

Colne Valley Half Marathon 2026 23/08/26



Key:

BL - bear left

BR - bear right

BW – Bridleway

CP – Checkpoint

CVP – Colne Valley Path

EB - earth bridge

EP - enclosed path

EW – Essex Way

FB - footbridge

FC - field corner

FPS - footpath or finger post sign

FSD - for some distance

IMM - Immediate

KG - kissing gate

L - left

LHFE - left hand field edge

PBW – Public By-way

R - right

RA - roundabout

ROAD CARE! – TAKE CARE!

SA - straight ahead

TL - turn left

TR - turn right

RHFE - right hand field edge

THRU - through

WM - way marker sign

X - cross

Self-Navigation Instructions – Mileages markers are approximate!! If you find yourself lost retrace your steps to last known location and go again.

Exit Greenstead Green village field. **TL, LH** side of road. Downhill approx. 200m, as road **BL**,

TL THRU gate into **EP** between horse fields. **THRU** gate, **SA X** field. At wood corner **BL**, onto

RHFE. **FC, TR THRU** copse, keep sewerage works to the left. At field **TR**, follow **RHFE** to

road. **TR** over bridge, **IMM TL** into **FP**. **SA** on **FP THRU** woodland. Exit woodland **LHFE**. **FC**

TR uphill (don't go thru hedge gap). **FC, THRU** hedge gap, **BL** approx. 10 o'clock. **1 mile**.

SA X field. Downhill towards hedge over **FB**, up **THRU** copse, **RHFE, THRU** hedge gap, **TL**

LHFE, BL into **EP**. **THRU** wooded copse, **SA RHFE, THRU** hedge gap, **TL LHFE** keep L into **EP**

SA, over **FB**. **ROAD! TR, SA FSD**, pass Earls Colne airfield windsock on **R**. As road **BL**, pass

Half Road Field allotments on L. **2 miles**.

SA FSD. At road junction grass triangle, **TR** Coggeshall. **SA**. When road **TR, SA FPS** onto

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track **LHFE, FC, TL**, pass hedge on **R**, **TR RHFE** downhill. next field **LHFE. FC THRU** hedge gap, **RHFE, THRU** hedge gap, **RHFE. 3 miles.**

THRU metal **KG, BR RHFE. FC THRU** metal **KG**, onto gravel **SA. ROAD!** **TR** keep on pavement. As road **BR, X ROAD** onto **FPS** pass Tilekiln Farm on **L. SA, BL** onto track. **FC BR** down into **EP**, Downhill **SA. ROAD CARE!** At electric pylon, **TL, SA FSD.** After road **L** bend, approx. 75m, **TR FPS THRU** gate. Follow **RHFE.**

Marathon runners join from the L. 4 miles.

FC BR over **FB TL. LHFE, THRU** hedge gap, **LHFE** under pylon wires. **FC THRU** hedge gap and metal gate. **SA X** field, **THRU** gate between buildings, old mill on **L. SA** pass **THRU** Colne Contracts yard. Over stile, **SA**, over 2nd stile, **SA RHFE, THRU KG FPS** along fence, then brick wall, pass large house on **L. Approx 100m** before hill, **TL THRU** hedge gap, **BR X** field along grass track, **THRU** fence gap **FPS, SA**, at wood corner keep **RHFE.** (Don't go through metal into woods). At wooden fence, **THRU** metal gate. **5 miles.**

Over **FB**, pass lake on **L**, boardwalk, metal gate, **LHFE**, wooden **KG, X** field **THRU** gate, onto gravel pass building on **R. Onto track, SA** pass church. **ROAD CARE! TL, X** to **RH** side of road **TR** into Swan pub car park, **SA** to rear of beer garden.

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Exit **CP** under bridge, **TR. SA THRU** gravel area, **THRU** wooden gate **SA. 6 miles.**

SA EP. FB FC, X field towards house. **ROAD CARE! TL.** End of keep **L, EP.** Field **TR RHFE** approx. 50m. At 'Private' sign **BL X** field, **X EB, SA X** field to **FC SA LHFE. FC THRU** hedge gap & metal **KG, SA LHFE. FC THRU** metal gate **SA LHFE. FC** pillbox on **L THRU** metal gate **SA LHFE** (not over bridge). **7 miles.**

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FC THRU metal gate and **FB CVP**. **SA LHFE FSD**. Next field **SA LHFE FSD**. At trees **BR** on track **TL** round large oak tree. **SA LHFE**. **FC FPS SA** 'Essex Way'. Before **FC BL** towards pillbox keeping close to river. Around pillbox **SA** railing fence on **R SA EP**. Over **FB SA**, **X** driveway **SA**. **8 miles**.

ROAD CARE! **X** road **TR SA** on pavement. Pass New Rd on R. At end of wooden fence **FPS TL**. **SA LHFE**, **FC THRU** hedge over **FB SA LHFE**. Approx 100m **BR X** field uphill towards end of tree line. **THRU** hedge gap, **SA LHFE**. At woods **TL** down track **RHFE**. **FC CVP SA X** field. **ROAD CARE!** **X** road.

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Exit CP, over bridge **IMM TR** down bank. **THRU** metal **KG X** field, **THRU KG TR SA**. **9 miles**. **SA, FB, SA**. Path fork **BR FPS, EW**. Over **FB EP SA**. **THRU** gate **EP SA**. End of fence **BL THRU** hedge gap, **TR RHFE**, onto track **SA** over bridge. **SA** on track, **THRU** gate, **SA**. **10 miles**. Uphill **SA**. At concrete area **TR, IMM TL** uphill 'Cooks Hall Lane'. **SA FSD approx. 11 miles**.

ROAD CARE! **X** road **TR, IMM TL** 'White House Lane'. Follow road round bends, downhill pass 'Chapel Lane' on L. **BR** 'Bourne Road'. **SA FSD**. At end of tarmac onto track, then **SA EP**. **THRU KG EP SA**. **CARE!** golf course on L. At top of hill **SA CARE!** **X** 2 x golf fairways **THRU** hedge gap, **EP**. **FPS CVP SA**. **12 miles**.

Downhill, **THRU** underpass under A12 dual carriageway, up steps **EP SA**. **THRU KG, ROAD CARE!** **TR**, over railway bridge, **IMM TL EP**. **SA** golf course on R. Path turns away from golf course **FB FPS CVP EP SA**. At track **TL**, track junction **BR SA** 'The Chase Way' on main track towards house and Jumbo water tower in far distance. **SA FSD** pass house on R. **13 miles**.

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SA on track **FB** over River Colne. **THRU** gate **TL** onto pavement. **SA** at **RA** keep L. Approx 50m **TL** down steps, **THRU** underpass. **SA** pass steps on R, **THRU** 2nd underpass. **IMM TR** **SA** on pavement next to road. **ROAD CARE! X** road 'Rotary Way'. **SA, BL** down, sharp **TR** **THRU** 3rd underpass, **BR** up, **BL SA** keep car sales on R. At metal railings **TR** pedestrian entrance to St Helena School and you're all done!! **14.0 miles.**

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