



10km/6.2m walk approx. 2.5 hours
involves walking through woods, footpaths and mostly minor roads.

Terrain: Level with some muddy fields after rain. This walk

BEWARE this walk involves walking 300 yards along a main road. This dangerous road must be crossed twice

1 Starting from bottom of hill in Grove Road by High Tor Cattery, go up left hand track. At gate bear right and follow along stream, then path between fields, then straight along left of wood and across bridge. Keep straight between wood and raised fishing lake bank. **2** Turn right then left then right then left again following wood/hedge remnant then continue straight across field to hedge- "The Ramparts". **3**

Go into track as it turns through hedge then turn immediately right along raised bank behind ditch. Continue through stile then paddock then stile. Bear right to pylon across open field to corner of hedge then turn left along hedge to Haynes Green Road. **4**

Go left past house then right into Layer Wood. After 40yds take track on left and follow 500yds through woods. At junction of tracks ignore those on left and right and ignore main track bearing left – continue straight along overgrown remnant to Colchester Road. **5 (DANGER: fast heavy traffic).**

Right along road 300yds then left into track. **6**

Follow past gate to top then turn left. **7** Continue as track bears right at wood, go through gate, turn right onto track **8** and follow left after 100yds. When track turns left again continue straight **9** along grass path past trees and exit between houses onto **10** Easthorpe Rd in Messing (beware blind exit).

Turn left then right along The Street past Church then left into School Road **11**. After 300yds left into footpath. **12** Go up by hedge then left then right and on into Conyfield Wood. (Here we deviate from footpath network through open access woodland.)

13 Turn left along edge of wood and follow edge path to Colchester Road **14 (DANGER: fast heavy traffic)**. Cross road to gated track and along track into Pods Wood. After 600yds meet 2nd cross track. **15** Turn left (we are now back on the footpath network) and continue to edge of wood. Cross plank bridge onto track. Bear slightly left then straight along track to where it turns left. Continue straight on for a few yards (this part is the reverse of the beginning of your walk) then turn right and cross field to corner of far hedge (sighting on telegraph poles) and continue straight with hedge on left. Follow hedge remnant as it turns right then left then right again, then turn left down path between wood and bank of fishing lake.

Cross bridge over stream and continue up slope with Ransome's Grove on left. Continue obvious path between fields then between stream and fence. Enter track and continue to Grove Road.

Conyfield Wood and Pods Wood are owned by the Forestry Commission where an open access policy exists. Tiptree Parish Council cannot be held responsible should this open access policy change.

