

What to expect

Willingale is highly unusual in having two medieval churches sharing the same churchyard, with the long distance Essex Way footpath passing between them. St Andrew's features fascinating medieval graffiti in the chancel, depicting bishops and crossbows and was the parish church for airmen based at a nearby airfield during the Second World War. This circular route through flat arable land takes in a third church at Fyfield. A couple of benches near the church and bridge at this half-way point offer an opportunity to rest and refreshments are available from the Queen's Head or post office in Fyfield, or the Black Bull as you leave the village.

Distance

8km / 5 miles

Duration

Approximately 2 hours

Difficulty

Moderate — generally flat and can be muddy after rain. Mainly footpaths through arable land with some short sections on country lanes. Live-stock in field after leaving Fyfield. Several stiles on second half of walk, returning to Willingale from along the river.

Start and Finish

OS map location: TL 59655 07377

Postcode: CM5 0SJ

Facilities

Parking available on The Street in Willingale.

Further information

Details about the history of the area can be found on the Willingale village website.



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Tours and Trails

County: Essex

Willingale: a Tale of Two Churches in one Churchyard

Explore the two beautiful churches of Willingale before a tranquil walk through fields to Fyfield and back

Along the way

Points of interest

1. St Andrew's Church, Willingale
2. St Christopher's Church, Willingale
3. St Nicholas' Church, Fyfield

Please check websites for opening times

Restaurants

The Queen's Head, Fyfield

Refreshments are also available from the Post Office in Fyfield

Convenience Store

East of England Coop, Chelmsford, CM3 2EH



Key



CCT church



Point of interest



Parking



Toilet



Rest Spot



Restaurant



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Accommodation



St Andrew's Church



St Christopher's Church



St Nicholas' Church

