

2. Two Rivers Walk (rev 3) about 5 miles

The walk starts at the Scout & Guide HQ in Church Road.

From the kissing gate, walk due south alongside the allotments. After passing the thatched cottage 'Gregorys' in Sportsmans Lane, cross over the River Ter by a footbridge and head straight up the next field to Nounsley Ridge, keeping the hedge on your right. Turn right, then left between the gardens of 'Stonecroft' and 'Old Fairfields'. Aim for the telegraph pole in the middle of the field and continue, to cross the ditch by a plank bridge. Diagonally cross the next field aiming for the corner of a low shed in the far field near Botters Farm and cross another ditch by a plank bridge. The path goes between the two low sheds and drops down into a cart track. Turn left, then right at concrete barn. The path goes diagonally across the field from the barn to a large willow part-way along the far boundary, then along the field edge with hedge and ditch on your left, to Worlds End Cottage.

Cross the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation at Paper Mill Bridge and turn left along the tow path. At the footbridge, re-cross the river, turn right and walk across the field to the lane. Go up the lane and fork right once you have gone past Cardfields. After fording the River Ter, take the path on the left between 'The Croft' and 'Merravay' to the Sportsmans Arms.

Cross the lane and continue up the side of the next field with 'The Priory', and then the Church, on your left, to Church Road, thence a few yards back to the start.

At the time of this revision (2020) a tearoom at Paper Mill lock opens daily from 10am. It serves tea, coffee, light lunches, cakes, etc.

