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Dane End and Haultwick



This 4 mile circular walk explores the landscapes and undulating farmland in rural East Hertfordshire around the hamlets of Dane End, Green End and Haultwick.

Distance: 4 miles / 6.4 km

Ascent: 311 feet / 95 metres

Duration: 1 ½ - 2 hours

Difficulty: Easy

Start / finish: Dane End village - park considerately on the residential streets near the village shop, e.g. Easington Lane or Kingsfield Road. (What3words: desktops.treetop.next)

Refreshments: bring your own picnic

Start the walk on Kingsfield Road on the northern side of Dane End.

Take Public Footpath 001 between two houses, #s 3 and 5 Kingsfield Road on the north side of the street.



Go through the kissing gate and into the field beyond. Turn left and follow the path as it curves along the field edge with trees on the left.

Continue straight on across the field in a northerly direction to reach the western corner of a wood.



At the wood, continue slightly left (not sharp left) up the hill with the tall hedge on your right.

At the top of the hill note the sweeping views behind you to the south and west.

The path then bears right (north) and levels out, still with the hedge on your right.



At the end of the field, follow the path to the right through a small gap in the trees. The path immediately curves left, with a pasture fence on your right.

Continue alongside the pasture fence and down the hill to the road at Green End where there is a sign marked 'Public Footpath 5, Dane End ¾' pointing back the way you've come.

Turn right on the road, and after about 50 yards turn left (west) onto a gravel lane with a sign marked 'Public Bridleway 7, Benington 2'.



Proceed along this lane with Knights Cottage and Pear Tree Cottage immediately on the left and pasture land on the right.

About 200 yards past the cottages, where the lane bears slightly left, you bear right onto a public bridleway between hedgerows. There is no signpost.



Continue on this bridleway down the hill through a small wood, with ancient earth banks on both sides of the path.

Take care not to veer left onto a permissive footpath about halfway down the hill. Instead stay right and carry on down the hill.



Keep on the bridleway until you come to a concrete bridge with an iron railing, near several metal farm gates.

Use the concrete bridge to cross over the Old Bourne and then immediately turn right.

The Old Bourne - often dry - is an intermittent tributary of the River Beane chalk stream.



Follow this path, a Public Restricted Byway, in a northeasterly direction for one mile, keeping the Old Bourne on your right and arable fields on your left.

Pass a small wood immediately adjacent on your left (Shouts Wood). A short distance further on, turn right at the next path junction (there is no signpost) to re-cross the Old Bourne. You are now heading southeast.



Go uphill on the path sheltered between hedges and trees.

At the top of the hill, continue on with the hedge on your right to reach a road. A signpost marked 'Public Bridleway 10, Walkern Park Farm 1 1/2' points back the way you've come.

Turn right and walk along the road up the hill into the centre of Haultwick.



Across from a large brick house on the left (Yew Tree), turn right onto the footpath. The signpost is marked 'Little Munden Public Footpath 003, Joins Fp 002 to Green End'.

Follow the path straight ahead between hedges.



Go through a wooden gate, a horse paddock and another wooden gate.

Then turn left and follow the path along the field edge.

Keep on the path as it turns right (southwest) at the corner of the field. About 40 yards on there is a gap in the hedge on the left. Turn left (southeast) through this gap.



Follow the path straight ahead with the hedge on your left. Pass a row of houses on your left before coming to the end of the field.

At the corner of the field is a metal farm gate and a road beyond it. Do not pass through the gate nor enter the road.

Instead, turn sharp right onto the footpath running across the middle of the arable field and proceed in a south-southwesterly direction, aiming for the right-hand edge of the small wood ahead.



Shortly after reaching this small fenced-in wood, the path turns left through a kissing gate and into a field.

Walk on through the middle of this field, aiming for the gate on the far side.



Pass through this gate and proceed through the middle of the next field along the line of telegraph poles to a gate in the far corner.

After passing through this gate, proceed along the field edge with the hedge on your left.



At the end of the field you will come to a road. Cross the road and walk through the double wooden gates opposite into the churchyard of All Saints Church Little Munden.

Follow the path through the churchyard and around to the other side. Descend a set of concrete steps to the road and turn right.

After passing the primary school on your right, immediately turn right into the field.



Take the path sloping gently down across the field to a brick and flint wall at the edge of Dane End.

Turn right at the wall, and then left through the metal kissing gate and out to Kingsfield Road to retrace your steps to where you parked.



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This route last walked by CPRE in September 2025.

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