

Tendring CAMRA RambAle route 4 Weeley to Brightlingsea

Start: White Hart, Weeley Heath

Finish: Railway Tavern, Brightlingsea

Distance: 7.5 miles

White Hart, Weeley to Royal Fusilier, Aingers Green



Total distance: 2.7 miles

Turn left out of the White Hart and follow Clacton Road until turning left into Bentley Road. Use the pavement on the right hand side until it runs out where the national speed limit starts, at which point a footpath leads off to the right; take this path (the kissing gate is in the hedge just beyond the speed limit sign).

Follow this path until you get to the stile at the top of the steps that lead down to the bypass. During testing we turned left to go around the second field and picked up the track which led to the same point; footpath signs are lacking in this direction.

Take care crossing the bypass, then climb the steps opposite and continue slightly left of straight ahead (not the track left). You need to aim lust left of a curved wall left of a house, pick up a footpath post at end of a line of trees, then cross the grass area to another post near some small trees. The path comes out on The Tye Road.

Turn left and **take care on the lanes** - you will need to follow the lanes now for about a mile as far as the Royal Fusilier (so at the T-junction turn right, then take the next right onto Aingers Green Road).

Royal Fusilier, Aingers Green to Plough Inn, Great Bentley



Distance: 1.1 miles

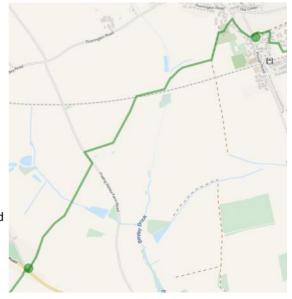
Turn right out of the Royal Fusilier and turn right at the crossroads. A short distance after the houses end is a footpath to the left. Take this path and follow it until you cross the railway line (carefully).

The footpath continues roughly straight across Birch Avenue when you reach it, then right onto Station Road to reach the green. Turn left along the side of the green to arrive at the Plough Inn.

Plough Inn, Great Bentley to Red Lion, Thorrington

Distance: 1.6 miles

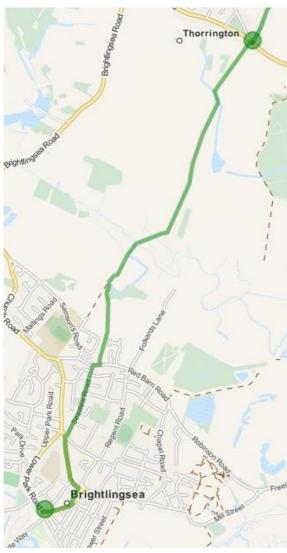
From the Plough cross the road and follow the road nearest the buildings, before turning left beyond the former Red Lion into the churchyard. The footpath leads round the church to the right then leaves the churchyard through a gate on the right and turns left onto a track. Follow this track for a short distance and a footpath leads off to the right; take it (during testing we walked around this field rather than cross it). The path will follow the



railway for a short distance before you will cross the railway line (carefully) again.

Walk to the left of two trees then cross to the right and aim for the trees at the far side of the field where you turn right onto a track through a farmyard to Frating Abbey Farm Lane. When you reach the lane turn left then take the next footpath on your right. This will join Rosemary Lane which emerges beside the Red Lion.

Red Lion, Thorrington to Railway Tavern, Brightlingsea



Distance: 2.3 miles

Take the footpath virtually opposite the Red Lion, and follow it going as straight on at any junction you encounter as is possible. After the first grassy field popular with dog walkers you enter a field where you need to aim at a gap slightly right of the power line.

When you reach Morses
Farmyard take the path to the
left rather than continuing
along Morses Lane (this cuts a
slight corner).

You should come out on Red Barn Road—if you turn right then left into Seaview Road, and left at the end of Seaview Road into Ladysmith Avenue this will bring you into the middle of Brightlingsea by the Kings Head. Turn right down Victoria Place and right into Station Road to reach the Railway Tavern.

Please check pub opening times before attempting this route. Check WhatPub http://www.whatpub.com for the latest information, or check directly with the pubs themselves:

White Hart, Weeley Heath (01255) 830384

Royal Fusilier, Aingers Green (01206) 250001

Plough Inn, Great Bentley (01206) 250563

Red Lion, Thorrington (01206) 252001

Railway Tavern, Brightlingsea (no number available)

Bus routes 2 (Clacton/Mistley) and 76 (Clacton/Colchester) pass the White Hart, Weeley, or it is 10 minutes walk from Weeley station. The 78 (Brightlingsea/Colchester) allows you to change to 74 for Clacton at Thorrington Cross, or allows railway access at Alresford.

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