



e152 Hatfield Broad Oak from Takeley

Takeley is on the A120 Bishop's Stortford to Great Dunmow Road. The former Takeley Station is on Sycamore Close, off Elm Close.

The walk shown is for guidance only and should not be attempted without suitable maps.

Details	
Distance:	14km (8 ³ / ₄ miles)
Total Ascent:	78m (256ft)
Time:	3 ¹ / ₂ hrs
Grade:	2
Maps:	OS Landranger® 167 or OS Explorer Map™ 183 & 195
Start/Finish:	Former Railway Station on B183 S of Takeley, Essex
Grid Ref:	TL562210
Sat Nav:	N51.8664 E0.2672

Level walk through pretty Essex villages

S Go SSE (right) on the B183 for 800m past a house called 'Woodlands'. About 100m beyond the house go E (left) on a signed footpath beside a fence. Go through a small copse and bear SE (half-right) on a signed path across a field to reach the edge of a wood. Go E (left) along the edge of the wood to reach a road. Go E (left) and NE on the road to reach a junction in Hope End Green next to the village notice board. (2 km)

① Go SE (right) to follow a lane and then a signed track that bears S and then SE to reach a drive next to a yellow house. Go S on the drive bearing SW to reach the crossroads at Hellman's Cross. (2 km)

② Continue SW on a brideway (Rookery Lane) that eventually bears W to a road. Go S (left) for 100m before going W (right) on a brideway to reach the road at Taverners Green. Continue W on the path opposite along a field edge to pass a gate and then go S (left) and SW along field edges to reach the B183. Go S (left) on the B183 bearing SW (right) into Hatfield Broad Oak. (4¹/₂ km)

③ Follow the B183 as it kinks N and continue N on a drive to reach a kissing gate. Descend NW (half-left) down a meadow to reach a footbridge. Cross and go N (right) beside a stream to reach a road at a bend. Go N (left) on the road past a T-junction. When the road bends W go E (right) on a track past Pincey Cottage before going NE (left) on a signed path that follows a field edge. Continue N across the next field to reach a gravel drive and then a road in Bush End. (3¹/₂ km)

④ Cross the road and go NE over a stile before bearing NE across a field to reach a 2nd stile. About 100m beyond step N (left) through a gap in a hedge and follow the hedge NE for 300m and through a 2nd gap into a huge field. Go S (right) and follow the field edge E (left) and N (left). Beyond the field continue N along a 2nd field edge (now on your right) to reach The Flitch Way - a former railway line. Go E (right) to return to Takeley Station and the start. (2 km)

The Flitch Way (FW) is a 24km (15 miles) footpath following the course of a former railway connecting Bishop's Stortford with Braintree in Essex.

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