

## Islington U3A Longer Walks Group

<b>Walk Title</b>	Wivenhoe	<b>Walk No.</b>	332
<b>Area</b>	NE Essex	<b>Type</b>	Circular
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021		
<b>Distance</b>	9 miles		
<b>Timing</b>	3-4 hours walking time + travel + refreshment stops. Allow 7+ hours		
<b>Meeting up &amp; travel</b>	<p>From Liverpool Street take the Greater Anglia train to Wivenhoe (final destination Clacton on Sea).</p> <p>Departs Liverpool St 10.18  Departs Stratford at 10.25  Arrives at Wivenhoe at 11.23</p> <p><b>Leader will meet train at Wivenhoe.</b></p> <p>Return fare to Wivenhoe with FP &amp; SRC is £16.30  Return trains to London are hourly at 23 mins past the hour.</p>		
<b>Route</b>	<p>This walk is centred around the attractive boating &amp; fishing village of Wivenhoe on the tidal River Colne and takes the form of a figure of 8. The morning walk heads westward, up river, towards the University of Essex campus, before cutting through its boundary road to loop down to the river and then back towards the village. All via a mix of riverside paths, woodland and open country. Lunch will be at a local community owned pub. The shorter afternoon walk takes us down river heading eastwards along the seawall towards the estuary, before heading slightly upwards inland and into an area of SSI and woodland. We then loop back down hill and across a water meadow to reach the river once more. Here we turn west to head back into the village and follow the quayside footpath passed the fishermans dock and boat moorings to the station.</p>		
<b>Lunch/coffee</b>	Lunch in Wivenhoe at the Black Buoy, community pub. Depending on numbers this may be outside under cover seating. Other pubs and cafes are available.		
<b>Dropping out</b>	The walk can be cut short at lunchtime by taking an earlier train from Wivenhoe.		
<b>Suitability</b>	Suitable for any reasonably fit regular walker. Comfortable waterproof walking shoes/ boots. Waterproof jacket. Check weather forecast for temperature and likelihood of rain. Wear, or carry, an extra layer.		

	The walking is flat and easy with only 1-2 stiles.
<b>Facilities</b>	Toilets at Wivenhoe.
<b>Walk source</b>	Leader
<b>Maps</b>	OS Explorer184
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