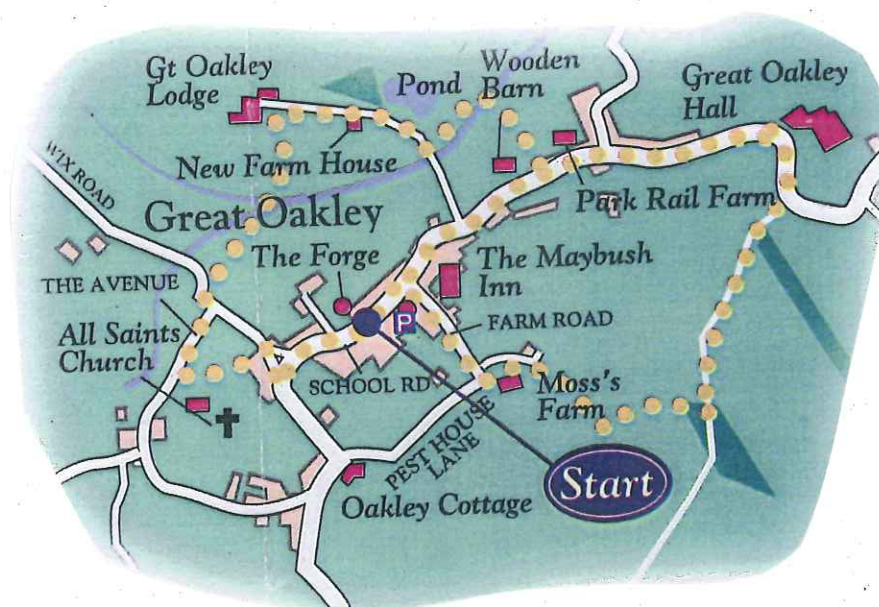


## Great Oakley

Distance: 2 or 4 miles  
Time: 1 or 2 hours



### *Two walks around Great Oakley Village and its environs*

Commence this walk at Great Oakley Post Office where there are two small car parks opposite. Proceed towards Harwich until you arrive at a wooden barn on the left (set back). Here you will find a footpath known locally as Dead Lane. Follow this path to the bottom of the second field and turn left. When you reach the main access road, turn right and walk beyond New Farm House towards Great Oakley Lodge. Look for a large gap in the hedgerow on your left and walk downhill towards the bridge over a stream. Cross this and veer right. Follow the path around the edge of the field where it continues into a shrubland area and leads across a stile, then walk alongside the large brook to Wix Road. Turn left for a few yards, then right into The Avenue and continue towards a footpath that passes All Saint's Church. Follow this footpath to Wix Road where you turn right and continue to its junction with School Road. Take School Road to the centre of the village.

At this point, should you prefer a longer walk, continue along Harwich Road (as before) passing Great Oakley Hall on the left. On reaching the signpost on your right, follow this wide farm track running along the edge of a field. Look for another signpost showing the change of route to the right. As you continue along the edge of the field, look for a gap in the hedgerow on your right and a plank across a ditch. Cross the ditch and locate the signpost which is approximately twelve yards from the corner of the field at the junction of several footpaths. Turn left alongside the edge of the field and go towards Moss' Farm where you will then arrive at the junction of Pest House Lane and Farm Road. Turn right along Farm Road and return to the village centre.