

## LAYER MILL CIRCULAR

2.66 miles, a mix of quiet roads and public footpaths. Features include horses in fenced paddocks, ancient Layer Mill, Roman River and sheep.

1:25000 Colchester OS Explorer map 184.

*Dogs must be on a lead at all times*

1. Car parking for 3-4 cars in Layer Road in unmade layby 50m N of Abberton electricity substation. Start of walk.
2. Facing traffic walk on RH side of road towards Layer de-la-Haye village x 325m.
3. Take diagonal footpath to Lower End immediately after "Vaughans" on L side of road.
4. Go R along lane to emerge onto Abberton Road. Go L x 500m towards village centre.
5. Take footpath on boundary of 1 Upper Cottages to emerge onto road "The Folley".
6. Go R x 220m, enter drive of "The Kiln" for 2m, take footpath on R adjacent and parallel with drive to T-junction of footpaths.
7. Use RH footpath through woods to Layer Mill. Keeping mill on your L, proceed in forward direction x 440m keeping close to mature trees.
8. At intersection of track/footpaths veer R to skirt sheep meadows. Climb stile, cross Bounsted Road onto LH side with traffic behind you. *Take care! High viz jacket!*
9. After approx 150m climb grass bank to find gap entry into wood. Use downhill woodland path to river bridge.
10. Go forwards to T-junction with Abberton Road, veer L using grass verge to cars.

Happy walking!

