

FOOTPATH WALKS AROUND RIVENHALL PARISH.
NUMBER 2: TARECROFT WOOD AND GOLF COURSE.

Map: O/S Explorer 183 or O/S Pathfinder 1099
Start: Rivenhall Village Hall, Church Road. (828175)
Distance: 5 miles can be shortened to 3.5 miles.
Duration: Approx. 1.5 hours.
Terrain: Easy walking but can be muddy after rain on cross-field paths.
Refreshments: None.

The Walk:

Exit the Village Hall car park to cross the Church Road zebra crossing then turn right into St. Mary's Road.

Walk to the top right corner of St. Mary's Road and enter the footpath next to the new dwelling in the corner.

Continue ahead with hedge on your right to pass a converging footpath from your left then turn right with the hedge on your right.

At the end of the field turn left with the ditch on your left to arrive at the southern corner of Tarecroft Wood. (822173)

Either,_turn right with the wood on your left then enter the wood at the first opening and, taking extra care, walk through and when exiting the wood turn left and walk to the waymark sign; **or**, keep ahead to go round the wood on your right to arrive at the waymark sign.

Turn left on to the cross-field path and at hedge turn right to follow field edge path always on your left to eventually cross the footbridge and meet up with the John Ray Walk.

Turn left to walk along this footpath until you exit onto the wide grass verge of Rickstones Road, opposite Rickstones Farmhouse and Rectory Lane.

Carefully cross the road to enter Rectory Lane and walk along to the footpath sign located on your right which indicates the cross-field path up to the trees surrounding a pond on the skyline.

Arriving at the pond (826164) turn right to follow the path round the pond then across the field to join the roadway to the golf course.

Follow this roadway to pass the clubhouse away on your left and then follow the well trodden track with the golf course on your right.

The track enters a stand of trees with somewhat neglected allotments on your left and you exit onto Oak Road next to Hoo Hall Cottages. (832170)

Shorter route. Carefully cross Oak Road and turn left to walk back into Rivenhall passing the recycling site.

After the recycling site you will need to cross Church Road to walk alongside the Village Green to cross both entrances to St. Mary's Road.

Cross the zebra crossing to enter the Village Hall Car Park.

Longer route. Carefully cross Oak Road and turn right to walk along the roadside path along to the Railway Bridge in Rivenhall End.

Pass under the bridge and immediately turn left to enter the footpath running alongside the main Railway Line.

Continue ahead alongside the Railway Line until you reach the gate leading onto the level crossing. (839170).

With great care cross the Railway Line and follow the cross-field footpath the Hoo Hall.

Pass right to the rear of Hoo Hall up to the end of the trees where you turn left.

Follow the footpath with Hoo Hall now on your left to turn right along to the footpath junction (834175).

Turn left and walk down to the footbridge.

Cross the bridge and turn right along to the field end where you turn left with the hedge on your right.

After approximately 50 yards turn right to pass through the hedge at a large Oak Tree and then walk diagonally to cross the playing field and back to the Village Hall Car Park.