

An enjoyable walk with the added benefit of visiting Battlesbridge Antique Centre, with lots of things to see and lots of places to eat. Grab a cup of tea or coffee and a cake of course.

With over 80 dealers housed in a variety of old buildings and courtyards, the centre is open 7 days a week from 10am to 5pm. The area is picturesque and the bridge in the middle of the area is a good place to look over the tidal River Crouch.

It takes its name from the Bataille family; it was mentioned in a 1351 document as the settlement of Bataillesbregge. This confirms that there was a bridge as far back as the 14th Century, although the present-day iron structure is much later, dating back to 1872. It was the second iron bridge, the first was struck and damaged by a passing steam traction engine.

A great place to travel to by train especially as the car parks get full rather quickly and by midday it is hard to park. Enjoy the stress free visit and a nice walk, a wander around the centre and a cup of tea/coffee.

Planning Your Walk

- Approximately a 3 mile walk taking you 2 hours at a leisurely stroll.
- Not suitable for buggies so good mobility needed with good walking shoes.
- Refreshments available in Battlesbridge Antique Centre.

Directions

1. Leave the station and at the end of the road turn left walking towards the Antique Centre, so decisions have to be made as to whether you stop for refreshments before or after your walk!
2. Take the next road on the left called Maltings Road, follow this road which turns into a country lane with no pavements so watch out for traffic on this road.
3. When you get to the end of the lane you come to Gosses Farm directly in front of you, look to the right and you will see the public rights of way sign and the steps up to the walk.
4. Follow this path following the river for the first 100 metres where you find to your left a bench on a higher level, here you take the higher path, slightly away from the river.
5. Follow the path along the field edge right up to Hayes Caravan path, here you will have to turn back on yourself and retrace your steps.

