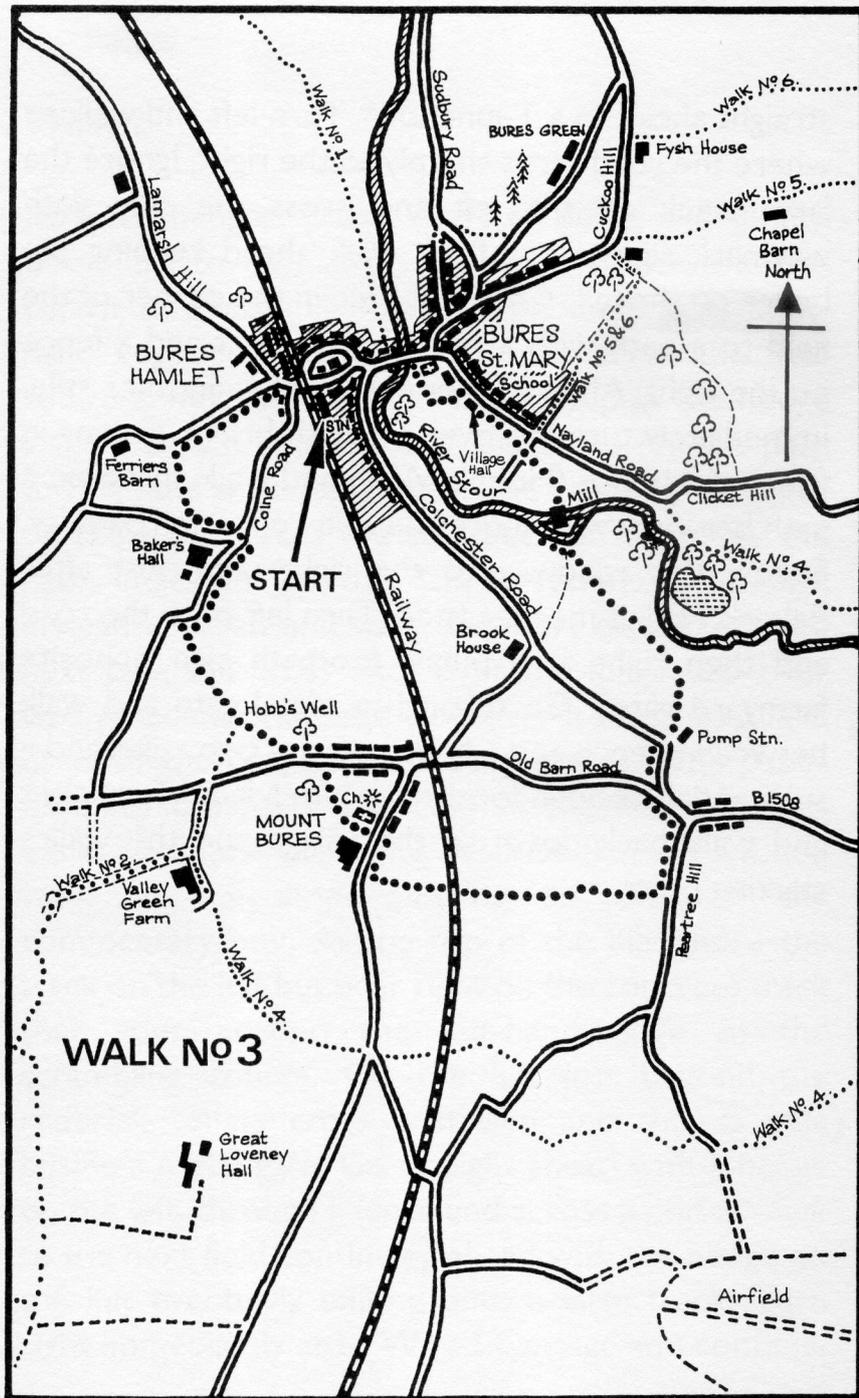


Walk 3

Distance: 5.8 km (3.6 miles)

This walk begins in Essex and ends in Suffolk but only a few hundred metres separate the start and finish. The walk leaves Bures Hamlet and passes through the village of Mount Bures and crosses beneath the Marks Tey to Sudbury railway line. Further on the path follows the flood plain of the River Stour and crosses the river at Bures Mill before turning back to Bures St Mary.



1. Leave the station car-park and turn left and then immediately left again into Station Hill. Go under the railway bridge and past the turning to White Colne. Turn left at Public Bridleway and No Entry signs and enter a metalled lane with trees and hedges

- on both sides and a stream on the left. Continue up the lane to a waymark sign and wooden footbridge on the left just before the lane curves to the right.
2. Cross the footbridge and follow the path with the hedge on the left to a gap in a hedge. Walk between a hedge and a fence to a metal gate and exit at the corner of the field onto a minor road opposite a farmyard. Turn left past the farm buildings and turn right onto a farm road that is sign- posted for Master's Farm.
 3. Continue on this road with views of Mount Bures church to the left and turn left at a public footpath sign and a sign for Hobb's Well. Walk on a path between wire fences to Hobb's Well, pass the house and cross an earth bridge over a small stream. Immediately turn left along a fenced path through a plantation of trees to a stile and waymark sign beside a wooden gate. Turn right to a stile beside a metal gate and cross onto a minor road.
 4. Turn left up the road over a small bridge and just beyond a barn on the left turn right at a public footpath sign and gate. Walk up steps and then turn right through a gap in the hedge up into a field. Keeping to the high ground cross the centre of the field (passing on the left the "mount" which gives its name to the village of Mount Bures) to a waymark sign and then to a gate in the corner of the field.
 5. Walk along the outside of the churchyard fence to a gate and waymark sign. Enter the churchyard and keeping the church on the left exit the churchyard by an iron gate. Follow the path up to a road. At the road turn right and then opposite some houses turn left off the road onto a path running in front a of a dutch barn (unofficial sign "No bridleway, footpath only" on side of barn).
 6. Continue past the barn and along the right-hand edge of the field, with a hedge on the right to a tunnel under a railway line. Turn right past the pillbox and then after a few metres turn left across the field on a path running below electricity cables. Walk to the next post supporting the cables and turn left and then immediately right over a wooden footbridge.
 7. Continue along the right-hand edge of the field (ditch on the right) below the electricity cables to the end of the field and turn left and then after a few metres right, now with the electricity cables on the right. At the other side of the field cross an earth bridge over a small stream and turn right along the stream. After a few metres turn left across the field to public footpath onto a minor road through a gap in the hedge.
 8. Turn left and follow the road until it meets the B 1508. Turn left and cross the road following the inside bend of the road. At the point where the road turns sharp left turn right at a public footpath sign onto a metalled track. Continue past the Anglia Water pumping station and when the metal railings on the right finish continue on the path between hedges. After another short section of metal railings turn left over a wooden footbridge and then right along the hedge to meet another footbridge coming from the right.
 9. Turn left across the field. Just before the end of the field turn left at a waymark sign over a wooden footbridge into a small field. Cross this to another wooden footbridge and stile in the corner of a field. Cross this field diagonally to a stile and waymark sign on the opposite side. Cross the stile and go straight ahead to another stile and waymark sign.
 10. Once over the stile bear right (Bures Mill and mill pond on right) to a wooden gateway in the hedge on the right-hand edge of the field. Follow the bridge over the sluice to a path between white picket fences. Pass the "Footpath to Bures" sign on the side of the mill buildings and continue on the path with trees on the left and a paddock on the right.
 11. At the end of the paddock where another track joins from the right keep going left and go through a white wooden gate. At the point where another track leading from houses on the left joins cross the track to a public footpath sign and cross the field diagonally to a gate in the corner and exit onto a minor road. Turn left and walk the short distance to Bures village hall car-park.