

ESSEX WAY STAGE 9 - BRADFIELD TO RAMSEY (5.3 miles)

START - BRADFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE (Map Ref: TM 144307)

Key

**L = left; R = right; TL = turn left; TR = turn right; X = cross over;
CONT = continue; THRU = through; ST = stile; WM = waymark;
FPS = footpath (or bridleway) sign; FB = footbridge (normally wood);
TK = track; RD = road; KG = kissing gate.**

All distances are approximate

- 1** Follow pavement 150M towards pinkish house to war memorial (on your **R**).
X RD, TR, and follow pavement until it runs out.
CONT **with care** round **R** hand bend to FPS at end of wooden fence (on your **L**).
TL 30M on narrow dirt TK & THRU gate.
CONT 600M **HALF Rish X** fields aiming for railway bridge.
Pass under railway bridge and turn **HALF R** to **X** next field 350M diagonally to WM.
- 2** **TR** (hedge/bank on your **R**) for 400M on (boggy??) grass TK to old tree stumps.
CONT ahead 100M to start of trees. CONT 40M to wooden rail type fence.
TR 20M to WM and on 20M more to tarmac TK.
TL (hedge on **L**) and follow TK 200M to WM by TK junction. (ignore WM with white arrow).
CONT ahead 150M and TK bears **R**. CONT 30M to WM by TK junction.
- 3** **TL** 40M down 2 flights of steps to WM.
TL just past WM for 40M (past gate) on gravelly TK to WM by FB.
X FB and CONT 30M to climb steps to WM.
TR and follow seawall 150M to FPS (on your **R**).
- 4** **TR** down steps and immediately **TL** at FPS THRU wooden barrier.
Follow wide grass TK 800M uphill to pass house and reach WM (just before power pole). **TR** 20M and **X ST** to FPS at RD. **(2 miles)**
- 5** **TL** and follow RD 200M uphill past houses to Wrabness Church.
CONT 120M on RD to FPS (on **L**) by '**STONE LANE CARAVAN SITE**' sign.
TL 500M down gravel lane eventually passing caravan site (on **L**) to WM at end of lane (by metal gate). **TR** and follow field edge 150M (wooden buildings/hedge on **L**) to metal field gate.
At metal gate bear **L** on obvious TK & climb bank up to seawall.
TR & CONT 400M on seawall TK to FB.

- 6** X FB and immediately TL to follow TK 130M (woods on R) to WM just after exiting woods. CONT ahead 250M to WM (near house).
THRU green gate, X FB. Ahead 40M on gravel TK to THRU green gate & X FB.
CONT ahead 700M (woods 100M parallel on your R) to X FB to RSPB reserve.
- 7** Up steps and SA 25M to TK junction by WM.
Bear L & CONT 200M to X FB.
Bear R uphill 180M to 'T' junction with TK ahead.
Bear L 40M to WM. Pass THRU wooden barrier & X railway bridge.
CONT ahead 350M on wide grass/dirt TK (ignore side turnings) to pass metal field gate to main RD. **TAKE GREAT CARE NOW** (4.2 miles)
- 8** X RD and TL following RD 350M to FPS (just after passing under power lines).
TR and follow TK 300M to pass under power lines.
50M on CONT ahead (**Do not TL to ruined farmhouse/communications tower**).
CONT 130M (pond on L) to WM (broken/missing?) by L end of facing hedge.
- 9** CONT ahead 150M on TK to X ST.
TL and CONT 75M (hedge on L) to X ST.
CONT 60M and X ST. CONT 100M (same direction) & X ST into paddock.
(You may encounter 4 legged friends)
X paddock diagonally and X ST in opposite corner.
CONT HALF R 50M to WM by windmill.
- 10** TL and CONT 200M along field edge (hedge on R) and eventually bearing R down to RD at RAMSEY. TL 150M along RD to receive your reward at *'THE CASTLE' pub!!

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