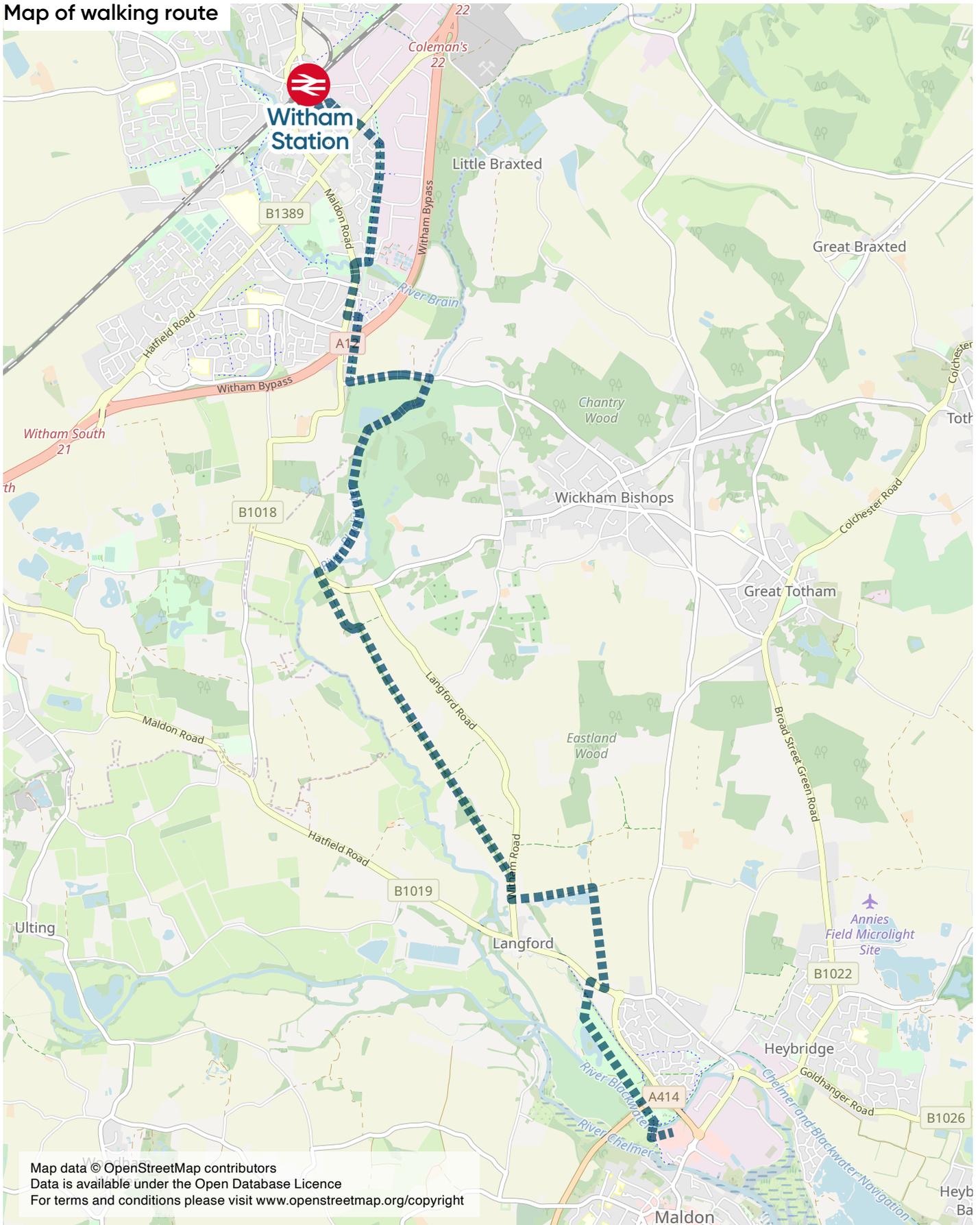


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Witham to Maldon – Blackwater Rail Trail

Map of walking route



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A circular walk with a difference! Catch the train to Witham, then follow the Blackwater Rail Trail to Maldon and catch the bus back to Witham for your journey home. The track closely follows the former railway line between Witham and Maldon. Some sections have to deviate from the former line and occasionally have to follow the road.

Planning Your Walk

- Approximately 8 miles, allow 4 hours.
- Most of the track is straight easy terrain, dog-friendly.
- Please check the bus timetables before travelling. At time of writing they are circa every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday but no Sunday service. The bus service is the number 90 from Tesco Store Stop 1 at Maldon to Witham train station Albert Road entrance.

Directions

For the first stage of the walk there are two options:

EITHER

1. From Witham railway station exit the car park along Easton Road.
2. At end of Easton Road turn left into Collingwood Road
3. At the roundabout take the first exit onto The Avenue
4. Turn left into Avenue Road
5. At the end cross over into Chess Lane
6. Turn right into Blackwater Rail Trail. Follow the Rail Trail path to Bridge Street

OR

7. From Witham railway station exit the car park along Easton Road.
8. Go straight over the roundabout into Guithavon Valley.
9. Cross the road (Bridge Street) where the path continues.
10. The path passes a large tree with several tree stumps around it. The main path then bends left with a bridge over the river but don't take this, keep straight with the river on your left hand side.
11. The River Walk ends on Bridge Street.
12. From Bridge Street you cross over the road to turn right along the road for a while before turning left into Laurence Avenue.

13. Turn right into Maldon Road.

14. Turn left into Constance Close.

15. Turn left on to Blue Mills Hill. Walk along Blue Mills Hill. The public footpath is on the right shortly after the humpbacked bridge – take care when crossing it.

16. The public footpath skirts along the golf course alongside the river. At the end of the golf course keep going straight on alongside the river. (This can be muddy in wet weather). You will pass a wooden trestle viaduct, the only remaining wooden viaduct in the country which is a 'Scheduled Monument'. Take a moment to read the information boards there.



17. At the end of this path turn left and cross the road. Walk along the road until you pick up the path again on the right. Follow this until the end (it can be flooded when it has been raining) and then cross over the main road (Witham Road).
18. The path then takes you around Conag's Farm (the signpost is at the entrance to the farm, slightly further down the road).
19. Follow the path until you see the reservoir and turn right after you pass it. Follow the path and at the bottom of the path turn right onto the road.
20. Turn left, crossing the road just before the humpback bridge and the road sign for Langford, to join the public footpath (you will see the signpost). This is now open green space. Turn left into the dip in the green space and follow alongside the railway path until you reach the entrance to it.
21. The railway path eventually comes out at the edge of Oak Tree Meadow Park. From there, follow the public footpath following the canal under the road bridge.
22. From there you will see the edge of Tesco's carpark. Cross over the green bridge to reach it.