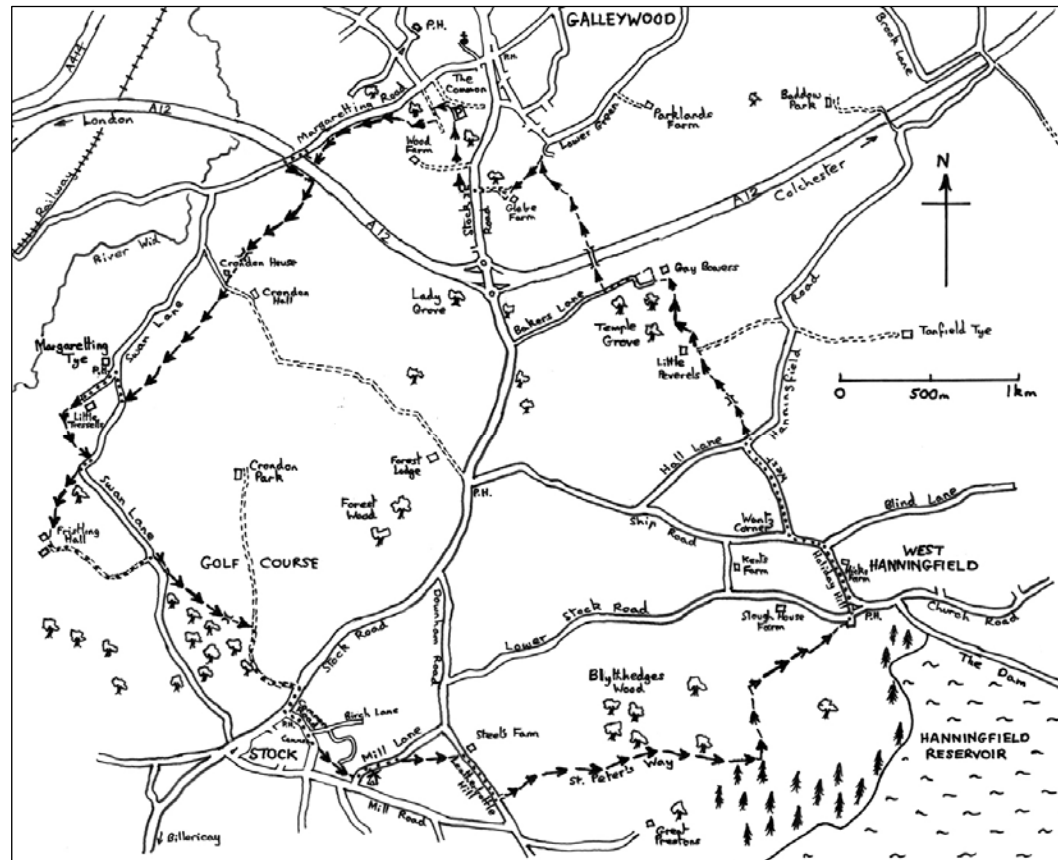


St. Peter's Way Walk



Cross the drive and proceed 50 metres north-west across the lawn by the old tennis courts to a stile. Cross the stile into the paddock and turn left onto Galleywood **FP53** which takes you 100 metres south-west to the end of Bakers Lane.

Continue 200 metres south-west along Bakers Lane past the day nursery on your right and the archery woods on your left. After passing the entrance to the small industrial estate turn right onto **FP50** which takes you over the A12 footbridge, down hill to Galleywood Brook. After 800 metres **FP50** reaches Lower Green where it turns west-south-west for 500 metres past Glebe Farm to Stock Road. Cross Stock Road using the footbridge over the ditch on the west side which was installed in January 2006 to access Galleywood Common at the lower car park. Return north up The Common for 300 metres on the old racecourse finishing straight to your starting point at the main car park.



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Fred Matthews & Harry Bittern: "The St. Peter's Way" ISBN 0-9506338 5 2

Essex Wildlife Trust: "Hanningfield Reservoir Visitors Guide".

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16km (10 miles) – 4 hours. A long but gentle walk, relieved by some good refreshment stops. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Mapping: Galleywood Parish Footpaths Map, OS Explorer™ 183 and 175, OS Landranger™ 167.

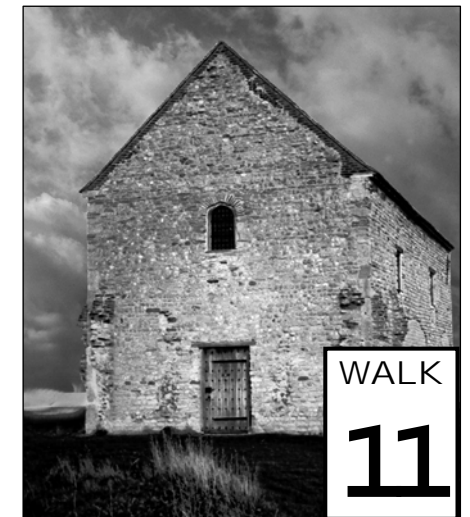
Start from the main car park on Galleywood Common, off the Margaretting Road (OS Ref TL703025).

From the car park take **FP47** west for 100 metres, turn left onto **BR79** and after 50 metres turn right onto **BR80** which takes you west down the edge of The Common. After 700 metres, just before the bridleway comes out onto Margaretting Road, turn left on **FP46**. At the parish boundary join Chelmsford **FP55** and continue until you reach the A12 boundary fence. Turn right and join Margaretting Road on the north-east side of the bridge over the A12. Cross the A12 and turn left onto Chelmsford **BR46** which takes you south-east along the A12 boundary for 200 metres, then turn south-west into a green lane. After 600 metres you cross a stream on the parish boundary and continue straight ahead on Margaretting **BR43** past Crondon House, crossing the approach track to Crondon Hall Farm and after 1 km you reach Swan Lane. Turn right onto Swan Lane and after 200 metres you come to Margaretting Tye Green and The White Hart public house.

Turn left at the green onto The Tye, a cul-de-sac, which takes you south-west for 200 metres to Little Tressels farmyard where you continue to the right of the barn on Margaretting **FP29** for 200 metres until you meet St. Peter's Way.

St. Peter's Way

St. Peter's Way is a long distance walk from Chipping Ongar to the ancient Chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall at Bradwell-on-Sea. The route was planned in 1970 by Len Alcott of the West Essex Ramblers Association. The Saxon Chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall was built on the wall of the Roman Fort "Othona" by St. Cedd in 654 AD. Sunday evensong is held there at 6.30pm during July and August. A pilgrimage is held each year on the 1st Saturday in July.



St. Peter-on-the-Wall

Turn left onto St. Peter's Way (Margaretting **FP30**) which takes you up hill for 350 metres to Swan Lane. Turn right onto Swan Lane and after 100 metres join Margaretting **BR40** where Swan Lane takes a sharp turn to the left. Continue straight ahead on **BR40** which follows the north-west boundary of Cockshill Wood. After 200 metres you reach the edge of the wood and turn left over a stile onto Stock **FP11** which takes you west- south-west for 250 metres on a field crossing to Fristling Hall Farm. A stile takes you onto the farm drive (Stock **FP12**) which you follow generally eastwards for 500 metres to rejoin Swan Lane.

Cross the lane and join Stock **FP7** which takes you south-east with Crondon Park Golf Club on your left and Swan Wood on your right. After 600 metres the footpath crosses a stream and a flight of wooden steps takes you up a further 200 metres to join the golf club approach drive. Turn right onto the drive and follow it for 600 metres to Stock Road. Cross Stock Road and turn right for 150 metres to Common Road. Turn left into Common Road passing (or visiting) The Bakers Arms on your right. After 100 metres

you come to Stock Common with good seats around the cricket ground, for a picnic stop.

Common Road turns south at the east end of the cricket ground and here you join Stock **FP18** by a cottage called The Nook. **FP18** takes you 300 metres south-east to Mill Lane. Turn left into Mill Lane and after 100 metres pass Stock Tower Mill on your right.

A further 200 metres along Mill Lane turn right onto Stock **FP17** which takes you 400 metres east across the playing fields to



The Three Compasses

Hanningfield Reservoir



Stock Tower Mill

Downham Road. Turn right onto Downham Road, Leatherbottle Hill, and walk over the hill for 300 metres past the Old Ale House, a thatched cottage, on your right until you come to Seamans Lane (Stock **FP57**) on your left. Seamans Lane is now only a footpath as the through-route to the Old Southend Road was cut off when Hanningfield Reservoir was constructed. You will get glimpses of the reservoir on your right as you walk down Seamans Lane.

Seamans Lane takes you 1.5 km east past Blythhedges Wood until you meet a gate across the track which marks the reservoir boundary. Turn left off Seamans Lane onto West Hanningfield **FP33** which goes north

Stock Tower Mill

The Tower Mill was built around 1816 and is open for visitors on the second Sunday, April to September, from 2pm to 5pm.

up hill for 400 metres, then turns north-east for 700 metres to the green at West Hanningfield opposite the Three Compasses public house.

Here you leave St. Peter's Way and return to Galleywood. Turn left at the green and follow the signpost to Galleywood north-north-west for 200 metres down Holiday Hill to Blind Lane where you continue west for 100 metres along Ship Road to Wantz Corner. Take care on this narrow road section with no footway. At Wantz Corner turn right into West Hanningfield Road and continue for 300 metres north to the corner with Hall Lane where you join West Hanningfield **FP4**. Follow the line of trees north-north-west for 250 metres down to the stream then continue straight ahead on a field crossing for a further 350 metres to Little Peverells approach drive. Cross the approach drive immediately in front of the imposing iron gates and continue north-north-west on **FP4** for 500 metres passing Temple Grove Woods on your left until you come to Gay Bowers. Follow the footpath on the north side of the woods until you come to Gay Bowers approach drive.

Hanningfield Reservoir

Work on the reservoir started in 1952 and was completed at a cost of £6m in 1956. Water is pumped 15 km from the rivers Blackwater and Chelmer near Maldon.

Hanningfield has the largest dam of any reservoir in Europe. Its capacity is 5,968 million gallons and the water covers 874 acres, the maximum depth being 55 feet.

The Essex Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre at South Hanningfield has a 100 acres mixed woodland reserve, designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) for its nationally important populations of wildfowl. It is open daily from 9am to 5pm