



**Brentwood**  
Borough Council

## Location Map



## About this leaflet

This leaflet covers the area to the south-west of the Borough, including Warley, Thorndon Country Park and a number of other woodlands to the south of the Borough. Three other leaflets are available covering the north-east, north-west and south-east of the Borough. A series of nine leaflets for walkers is also available.

### Useful contacts:

Essex County Council  
Ranger Service  
(Thorndon Country Park):  
Tel: 01277 211250



## Your Rights of Way



Public footpaths - on foot only  
Waymarked in yellow



Bridleways - on foot, horseback and bicycle  
Waymarked in blue



Byways - open to all traffic but mainly used for walking and riding  
Waymarked in red

Permissive paths – routes which landowners allow the public to use, but which can be closed if wished

Areas of work for the Countryside Department at Brentwood Borough Council include:

- Projects such as tree/hedge planting and pond management
- Supporting Thames Chase Community Forest
- Managing nature reserves, woodlands and commons
- Improving access to footpaths and bridleways and encouraging their use

If you encounter any problems please contact  
Parks and Countryside Department  
Brentwood Borough Council  
Town Hall, Ingrave Road  
Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AY  
Tel: 01277 312500  
[www.brentwood-council.gov.uk](http://www.brentwood-council.gov.uk)



## Advice to Horseriders

When riding along bridleways and byways you are likely to meet other people and vehicles. Please follow these guidelines so that everyone can safely enjoy the countryside.

- Keep to the bridleway or byway at all times
- Do not jump hedgerows or fences
- Ensure responsible riding so as not to damage surfaces, particularly in wet weather
- Pass walkers, cyclists and other users at a walk

## Horseboxes

Parking for horseboxes is available at Thorndon Country Park (North) car park off The Avenue. There is a car park off Childerditch Lane.

## Advice to cyclists

- Wear a cycle helmet
- Give way to horseriders and walkers
- Bikes are almost silent, so give warning of your approach, especially from behind

## Woodlands to the south of Brentwood

The area to the south of Brentwood has many woodlands. Those owned by Brentwood Borough Council and Essex County Council can be ridden through using permissive horse rides and dedicated bridleways simply by following the waymarked paths.

The rides cover parts of Thorndon Country Park, Little Warley Common, Warley Gap, Donkey Lane Plantation and Hartswood. They can be linked to bridleways around Herongate by crossing the A128. Take great care near the A128, The Avenue and Hartswood Road as these can be busy.

From the permissive bridleway at Warley Gap a 5km long bridleway can be reached by a small amount of riding on roads. This route begins at Dark Lane, crosses the M25 and goes through to both Nags Head Lane and Warley Road.

