

## WALK 4

This walk is suitable for pedestrians only, wellies in winter, strong shoes in summer.

Time: approx 1.75 hours.

Distance: approx 3.5 miles.

Starting point is the junction of Stoney Common and Brook View (A).

Take FP25 and walk beside Stansted Brook in a south-westerly direction and emerge at Pesterford Bridge (B) through a gate (please close behind you). Cross the B1383, go over the stile and down the steep steps beside the railway bridge down into Gypsy Lane. Turn left and, on reaching the river bridge (C), turn left again and join FP28 walking beside the River Stort for approx 350 paces.

Cross the river by the footbridge and over one stile, and then another, skirting the south-eastern edge of the fields. Follow the River Stort, under the A120 by-pass bridge and turn left onto Michael's Road (B1004) to the B1383.

*(Michael's Road is busy and care is needed as the footpath is not all on the same side of the road).*

Turn left, cross the B1383 and then the A120 at the bottom of Start Hill and past the roundabout. About 100 paces further north along the B1383, turn right onto FP11 across the field in a south-easterly direction to Birchanger village. Turn right at Birchanger Lane and walk to Birchwood Estate, taking FP4 at the beginning of Wood Lane and return to Stansted via Parsonage Spring.

On reaching Forest Hall Road, turn left for approx 140 paces, turn right at the sign onto FP24, skirting Foresthall Park and then back to Stoney Common.

