

PARHAM

Suffolk

A Circular Footpath Walk



Moat Hall

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GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Parham lies 2½ miles S.S.E. of Framlingham in the valley of the River Ore.

OF INTEREST

The **Church Farm** in the centre of the village—a mediaeval manor house.

The **Church** (illustrated). Built by the 2nd Earl of Suffolk in 1370. (Note the rare canopied niche over the door.)

Moat Hall (frontispiece). The original Parham Hall, home of the Willoughbys of Parham, still retains a considerable section of the Elizabethan manor house.

Rachel's Wood, Silverlace Green. Once supposed to have been inhabited by a witch of that name—rumour put about to deter casual visitors to the cottage in the centre of the wood which was a stopping place on the smuggler's route to Bruisyard.

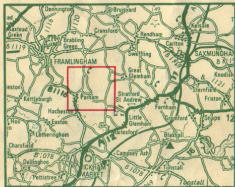
Queen Mary's Wood. Of more historical interest, this wood lies on the northern parish boundary. The road through the wood is still known as Bloody Mary's Ride.

On the 10th July 1553, Mary Tudor arrived at Framlingham Castle. Edward VI had died four days earlier. Within weeks Mary had succeeded to the throne and on July 31st, accompanied by a reputed 40,000 men, left for London. The route the cavalcade is said to have taken went through he wood and along the Parham boundary towards Glemham.

Parham House Gateway (illustrated). Parham House was burned down in the late 19th century but the two stone pillars of the original gateway can still be seen in the middle of the fields.

HOW TO GET THERE

Leave the By-pass on the A12 by the Framlingham slip road. Follow the B116 through Hacheston to Parham. Turn right across the bridge. Parking available near telephone box.



COUNTRY CODE

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
- Guard against all risks of fire.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Keep to public footpaths across farmland.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Take your litter home.
- Help to keep all water clean.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.



Parham House Gateway

KEY

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 - == ROAD
 - - - - TRACK
 - - - - OTHER RIGHT OF WAY
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St. Mary's Church



THE WALK: From Parham Church

Pass through the gate into the meadow below the churchyard. Keeping the hedge on your left, cross the meadow to a stile. Proceed directly to a second stile. Cross this and bear left up the hill towards **Moat Hall** pausing at the top of the hill to look back over the village. Continue from the gate keeping Moat Hall on your right. Turn right at the end of the Moat and cross the meadow to the next stile. Turn left down the farm track and left again at the signpost (a **Water Tower** is visible in the distance.)

Bear left along the roadway from the Water Tower to **Silverlace Green**. Cross the Green and turn right down a lane signposted Cransford/Brusyard, to Mill Green. (Ignore Footpath sign pointing right at Rachel's Wood, top of lane.)

At **Mill Green**, identified by a large thatched cottage on the left, continue along lane. (NOTE: The footpath sign opposite the entrance to Park Farm is the left turn for those intending to walk the shorter route.) Continue along the lane for approximately half a mile to a 'T' junction.

Turn right to **North Green** and take the bridge path on the left to **Home Farm**. On entering the farmyard turn left at the sign. Look for a waymarker arrow on an ash tree marking the crossing point and bridge over the ditch. Follow the path, keeping the hedge on your right, until you reach the pond. Turn right on to a farm track and continue to the next signpost. Turn right, then left to Parham Wood.

Walk round **Parham Wood**, keeping the wood on your right, to a track on your left leading down to a large pond. By the pond turn left at an oak tree keeping the pond on your right. A signpost marks the start of the old railway cutting. Bear left through the cutting until you see a waymarker arrow for the start of a covered footpath. Follow the footpath through to Brick Lane. At the end of **Brick Lane**, turn right to the centre of the village.

TIME:

Long Route: 1 hour 40 minutes

Short Route: 1 hour