

Galleywood Walk **Two**

Galleywood Brook

Distance and time taken

8km/4 miles— Approx 2½ hours

Parking

The Common
(TL703025)

Refreshments

Shops and pubs in Galleywood Village
Galleywood Heritage Centre

Public Transport

Traveline 0870 608 2608
Traffic Information 0845 600 0110

Ordnance Survey Maps

Explorer 183
Landranger 167

Toilets

Galleywood Shops. Galleywood Heritage Centre

Hazards

Not suitable for wheel chairs or pushchairs.
Stiles, Contains Permissive Routes, Horses, Tree Roots

Directions

From The Common car park (off Margaretting Road) take **FP47** and join **BW79** to the Lower Common Car Park.

Cross over the approach road to Wood Farm and take a left hand curve past the car park to the finger post on Stock Road opposite **FP50** and path to Glebe Farm. Cross Stock Road and follow **FP50**, keeping to the left and pass through the kissing gate.

Continue north-east towards Lower Green but turn right at footpath junctions and go south-east to Galleywood Brook. Cross the Galleywood Brook and proceed south on **FP50** crossing the A12 on the footbridge, turning left onto **FP59**.

Follow the A12 boundary for 300 metres to VP2 then turn right through the kissing gate and walk up to join FP57 at the Parish boundary. Continue north-east on FP57 passing through a kissing gate, where you get a great view of Great Baddow Radar Tower. Then pass the parish boundary stone No 4 and onto Church's View

(VP3) where you can sit and see three village churches. Your route continues north-east on a Permissive Path turning left as you reach West Hanningfield Road and follow the hedgerow up to The Lodge. Turn left onto FP54 at the Lodge and proceed over the A12 bridge and turn sharp left along the hedge to the finger post pointing diagonally right to another finger post at the hedge line.

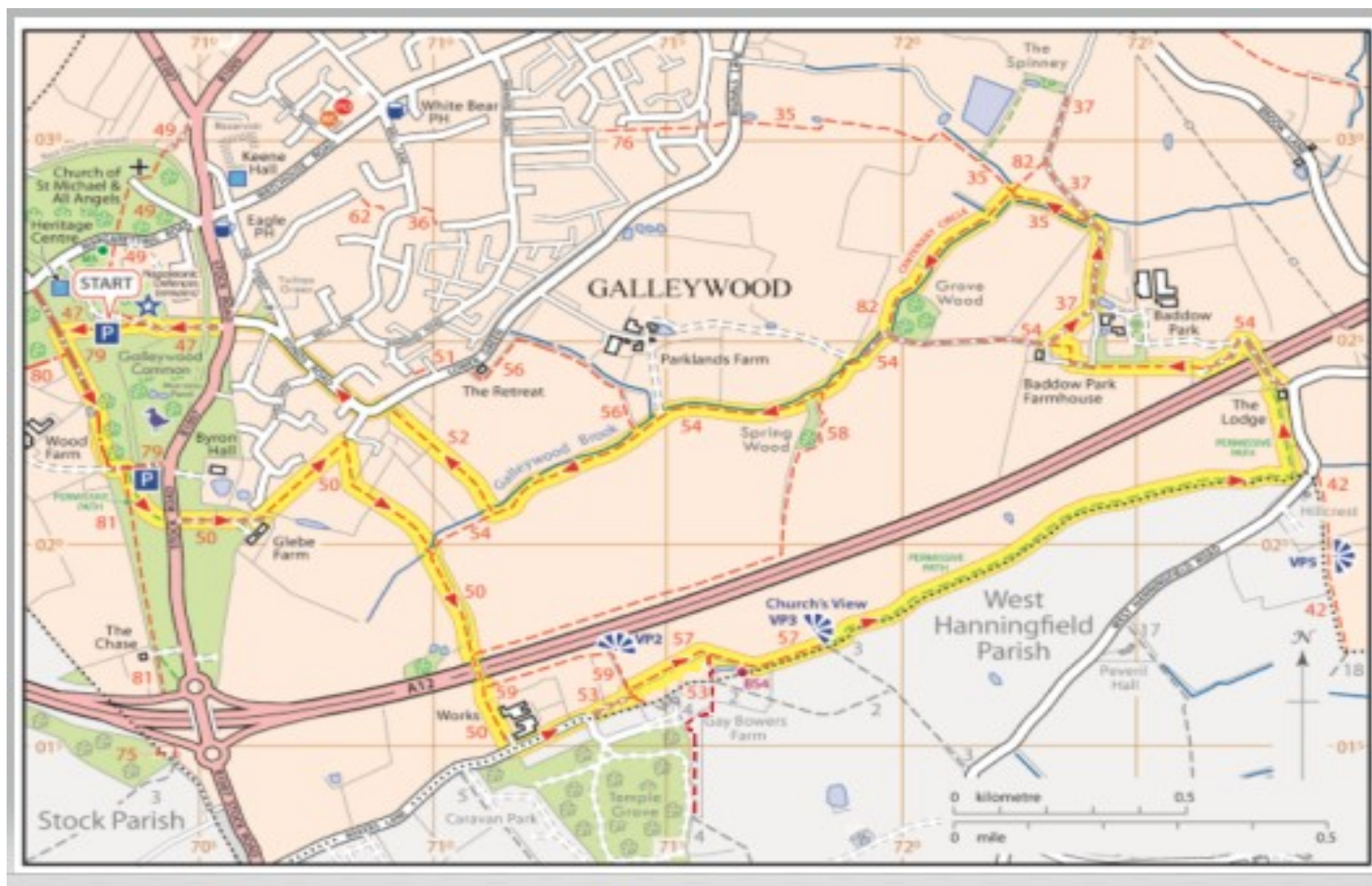
Go through the gap, keeping the hedge on the right, in winter you can see glimpses of the Hall through the hedge.

Follow the yellow footpath arrows through a thin belt of trees and shrubs till you come out by the entrance to Baddow Park Farmhouse. Turn right onto **FP37** and walk up past the industrial area of Baddow Hall on your right, with the vineyard on your left. Pass Galleywood Winery and cross Galleywood Brook, then turn left onto FP35 and follow the Galleywood Brook till it meets the junction of **FP82**. Turn left and walk to Grove Wood. Cross over Galleywood Brook on the footbridge and turn right joining **FP54** which follows the brook to Spring Wood where you turn right and cross over two footbridges, then up four steps and follow the field round to **FP52** cross the cultivated field and go through the first of three gates in the horse paddocks until you come out onto Lower Green.

Turn left and follow Ponds Road to the Stock Road and cross carefully. Go through the gate onto FP47 which takes you to your start point on The Common car park.

The information provided in this leaflet is accurate at the time of going to press. Neither the author nor the Parish Council accepts responsibility for your personal safety. It is your responsibility to ensure you are able to do this walk and are equipped appropriately. Follow the Countryside Code at all times (see www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk for further details).

The Walk can be started at any point and taken in either direction. Appropriate footwear should be worn. Dogs should be on leads



Historial Notes—Walk Two—Galleywood Brook

Galleywood Brook

Galleywood Brook is a tributary of Sandon Brook, which flows into the River Chelmer at Sandon. It has been known locally as simply "The Brook" and it is only in 2004 when the first Galleywood Footpath map was being drafted that the name 'Galleywood Brook' was suggested to clarify the footpath descriptions.



Centenary Circle

The Centenary Circle walk around Chelmsford is 36km long and takes approximately 9 hours to walk. The Galleywood sections run from Bekeswell Lane on The Common to Great Mascalls Farm along the West Han-

ningfield Road. For full walk details please access www.essexwalks.com/walks/centenary_circle.html

Galleywood Ecclesiastical Parish

Galleywood parish was formed in 1874 from parts of four others—Moulsham, Great Baddow, West Hanningfield and Orsett (detached). The eastern and northern boundary from Stock Road (500m south of the Ship Inn) to Galleywood Road (at the petrol station) are marked by ten stones which bear the letters G.C.St.M.C.C (Galleywood Common St Michael Consolidation Chapelry). Each stone is numbered and No 4 near Gay Bowers (previously know as Hill Farm) is a 1955 cast concrete replacement of the original stone.

Radar Tower

The Great Baddow Mast was part of Britain's early warning defence network during World War Two. As part of the 'Home Chain' network it was originally built at RAF Canewdon, south-east Essex, detecting German bombers approaching the

Thames and London from the northeast. It is one of only five radar masts surviving, and the only complete example in the country. It was relocated to the Great Baddow site in around 1954 and was used for developing radar, radio and telecommunications technologies. The mast is a prominent landmark, visible for many miles. It serves as a strong reminder of the country's World War Two defences, developments in radar and the legacy of the Marconi Company. The mast is of considerable local interest and heritage value



The Jubilee Grove

Planted to celebrate the 2012 Diamond Jubilee anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II by Andrew Gowers as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. A mixed native planting of Rowan, Oak, Hazel, Apple and Holly.

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