

What to expect

The old Church of St Mary's offers a peaceful sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of the modern world. This mainly fourteenth century church is believed to have had its roots in the Saxon era. Parts of the north wall date back a 1000 years and reused Roman bricks have been used in its construction. In 1986, a rare Coat of Arms from the reign of King James I was discovered below layers of limewash above the chancel arch.

The countryside surrounding this church is every bit as beautiful and peaceful as the church. This circular walk includes Hillhouse Wood, quiet footpaths and country tracks. An optional extension leads into West Bergholt, to the Queen's Head pub.

Distance

Red route 4.5km / 2.8 miles

Red & blue route 6.2km / 3.9 miles

Duration

1 hour / 1 hour 20 minutes

Difficulty

Moderate, some uneven sections and can be muddy after rain.

Start and Finish

OS map location TL955282

Postcode for satnavs CO6 3DU

Facilities

Parking available near the church.

Transport

Buses are available in West Bergholt.

Further information

The Friends of St Mary's Old Church organise events throughout the year to raise vital funds to care for this special building and have generously supported several conservation projects.

More information about their activities can be found on the village website and their Facebook page:

<https://westbergholt.org/clubs/st-marys/>

<https://www.facebook.com/fosmoc/>



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West Bergholt: a circular rural ramble

Explore the beautiful countryside that surrounds the historic church of St Mary's, enjoying Hillhouse Wood with its wealth of wildlife and carpets of bluebells in spring.

Along the way

Points of interest

1. St Mary's old Church, West Bergholt
open daily, 10am - 4pm
2. Hillhouse Wood (Woodland Trust)

Restaurants









The Queen's Head
5 Queen's Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3HE

Convenience Store

43 Chapel Rd, West Bergholt,
Colchester, CO6 3JB

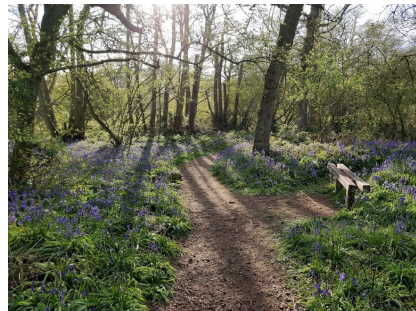


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St Mary's old Church



Bluebells in Hillhouse Wood

