Danbury Walk 3: Butt's Green

Distance and estimated time taken:

5.3 miles (8.6 km) approx 3 hrs

Parking:

Danbury Sports and Social Centre (free) Mayes Lane (free) Danbury Country Park. (fee required)

Toilets:

Sports and Social Centre Danbury Country Park



Maps: Ordnance Survey OS Explorer 183 Danbury Parish Footpath map

Danbury - Thorn Wood -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 at the end of the track turn left (admire the view towards Hanningfield reservoir) and proceed down the hill. At the bottom of the hill turn right and walk past the pub (The Cricketer's Arms PH) until you reach the cross roads. Cross over into Sporhams Lane. Follow the lane around a right angled bend and then left down the hill all the way until a bridge at the left hand side of a ford is reached. Cross the bridge and then look for Orchard End on the left, approx. 200 yards from the ford.

Turn into Orchard End, pass between the buildings and turn right onto footpath. Keep to the right of the field and continue until Thorn Wood is reached. Turn left and look for stile on the right just past the end of the wood. Before crossing the stile look North and admire Danbury Hill. Cross the stile, turn to the left and keeping to the left hand side of the field walk to a stile in the the far left hand corner of the field (watch out for sheep), cross the stile and walk a few yards to a concrete track. Turn right and follow the track, Great Gibcracks Chase, until the East Hanningfield Road is reached. Taking care cross immediately over the road onto the pavement opposite. Turn right and follow East Hanningfield Road until the junction with Butts Green Road is reached on the right.

Proceed along Butts Green Road and look for a house on the right called 'The Turnpike'. Turn into the footpath just after the house, a grass path between two hedges, and follow the path across the field until you reach a small bridge on your left. Cross the bridge through the hedge and into the next field. Keeping to the left follow the path until you reach a gap in the corner of the field. Pass through the gap cross a plank bridge into the edge of a small wood. Turn left and follow the path until a field is reached. Continue across the field up a small rise, bear right and look for a gap in the hedgerow on your left..

Follow the path in a clockwise direction around the field. Cross over another stile and continue until a drive way is reached. Cross directly over the drive way into an orchard. Follow the hedge on the left for about 25 yards until a bridge reached. Cross the bridge and stile and head towards the far right hand corner of the field into a small wood. Follow the track through the wood until you reach the road.

Turn left into Sporhams Lane and walk for about 200 yards until you reach a finger post on your right opposite Sporhams 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 YewTree 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. Continue through the woods until you reach the next car park and toilets. Follow the path on the other side of the car park and proceed through the woods until you reach a gate gate leading into Well lane. Cross Well Lane, turn left into the Heights Road and take the footpath on the right up some steps. Following the path, cross Beaumont Park and continue on a slight incline between rows of houses until a junction is reached. Turn left at this junction and 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 into 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.

