

## CANDLET TRACK WALK

Distance: 2.9 miles/ 4.16 km

**Start:** Village Sign to the left of Trimley St. Mary School on the High Road.

**Trains:** Greater Anglia Railways run a regular service from Felixstowe and Ipswich stations every hour and all stop at Trimley Station. This is about a 0.3 km from the start. Turn right out of the station and walk to the High Road, turn left, the Village sign is a few metres on your right.

**Buses and bus stop:** Felixstowe Flyer buses numbers 75 and 77 from Felixstowe and Ipswich stop at the top of Station Road. There is a bus stop very close to the school.

**Eateries:** Gulliver's Fish and Chips, High Road, Trimley St. Mary. The Mariners pub, High Road.

This is a circular route mainly on the level. You will walk on field tracks, bridleways and pavements and a road without any pavements. There is a busy road to cross and also a bit of road walking at the end.

① From the **Village Sign** walk south along the High Road, passing **Trimley St. Mary School** on your left.

② By the bus stop on the left, turn left onto a tarmac path called The Drift which runs alongside some houses. Shortly you will come to an access road. Cross over this and follow the footpath/cycle path opposite which has a stretch of grass past the school on the left.

③ The path emerges onto Faulkeners Way passing a playground on your left. There is a small group of shops here. Cross over the road to the footpath opposite. Don't follow the path into the estate. Instead half way bear left crossing the green, called St Mary's Green and walk towards a notice board. Continue walking across the green until you reach a distinct path at the end.

④ Continue to bear left here and the footpath merges into a tarmac path alongside the A14. You then come to another open grassy area. Keep to the right of this area. You will come to a gap in the hedge and a path goes into a very small woody area. Walk through here.

⑤ On reaching **Thurmans Lane**, turn right and walk under the A14 underpass. There may be a metal gate across the road.

⑥ After the underpass turn right onto the bridleway called Candlet Track. Continue with trees on your left and the A14 on your right as the track bears left following the tree line. You should see a wood across the fields on your left called **Egypt Wood**.

⑦ After about a quarter of a mile you will come to a bridleway sign on your right. Take this and walk towards the water tower.

⑧ When you reach the A14, go down the steps and cross the roundabout and both carriageways using the pedestrian traffic lights.

⑨ Go up the steps on the opposite side and through a wooden gate which will take you into **Spriteshall Lane**. There is a bench to sit on here. Trimley **Water Tower** is on your right but down a private drive. Walk down Spriteshall Lane, a private road until you come to the High Road.

⑩ Turn right here past **Spriteshall Cottage (2, High Road Sprites)** on the corner and walk along the pavement. On the right hand side opposite Gulliver's Fish and Chip shop look out for **Mary Dains Almshouses**. Continue along here until you return to the Village sign.

## EXTENSION

Ignore the footpath at ⑦ to your right going in the direction of the water tower and continue along the Candlet track. After a short while you will pass **Candlet Farm** on your left.

Ⓐ Shortly after the farm, you will then see another footpath to your right marked by red and white posts. Take this path. Eventually you will come to steps which go down to Candlet Road.

Ⓑ You will need to cross this road **with care** as it can be very busy particularly in the summer. Go up the steps and cross another field. This footpath emerges onto Walton High Street.

Ⓒ Turn right here. A little further on the left hand side of the road, look out for Tollgate Garage. To the right of this you should see a sign which says 'Bloomfields'. Look down the private track to the right of the sign and you should see **Upper Mill, Walton** which is a smock mill. If you want to take a closer look you could cross the road and then take the next left turn down Hawkes Lane, and walk a little way until there is a gap in the houses and look over to your left. Before Hawkes Lane on the right hand side of the High Street you will come to an unusual hexagonal pink cottage which is called **The Roundhouse**. Just beyond Hawkes Lane, also on the left is Walton Hall Drive which leads to Felixstowe School and Walton Gate estate. Just beyond the drive on the left is **Walton Hall**. Continue walking to the bridge over the A14.

Once over the bridge you are now in Trimley St. Mary and the road changes its name to the High Road. Continue along the High Road till you get to point ⑩ and follow the instructions from there.

*N.B. The words that are emboldened can be referenced in a separate Gazetteer also found in this section of the website.*

