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Manningtree Station Buffet	(01206) 391114
Haywain, Little Bromley	(01206) 390004
Court House, Great Bromley	(01206) 250322
Snooty Fox, Great Bromley	t.b.c.
Plough, Great Bentley	(01206) 255242

Turn left out of the Plough to reach Great Bentley railway station, just a short walk away.

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Tendring CAMRA RambAle route 15 Manningtree Station to Plough, Great Bentley

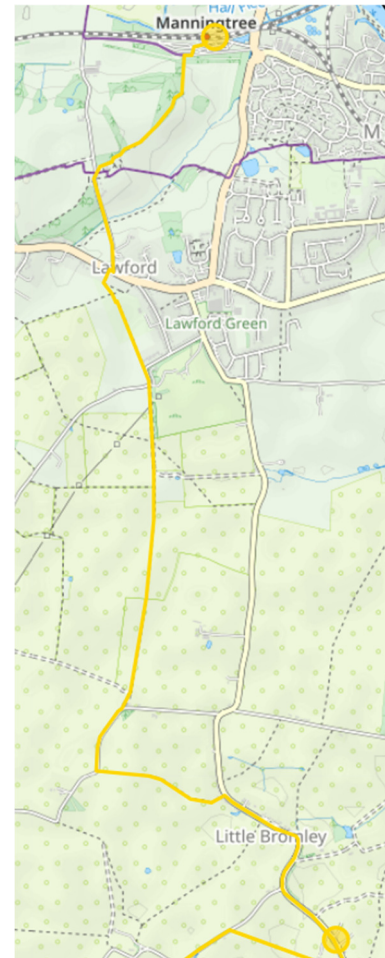
Start: Manningtree Station Buffet, Lawford

Finish: Plough, Great Bentley

Total Distance: 7.5 miles (8.1 miles to Balkerne Gate pub/bus stop)

Manningtree Station to The Haywain, Little Bromley

Distance: 3.5 miles (5.7km)



Turn right out of the station and down the slope to the open air car park. At the bottom of the slope there is a public footpath to your left. Take that for a short distance, then turn right on the track, then take the next footpath on the left up the hill.

Follow the path past the right hand side of St Mary's Church, Lawford and once you leave the churchyard turn left onto Church Hill and follow it until you meet the main road. Cross carefully and there is a footpath slightly to the right of straight across between houses 10 and 11. Take this path and when it reaches the recreation ground follow the line of trees across the area and leave by a gate at the far end. Continue straight on to another gate which will bring you out at a sharp bend in Grange Road. Follow the road to your right and at the next bend

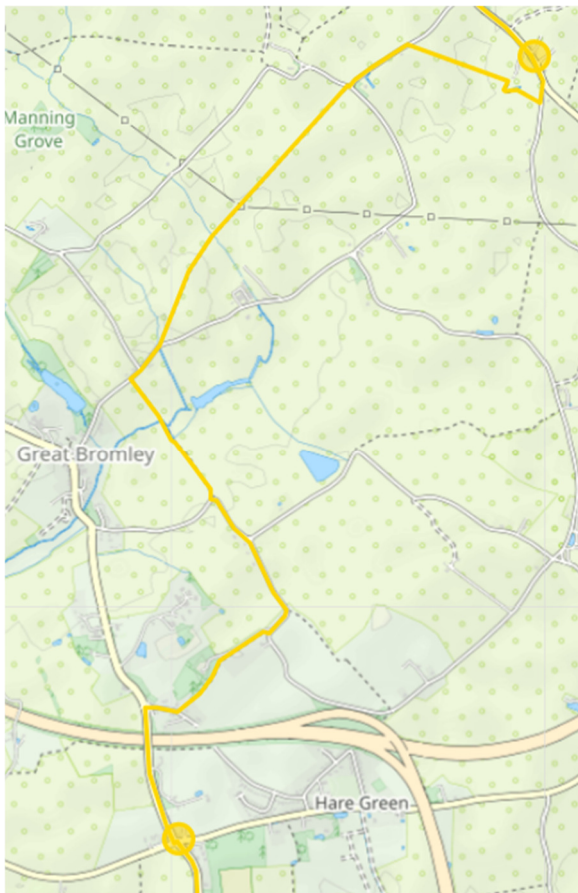


you'll see the sign for the public footpath heading very straight along a farm track. Keep following the footpath until you reach Ardleigh Road, where you join at a bend. Follow the road straight on (not left) until there is a footpath to the left as the road bends to the right. Take this footpath which will bring you out on Shop Road. Turn right onto this road, following the road with care, being prepared to step onto the verge as necessary, until you reach The Hawain.

The Haywain to The Court House, Great Bromley

Distance: 3.2 miles (5.1km)

Turn left out of the Haywain onto Bentley Road, then right into Paynes Lane. Take the footpath that is on your right after a short distance and cross the field to Church Road. Turn left onto the road and at the T-junction a public



footpath continues more-or-less straight on (perhaps a fraction to the right of the junction). After some time the footpath will reach Badley Hall Road. Turn right along the lane, passing Lee View on your left before taking a footpath left opposite 2 Peace Cottages. Take this footpath until it joins Mary Lane North and continue roughly straight on (not right). After a while the lane will bend fairly sharply to the right and the next footpath that you want will be on your right just before the lane bends sharply to the left. Follow this path until it reaches Back Lane West and turn right to reach Parsons Hill. Turn left and follow Parsons Hill until you get to the Court House.

The Court House to the Kings Arms, Frating (passes optional stop at The Snooty Fox)

Distance: 1.0 miles (1.6km)

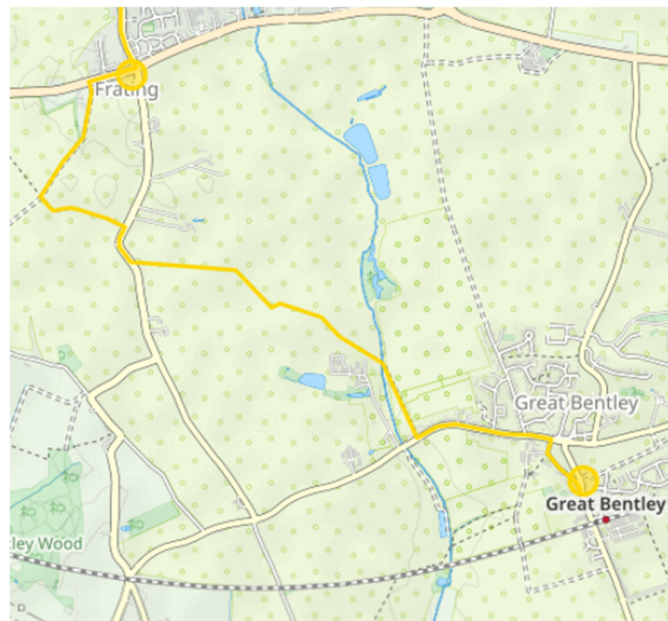
Leave the Court House and carefully cross the main road and walk alongside Frating Road (initially with Costcutter on your left) and follow the road using verge or pavement, passing (or not) The Snooty Fox until you reach the traffic lights at the crossroads with The Kings Arms on. Cross carefully to get to the pub.



The Kings Arms to the Plough, Great Bentley

Distance: 2.4 miles (3.8km)

With the pub behind you and the lights to your right, follow the pavement to your left along the main road, taking the next footpath to your left. When two paths cross turn left back to Great Bentley Road. Carefully follow the road to your right around the bend and look out for the footpath sign hidden in the hedge on the left and follow that path across a field (probably ploughed up and planted) and the alongside a man made reservoir, eventually turning right just before a hedge hiding Bentley Brook from view.



Follow the line of the hedge until you cross a footbridge just after a farm area, after which the path leads up the hill to the right towards the house, then turns right to follow the fence line until joining Thorrington Road. Turn left on Thorrington Road and follow it until you reach the green, when you can cut across to the Plough.