstead Grove Road begins a footpath across grassy fields. Chase it as far as the path junction post and turn left to pass through the premises of Layer Mill nestled in the Roman River Valley. Up the gravel drive beyond, fork right on a wood-and-paddock trail through to a dwelling. Pass S of it to join The Folley, a road going left. Use the first path right to be steered to the B1026 High Road of Layer de la Haye. Enter The New Cut opposite and trace it around to the village hall bend. Keep straight on Bolls Lane and turn left on Birch Road to reach the Fox Tavern crossroads. Take the right road, sporting accommodating greenswards in parts, to approach the Church.

Blind Knights' path begins eastward through the churchyard plus many fields of grazing each having a stile or two. Eventually pass N of Blind Knights' tennis foliage and join Fields Farm Lane going left. Pedestrians are expected to cut the corner off by using a path dipping left, hedge on left, then rising between dwellings to Maltings Green Road. Twist right to drop right by Wellhouse, a barn with a path beginning N side of it. This strikes midfield to Lower Houses and further; but many prefer better steppings which progress brookside to the road truncated by the reservoir. North uphill is Abberton Road. Carefully forage right until it bends right. A path continues straight ahead and bends with the tree stand to a footbridge over the Roman River, Now in Friday Woods, select from an array of permissive paths, a N W return to Bounstead Grove's carpark.

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