

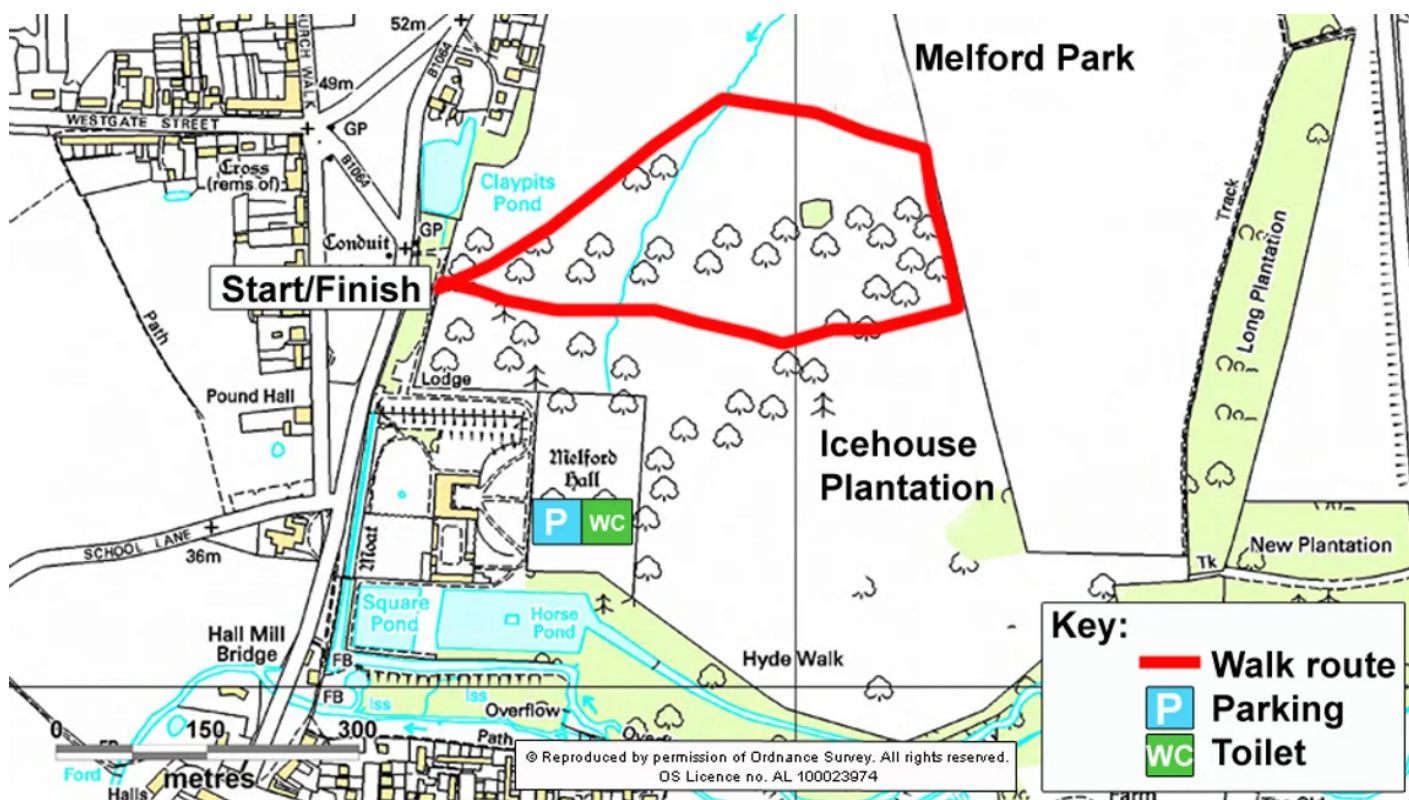
## SUFFOLK

# Melford Hall estate park walk

Take in the splendour of the ancient former hunting park of Melford Hall, as well as the impressive 15th-century Holy Trinity church, on this picturesque walking route around the estate.

## ! Walk availability

Please note that this walk is only available when Melford Hall is open.



## Information

Address: Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 9AA

OS map: Explorer 196

Activity: Walking

Easy: Easy walking terrain along grass. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: On leads in car park and on park walk only

Full trail: Miles: 1 (km: 1.6)

Duration: 30 mins

## Terrain

Circular walk, with easy walking along grass. Can be muddy after rain near the stream. Sheep droppings in the park. No bins, so please take your rubbish home.

## Total steps: 8

Start point: Melford Hall car park, grid ref: TL866463

1. Inside the grounds of Melford Hall, face the gatehouse, turn right and walk to the top end of the car park. Go through the kissing gate on your right and into the park.
2. At the signpost immediately in front of you, follow the left-hand arrow along an open grass pasture heading for a wood line in the distance in front of you. Head for another signpost in the middle distance.
3. At the signpost, keep straight on with the valley to your right and houses on your left, which are up the incline with the church tower behind them. Pass a big lone tree on your left with a line of small trees on your right, heading for the valley floor.
4. At the next signpost, turn right, cross over the stream via an old wooden bridge and head straight on up a small incline. Another signpost is clearly visible on the crest and Melford Hall is in the distance over to your right.
5. When you reach the fence line, turn round and absorb the impressive view with the houses and church on your right, the park to your front and Melford Hall on the left. If you are lucky, you may even see some wild muntjack deer.
6. Follow the fence line and at the next signpost by the fence, turn right and on the information board just in front of you, read the interesting details about Sir John Savage's Park.
7. Move on straight down the hill between the avenue of trees, taking in the view as you descend gently. Cross the stream again via an earth bridge, head on up and then return to the car park. Maybe stop for refreshment at the Old Kitchen tea-room, if open.

8. After your walk, take time to visit Holy Trinity Church, on the far side of the green opposite Melford Hall.

End point: Melford Hall car park, grid ref: TL866463

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