

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

East Donyland, Wood layby B1025 above Manwood Bridge. The woodland's bridleway sports a flagpole. If a red flag is hoisted, ignore the East Donyland Ramble by switching to this West Donyland route, clear of the danger zone.

Cross Mersea Road when traffic allows and enter Ball Chase. After the cattle grid at Ball Farm, the tarmac turns slightly right. From the outside of this bend a path follows the hedge S to a footbridge over the Roman River. Over it, zig left downstream to the pond, zag right to enter Manwood Grove, recross the B1025 successfully, going south to the next path left. It dips to the wooded valley and climbs by Hay Farm to reach Hay Lane. Face oncoming traffic whilst rising right to Fingringhoe. Twist right on Abberton Road, and as it bears left, take the path right which links to Langenhoe.

Push on to recross Mersea Road at the Lion, and so enter Abberton with a few steps on Layer Road before forking left on Peldon Road. By the water tower turn right on Glebe Lane to turn right on a permissive path by the first arable field. Overview the Reservoir, and bend right by the backgardens of Glebe Lane to reach Rectory Lane going left. Find the path NW of St Andrew's Church. It cross a meadow to the grazing's fence-bend, then hugs the fence N to Oxley Hill. Eastside of Abberton Manor, the next path descends, as cut through foliage, to the flood plain of Layer Brook and Roman River. Gated bridges, suitable for footpath and bridleway respectively cross brook, and river giving access beside Charlotte Grove. Climb the gravel hill and join the tarmac by Rook buildings. Now on Balls Chase lead eastward to a fourth safe crossing of the B1025 traffic.

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