



To reach the start, drive through Stanningfield to reach the main road A134. Go right, then left on A1141, and continue to a turning on the left to Cockfield. Continue on this road to Great Green. Park, hopefully in the small lay-by next to the new children's play area. With your back to the playground, walk to your right along Felsham Road for some hundreds of yards. Just before a junction, cross a small footbridge on the left, through a hedge and into a field. Cross diagonally to the right and pass through a copse to find yourself among the buildings of Capel Farm. Pass in front of the farmhouse towards a metal gate. Beyond this, follow the track, cross another track and follow a well-defined footpath through an arable field. Continue along this path into and alongside a second field. With a wood on your left side you'll approach an entrance to Bradfield Wood ahead of you. Immediately inside turn right and walk round the edge of the wood along a clear track, at one point turning 90 degrees left. Turning left again you head towards a house (which is outside the wood). Just beyond this property, look for a wooden building to your left, in a clearing. Go left (no path) and proceed in a straight line in front of this building ('Green Oak Centre') until you meet another track. Go left and follow the track as it continues round the edge of the wood – the red line on the plan shown below – making a sharp right-hand turn to head towards 'Footpath to Bradfield St George' on the plan. By the time you reach this point you'll have exited the wood and be walking along the side of a field.

At the point where 'Footpath to Bradfield....' is marked on the plan, go in the opposite direction to that indicated, along the western edge of the wood, with a stud farm on your right, alongside a newly-cultivated strip of land which has fruit tree saplings planted. When you reach a T-junction of paths go right. This will lead you eventually to a road with the entrance drive to the stud farm (St Clare Hall) on the right. You go left, passing a number of houses. Meeting another road, go left and walk along the road for several hundred yards to a T-junction. Cross over to take a footpath, signposted, alongside the back garden of an isolated house. Shortly turn left along the edge of a field, cross a track and continue on a well-used path across another field. At the other side, go through a small group of trees, crossing a stile, and (avoiding a path going off to the right) follow along the edge of two more fields. nb Don't go left where a track leads off towards a wood ('King's Grove'). Further along, now in the second field, the path kinks left, then right. Then at the end of the field turn left and walk in a fairly straight line towards houses in the distance. At

one point you'll need to bear to the left of a high hedge line and continue on the side of a field with the hedge on your right. Eventually, there's a paddock on your left and the path becomes quite narrow between the fence and the hedge. Then you turn left at the end of the paddock and shortly go right to reach the road. Going right at this point, you'll find yourself at the opposite side of Great Green to where you started.

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It's a little difficult to describe the section through Bradfield/Monkspark Woods so in case of confusion, here's a copy of the map given out by Suffolk Wildlife Trust showing the woods and paths:

