

A 5½ mile country walk linking three stations with shorter options. Gravel and hard tracks make it suitable for a Winter's day. It can be walked in either direction and be split into two sections.

Cuffley to Crews Hill

Exit Cuffley Station to the main road outside (Station Road) from where you may be able to obtain a coffee/ tea from the nearby shops beyond the railway bridge. Otherwise, turn left at Station Road, walk downhill for



about 250 yards, cross the road at the footpath sign on the right-hand side and enter the Recreation Field through the kissing gate ❶. Cross the grass at roughly a 45 degree angle to the right towards the far bushes and trees in front of Everest's offices and car park. Go over the footbridge next to the footpath sign and follow the narrow path through trees and gates to emerge into a grass pasture field ❷.



Continue straight ahead with hedge on your right, exit via a kissing gate into an arable field ❸ and turn right towards the railway embankment. Then turn left beside the railway to reach a gravel track (1 mile from the start).

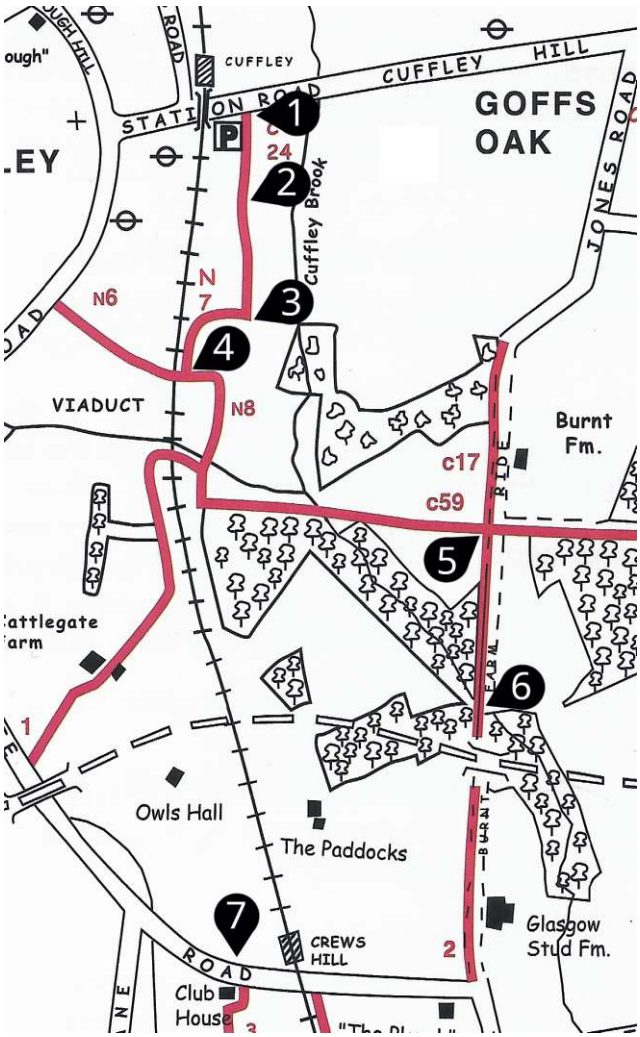
Shorter option: For return to Cuffley Station, turn right and proceed through the railway tunnel ❹ to Northaw Road where after 400 yards turn right. You will reach shops after a further 500 yards.

Otherwise follow the track and turn left into a field and downhill to cross the tiny Northaw Brook. On your right is the eleven span Sopers Park Viaduct built during the early 1900s. The line from Enfield Chase to Cuffley was opened on 4th April 1910 although the



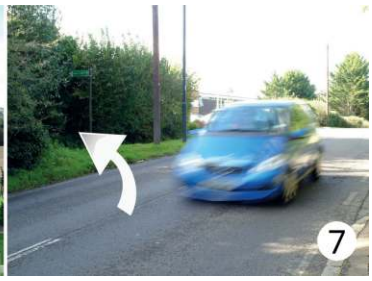
final section to Stevenage did not open until 1924.

Continue ahead for 100 yards to the edge of the wood where the track turns left and then crosses Cuffley Brook before climbing uphill. At the top of the hill look right towards London. In the near distance are Chase Farm Hospital and the spire of St Mary Magdalene Church and beyond are the the Shard, office buildings in the city and Canary Wharf. Look beyond over the viaduct to Northaw Church and the area where a Zeppelin airship was shot down near the Plough, Cuffley on 3rd September 1915.



Continue on the track for 100 yards to reach a major track crossing ❺. Turn right downhill on Burnt Farm Ride past the delightful 'fairy-tale' Burnt Farm Cottage ❻. Burnt Farm Ride has been a long-established route connecting the agricultural areas now known as Goffs Oak and Crews Hill. However it was only after prolonged pressure organised by the Enfield Society during the 1970s that the section north of the Enfield Boundary had a Public Path Creation Order made in 1980. This pressure included a 'mass walk' confrontation two years earlier. For details see the Enfield Society's *Fighting for the Future* book by Valerie





Carter–some copies are still available from The Society.

Continue under the M25 bridge to Sander's Corner in Crews Hill and then turn right past the Plough Pub and nurseries to reach Crews Hill Station (about 3 miles from the start). This is an option to end the walk.

Crews Hill to Gordon Hill

Follow the pavement under the railway bridge uphill for a further 200 yards and cross the road into a signed footpath next to the Golf Club entrance ❼. ***This is a dangerous crossing so take care!*** Follow the path around two sides of the car park to reach a gravel track on the left that goes between two sections of the golf course ❽ with attractive views over Kings Oak Plain and countryside. The golf course forms part of the 586 acres of farmland purchased by Middlesex County Council from Trinity College, Cambridge in 1937 and subsequently handed over to Enfield Council. At the end of the track is Tingey Tops Pond, saved from infill in the 1970s by the Enfield Society. Walk ahead on the narrow fenced path, cross the railway line and shortly reach a track junction (about 1 mile from Crews Hill Station) ❾. If you turn right along the track under the railway bridge you will reach the Ridgeway in less than







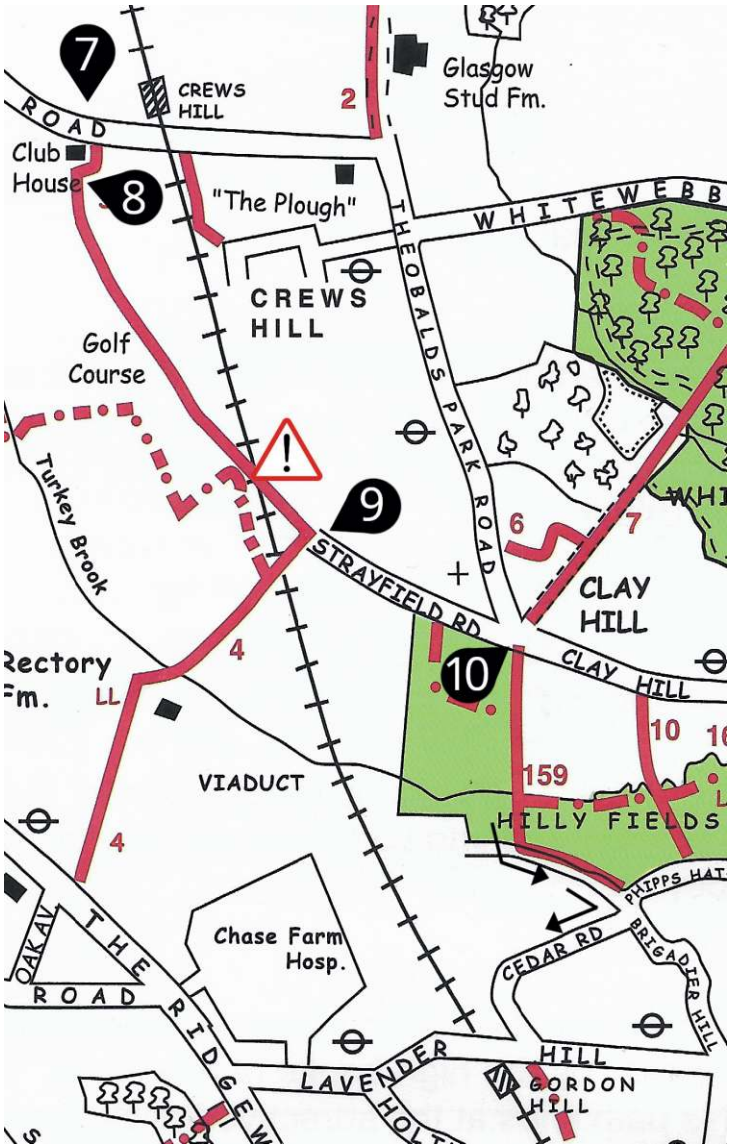


1 mile.

Otherwise go straight ahead up Strayfield Road for about 650 yards to reach St John's Church, Clay Hill (built 1857). The Enfield Society recently contributed towards the Lych Gate repair costs. Also note the nearby Victorian horse trough and renovated ex-Fallow Buck Pub building. See Enfield Society's *Heritage Walk 5 Clay Hill and Whitewebbs* booklet.

Turn right down the public footpath off Strayfield Road ❿ into Hilly Fields, crossing Turkey Brook, from where you may wish to turn right beside the brook to reach Rendlesham Viaduct. It is an important example of railway engineering with fourteen, thirty-foot span arches supported on 13 elegant piers and bastions.

Then retrace retrace your steps to Turkey Brook and turn right uphill to Cook's Hole Road and turn left. If the Cemetery gate is open, you could enter and walk through the Cemetery to exit into Cedar Road/Lavender Gardens to reach Gordon Hill Station. Alternatively, turn right at the top of Cook's Hole Road and then walk to Gordon Hill Station via Cedar Road and Rendlesham Road.



Enfield Society Footpaths map

The map sections on this leaflet are extracts from The Enfield Society's popular footpaths map covering the whole Borough. These can be purchased for £5.00 plus p&p (including postage) from The Enfield Society web-site shop.

The reverse of the map has information about many individual paths and rights of way with nine suggested routes of varying length from 2½ to 12½ miles.