

Bures Walks 6: Shorter Mount Bures Round – about 4k



From the Community Centre car park take the tarmac path across the sports ground, across the Millennium Footbridge and along the riverbank to Colchester Road. Carefully cross the road and turn right. Very soon take a waymarked track to your left (the footpath fingerpost is rather ivy-clad!) and follow it uphill, leaving the Normandie Way play area to your left. The path narrows between fences and turns right then left before emerging in The Paddocks.

Cross the top of The Paddocks to join a grassy path ahead. This leads to stiles on either side of the railway. Please cross with great care – Burostar runs quite quietly sometimes!

Join a narrow path with new buildings to your left. On reaching Parsonage Hill turn left and follow the road out of the village. Where the road takes a sharp right-hand bend go straight ahead onto a minor road which leads you past Bakers Hall (on your right) and Master Farm.

A footpath leaves on your left, immediately opposite Master Farm. Follow the field edge, hedge on left, into the valley. Continue across a footbridge then turn right, and soon left, to follow the field-side path uphill with a ditch to your right.

The path emerges on the green near Mount Bures railway crossing. Cross the railway and cross the road to a hedged path which leads you down to Colchester Road, following the line of the road, but with much better views.

Carefully cross Colchester Road and enter the lane immediately opposite, leaving a bungalow to your right. At the end of the lane a kissing gate takes you into a meadow which you cross by bearing slightly left to a further gate. Continue across a footbridge, and past a sluice on the site of one of the old navigation locks. The mill and mill-pool are to your right.

Join the mill drive and bear left. Just beyond the junction with another drive is a gate with a footpath fingerpost. Follow the line that the fingerpost suggests, with a fence on your right. Continue with a school playing field on your right, to emerge on Nayland Road close to the Community Centre.

If you find any of these directions inaccurate, or encounter any problems, please let me know at hughturner447@gmail.com. Thank you.