

Danbury Walk 5: Sandon Hall

Distance and estimated time taken:

6.5 miles (10.5 km) approx 3 ½ hrs

Parking:

Danbury Sports and Social Centre (free)
Mayes Lane (free)
Danbury Country Park (charge)

Toilets:

Sports and Social Centre
Danbury Country Park



Maps:

Ordnance Survey OS Explorer 183
Danbury Parish Footpath map

Danbury - Outdoor Pursuits Centre - Sandon Hall - Butt's Green - Danbury Country Park - Danbury

Directions:

From the Danbury Sports and Social Centre, walk to the rear of the main car park and proceed up past the Armada Beacon to the radio mast. Walk past the beacon and then turn right and take the footpath towards St. John The Baptist Church for about 20 yards and then turn left onto the footpath through the church yard. Proceed along this footpath, passing the allotments and continue down a slight incline until a small woody triangle is reached. Bear left and continue on the footpath crossing the end of South View Road, passing between the rear gardens of houses until a t-junction is reached. Turn right and follow the footpath, through the housing estate until Well Lane is reached. Turn right into Well Lane past Danbury Park School and continue until the junction with the A414 is reached. Turn left and walk along the pavement towards the bus stop. Take the footpath on the left just after the bus stop and enter the Outdoor Pursuits Centre grounds.

Proceed along the footpath following the yellow footpath signs. Bearing slightly left continue until the driveway to Danbury Palace is reached. Cross over the driveway pass through a gate and follow the footpath through the field opposite. Continue on the path through into the next field. After passing through a gate, bear slightly right to a double kissing gate in a large hedge. Follow the path to the gate in the far left-hand corner of the field. Follow the path around the edge of a small wood then turn right, then sharp left into a field. Follow the path around the edge of the field turning right at the next corner. Continue along the edge of the field and follow the path through Cherries Wood. When Hull's Lane is reached turn left and continue until the junction with Woodhill Road is reached. With care cross over to Mayes Lane opposite.

Continue along the lane for about 150 yards until a finger post is reached on the right-hand side just opposite a bungalow. Follow the footpath indicated with hedges on both sides crossing two small bridges until a field is reached. Turn left following the path through the field passing through a kissing gate into a wood with a stream on the left. Continue on through the wood until a concrete road is reached. Turn left and follow the road past the reservoir on the right until a finger post is reached. Turn left at the finger post and follow the path, passing Sandon Hall on the right until a 3 way marker post is reached. Carry straight on (do not turn left) and follow the path through a field with a hedge on your right. Follow the path turning right over a bridge and stile into a small wood. At a way marker post turn left towards Butt's Green. When the road is reached turn right and after approx 100 yards turn left onto a footpath to the left of Brown's Cottage. Follow this footpath crossing stiles and bridges until Sporehams Lane is reached opposite Chamberlains Farm.

Turn right and walk for about 100 yards until you reach a finger post on your left opposite Sporehams Farm. Cross into the field and follow the footpath across the field past a pylon to a bridge. Cross the bridge and follow the path across the next field to the far hedge until you reach Woodhill Road. Taking care turn right along the road and proceed until you reach a gate on the left beside Yew Tree Cottage.

Take the path into Danbury Country Park and follow the right hand tracks, past the toilets and into the main car park. Follow the path around the car park next to the lake. Follow the path on the other side of the car park and proceed through the woods until you reach a gate leading into Well Lane. Cross Well Lane with care, and take the footpath on the right up some steps. Following the path, cross Beaumont Park and continue on a slight incline between rear gardens of houses until a junction is reached. Turn left at this junction, follow the footpath, crossing the end of South View Road until you pass the church allotments and reach St. John The Baptist Church. Continue on the footpath through the churchyard and turn right onto the footpath that goes past the radio mast. Turn left after the radio mast, pass the Armada Beacon and return to the Danbury Sports and Social Centre.

