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East Suffolk Line Walks

Country and coastal walks from railway stations in East Suffolk

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Tide Mill, Woodbridge

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Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

Introduction

The East Suffolk Line, the railway linking Ipswich and Lowestoft, traverses some of the most delightful of Suffolk's unspoilt countryside. The entire line was proposed for closure in the 1960s but the present route was saved following a local campaign and today continues as a lifeline for rural communities and the string of towns that it serves. In addition, visitors to the area can enjoy the passing scenery in a relaxed way without the bother of finding suitable parking places or having to worry about road safety.

The stations along the line provide convenient starting and finishing points from which walkers can explore the surrounding countryside, ranging from a short stroll (The Tide Mill Walk) to over ten miles of remote fields and woods (Alde Valley Walk). For more ambitious ramblers, walks can be joined up to make a long distance trail of over 70 miles. The paths, bridleways and tracks included in the recommended routes were selected to provide reasonable directness, variety of landscape, local interest and to allow walkers to enjoy a largely traffic-free environment. Even the outskirts of Ipswich (The Fonnereau Way) and the approaches to Lowestoft (The Easterling Walk) can be traversed by pleasant ways through parks, undeveloped green spaces and small roads.

The Felixstowe Line stations at Trimley and Felixstowe give easy access to some of the best coastal and estuarine scenery in East Anglia.

Services on both lines operate daily all year round, and good value off-peak tickets are available including Anglia Plus One Day Ranger; 'Three Days in Seven' Flexi Rover and GroupSave for 3-9 adults. Tickets can be bought from larger stations or from conductors on the train.

For details of train times

Call 03457 48 49 50 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

For details of bus times

Call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33, visit www.traveline.org.uk or visit www.suffolkonboard.com

East Suffolk Line Walks

Finding your way

Follow the route diagrams, preferably in conjunction with the relevant Ordnance Survey Explorer sheets.

Numbered 'key points' on the maps give additional help where the way may be less obvious, but do not provide step by step instructions for the route.

Look for the distinctive East Suffolk Line Walks Waymarkers. These have been used at the start and finish of each named walk, and at points where there is a choice of route. They are generally not used where an existing named walk is already marked with that name, e.g. Fonnereau Way, Fynn Valley Walk and Angles Way. They have not been used to mark the circular routes from Brampton, Westerfield, Melton, Trimley and Felixstowe stations, or walks to Aldeburgh, Southwold, Framlingham and Bungay. If you don't find a marker post where you might expect to do so, it may be hiding behind hedge growth or resting in a ditch! Similarly, some stiles marked on the route diagrams may have been replaced by kissing gates, etc.

Direction of walks

The walks may be enjoyed in either direction, but there are two important reasons why it is usually better to start at Ipswich and head towards Lowestoft i.e. generally south to north:

This allows one to walk 'up' the route diagrams with no problems of having to reverse east and west, or holding the OS map upside down!

If the sun is shining, it will be from behind - several hours squinting into a low winter sun can be very irksome.

To this may be added a psychological preference for walking towards the sea, especially as the route ends at the most easterly point in Britain. However, an exception to the above suggestion has been made for The Wolfpack Walk because it is better for walks to end at locations with amenities which are plentiful at Halesworth.

Refreshments

Contact the named establishments by phone or website to get up-to-date info about services provided, opening times, etc.

The walk route diagrams

The route diagrams were compiled from surveys made 'on site'. Where the route is obvious, e.g. along surfaced roads or well-used farm tracks, little or no detail is given, but at places where the route is less clear on the ground more detail is shown and the scale may be enlarged. **It is strongly recommended that relevant OS Explorer maps are used in conjunction with the diagrams**, not only as the best possible aid to route finding, but also as a means of understanding the topography and history of the surrounding countryside. Distances are approximate.

Countryside code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

East Suffolk Line
waymarker



Key (Route diagrams are not exact scale)

 Railway line and station platform/s
(some stations have only one platform)

 Level crossing

 Footpath

 Footpath or bridleway along farm track
or unsurfaced road

 Surfaced road

 Hedge

 Fence

 Stile

 Gate

 Approximately north (this may vary a bit
within same diagram)

 Kissing gate

 Isolated trees

 Wooded area or scrub

 Church

 Public house on or close to route

 Tidal water or lake

 River or stream with footbridge

 Pond or pit

1. The Fonnereau Way

Ipswich – Westerfield 3½ miles

Date walked: _/ _/ _

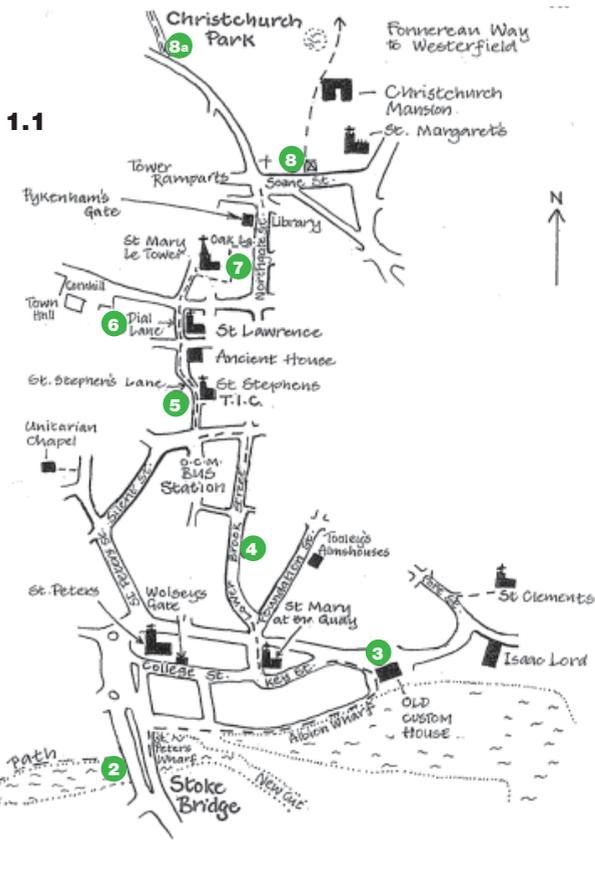
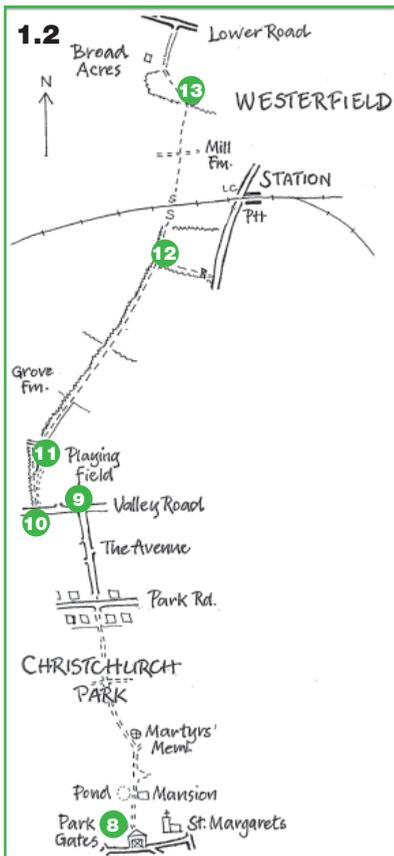
The Fonnereau Way is named after the family who were the owners of the magnificent Christchurch Park and the Elizabethan Mansion from where the route starts, but it's worth beginning this stage from the Old Custom House, in the heart of Ipswich's rapidly re-developing waterfront.

The route through the town explores quaint lanes and some less obvious streets that are full of exceptional architectural and historic interest, including the famous Ancient House with its fantastic pargetting. After the rolling slopes of Christchurch Park the route traverses countryside to the north of the town to reach the rail station and village at Westerfield.

Route Directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Directly opposite the railway station cross Princes St Bridge to steps on left down to the river bank path. (NB not Riverside Walk.) Go under the bridge on a tarmac path (part of Gipping Valley River Walk) to Stoke Bridge.
2. Cross busy road with great care. Go left to flank dock, then right along waterfront.
3. Old Custom House.
4. Lower Brook St.
5. St Stephen's Lane.
6. Dial Lane.
7. Tower St, Tower Churchyard (St Mary-le-Tower, in fact a Victorian spire!), Oak Lane and Northgate St.
8. Soane St and Christchurch Park Main Gate. Fonnereau Way across the park. Cross Park Road, The Avenue.
- 8a. 'Bridleway' alternative if the park is closed.
9. Cross Valley Road with care. Go left for about 300yds.
10. Path off right at side of track to playing field.
11. At the road turn right towards nearby playing field entrance, then immediately left to follow narrow path between fence and bushes. The path follows the hedge.
12. Beyond the second hedge on the right a path branches right to the road south of Westerfield station. Alternatively, continue ahead by the hedge, then bear half right across a small field to the railway stiles. Cross the double track with great care. Keep in the same direction along a narrow grassy strip between fields.
13. Go through a gap in hedge, bear half left across a small meadow to the plank footbridge giving access to the driveway at Broad Acres Farm, leading to Lower Road near Westerfield village.





Planning your walk

Time:

Allow 2 hours

Suggested map:

Explorer Map 197 Ipswich, Felixstowe and Harwich

Refreshment:

The Railway Inn near Westerfield station

2. Circular Walks from Westerfield Station

Date walked: _/ _/ _

Westerfield station provides a convenient gateway to pleasant rambles through picturesque Suffolk villages and countryside. The gentle slopes of the valley of the River Fynn are particularly attractive.

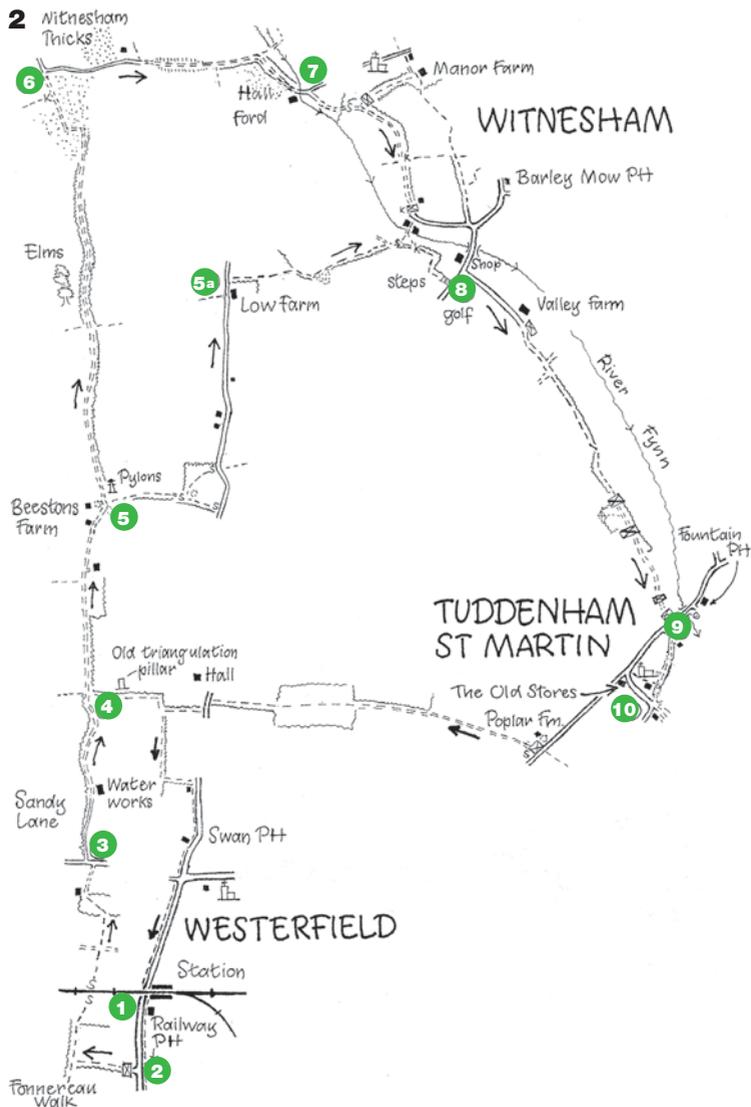
Although there are no large areas of mature woodland, the landscape is well timbered with a wide range of native deciduous trees, especially oaks, that line many of the hedgerows along the way.

Walk distances:

Outer route via Witnesham Thicks - 8½ miles or 7 miles via Low Farm short cut
Short walk via old triangulation pillar and Swan PH - 2½ miles

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From the level crossing at the station head south towards Ipswich, immediately passing The Railway Inn.
2. About 300 yards beyond the pub a field gate set back from the road on the right marks the start of the path by a hedge.
3. Sandy Lane goes off to the right, just beyond the roadway to the water works.
4. At the top of the gentle rise either go right by the hedge (Shorter route via old triangulation pillar and Swan PH) or continue ahead along the track for Outer route.
5. Just before the pylons the short cut via Low Farm branches right along field edge path.
- 5a. Just beyond Low Farm the path goes right at the side of the hedge. Keep direction along nearby tractor wheel marks to the gap ahead.
6. Go right on the road by Witnesham Thicks leading to a sunken lane at the side of a large field. Follow to the bottom of the field, ignoring the first track off to the right.
7. Go past Dutch-gabled hall, cross the ford by the footbridge, bear right along Green Lane to a footbridge and stile to enter a large meadow. Bear half right to follow the hedge (if you don't like cattle, go through the field gate ahead and use paths via Manor Farm).
8. The Fynn Valley Walk starts along Strugglers Lane. Follow it to the road at Tuddenham.
9. The track starts between walls, rising to the back of the churchyard.
10. From churchyard go left along byway signed to Westerfield, passing The Old Stores and village hall. Beyond the concrete pad at Poplar Farm go right on field path following East Suffolk Line Walks waymarks for part of the way.



Planning your walk

Time:

Allow about 4 hours for Outer Route

Suggested map:

Explorer Maps 197 and 212

Refreshment:

There are pubs in Westerfield, Witnessham and Tuddenham.

The Old Stores tearoom and cafe at Tuddenham 01473 785554

Useful info:

There is no car parking space at Westerfield Station, so use the train or bus

3. Fynn Valley Walk

Westerfield – Woodbridge 9½ miles

Date walked: ___/___/___

The Fynn Valley Walk traverses some of the most picturesque countryside in East Anglia. The view from the National Trust's property at Kyson Hill is outstanding and should not be missed.

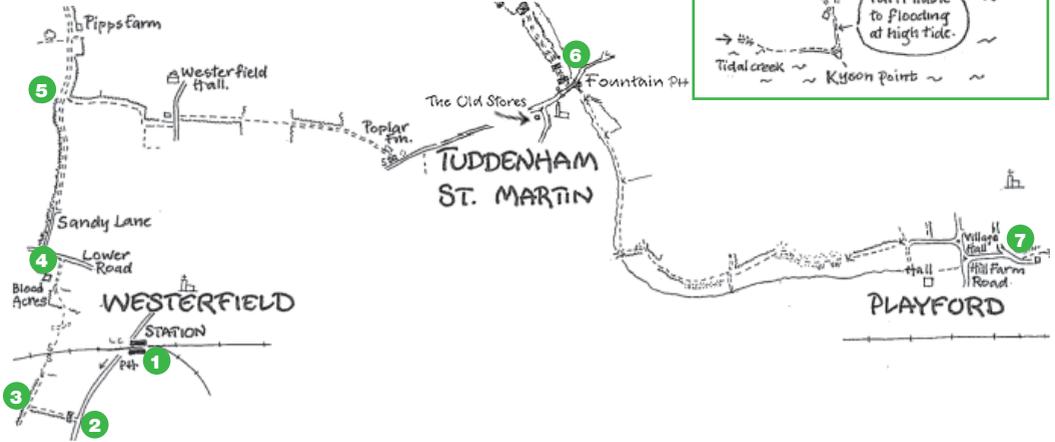
Although Westerfield station is not directly on the Fynn Valley Walk or Fonnereau Way, there are connecting paths to both.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

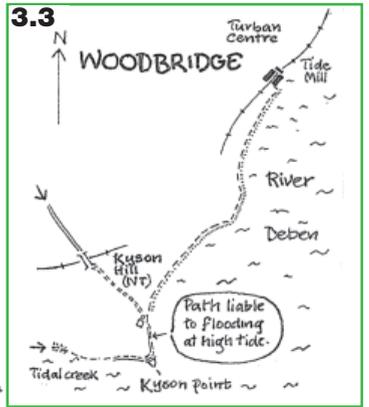
1. From Westerfield level crossing go past The Railway Inn and continue for 300 yards.
2. Turn right on the path by the hedge.
3. Turn right on Fonnereau Way to railway stiles, Broad Acres and Lower Road.
4. Turn right into Sandy Lane, just beyond the roadway to the water works.
5. At top of the rise branch to the right.
6. At the Fountain public house turn into Fynn Lane, then right through a kissing gate. Follow the waymarked Fynn Valley Walk on to Woodbridge, but note the following:
7. Path branches left from more obvious driveway ahead.
8. Look carefully for the path branching left from road - it's easily missed!
9. Head just to the left of the solitary oak.
10. Decide either to follow the path by Kyson Point (low tide only) or the Broom Heath alternative (beware traffic where road passes under railway arch).



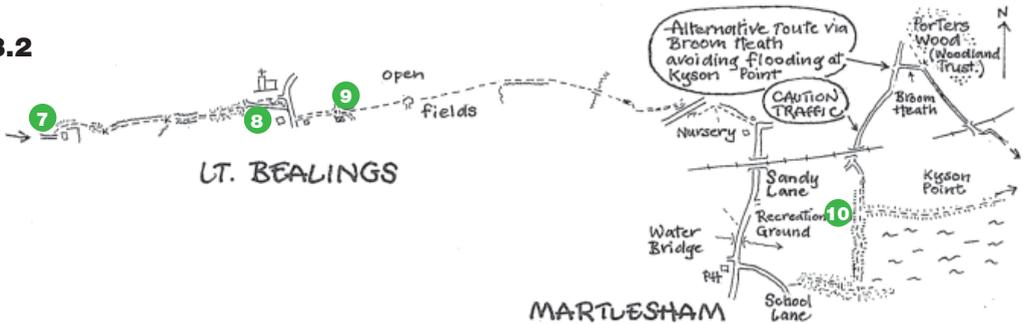
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Planning your walk

Time:

Allow about 4 - 5 hours

Suggested map:

Explorer Map 197 Ipswich, Felixstowe and Harwich

Refreshment:

Pubs along the route at Westerfield, Tuddenham, Martlesham and Woodbridge. The Old Stores tearoom and cafe, Tuddenham. 01473 785554

Other Waymarks:

Fynn Valley Walk; Fonnereau Way

Useful Info:

At high tide the route along Martlesham Creek may be flooded at Kyson Point. An alternative route can be followed via Broom Heath

4. The Tide Mill Walk

Woodbridge - Melton 1 ½ miles

Date walked: _/ _/ _

A popular stroll along the 'Sandlings Walk' bank path of the tidal Deben, with views across the river to the wooded Sutton Hoo estate.

The route passes near to the famous Tide Mill at Woodbridge and boating activity can be watched close by. At low tide wading birds of many kinds can be seen feeding on the exposed mud flats.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Start along the quayside, pass the Caravan Café, then go right over the flood barrier to the far end of Woodbridge Quay, where the footpath continues to the left.
2. Follow the track left round the building with stepped gables; just before the level crossing the path goes off to the right.
3. Wooden steps lead to the path towards the level crossing at Melton station. Alternatively, continue along the surfaced river wall path towards Wilford Bridge and walks to Wickam Market station or Sutton Hoo.



Market Hill, Woodbridge



Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about ¾ hour
Suggested map:	Explorer Maps 197 Ipswich, Felixstowe and Harwich or 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham
Refreshment:	Plenty of places in Woodbridge and Melton
Other Waymarks:	Part of the 'Sandlings Walk', a long distance route from Ipswich to Southwold, waymarked with nightjar symbols
Useful Info:	Tourist information at Woodbridge library 01394 383789, wtic@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk www.visit-suffolk.org.uk

5. Sutton Hoo Circular Walk

Melton - Sutton Hoo via Bromeswell 5½ miles

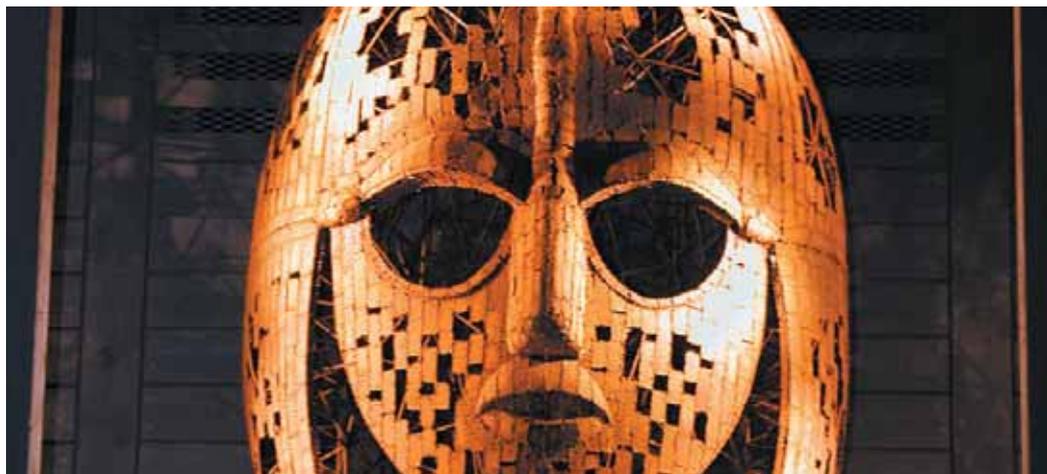
Date walked: _ / _ / _

Attractive and varied countryside includes tidal marshes, oak woodland and sandy heaths, leading to the National Trust's Sutton Hoo estate, an archaeological site of outstanding international importance.

The visitor centre exhibition (entry charges, NT members free) explains the significance of the site and the amazing treasure recovered in 1939 from the ship burial of 1300 years ago. Guided tours available in season.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From the station entrance go right over the level crossing, then almost immediately right again through a kissing gate. Follow the path ahead to steps up to riverbank. Go left along the bank to Wilford Bridge.
2. Boardwalk path across the reed bed is impassable at high tide. Use alternative roadside path if necessary.
3. Track starts off right at the side of the graveyard extension.
4. Cross the road junction with extreme care.
5. Beware golf activity. Follow the waymarked route across the course, diverging from the Sandlings Walk just before the isolated, white-walled 'Lion's Den' building.
6. Cross the road junction with extreme care.
7. Continue ahead on the public path, keeping burial mounds on your left. (Access to mounds not allowed except for NT guided parties.)
8. Use the public footpath straight ahead following the farm drive.
9. Where the farm drive bends half left, path goes ahead then veers slightly left at side of a wood.





Planning your walk

Time:

About 2½ hours for the walk, but much longer if visiting the exhibition

Refreshment:

Pubs close to the route on main road between Melton station and Bromeswell turning (see map); also pubs and shop in Melton village. Café and shop at Sutton Hoo

National Trust estate walks:

Open daily 9am to 6pm all year except for some Thursdays between November and the end of February

Useful info:

NT Sutton Hoo for times, events and access to estate walks 01394 389700 or suttonhoo@nationaltrust.org.uk

Suggested map:

Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham

6. Deben Valley Walk

Melton - Wickham Market station 5¾ miles

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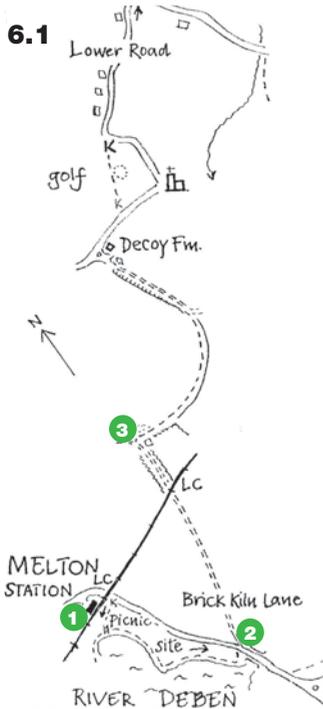
Although less well known than the tidal estuary, the upper River Deben and its smaller tributaries flow through some of Suffolk's most delightful and characteristic countryside.

This is a direct 'all weather' route above the flood plain. The route passes through the picturesque village of Ufford, where the village stocks can be seen outside the churchyard gate near the tower. Ufford church is a good example of Suffolk flint and stone panelled flushwork. Inside there are fine roofs to the nave and chancel, a set of superbly carved bench ends and the famous telescopic font cover reaching to the roof.

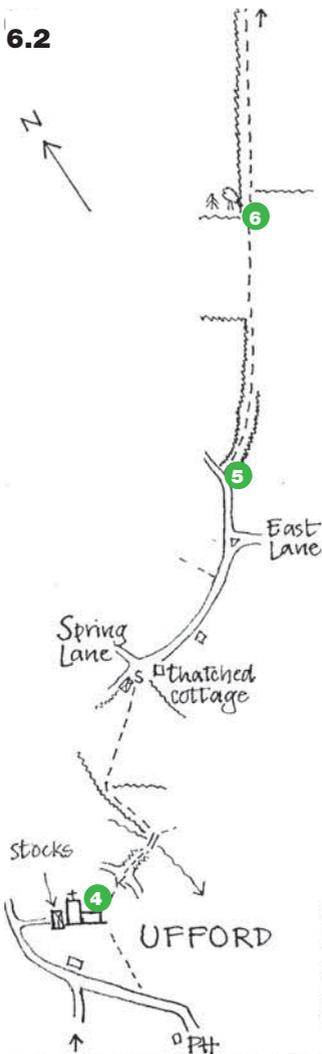
Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From Melton station turn right over the level crossing and immediately right again through a kissing gate; follow the path to steps and the riverbank. Go left towards Wilford Bridge.
2. Cross the main road with great care and go along Brick Kiln Lane.
3. Where the lane swings left follow a path off right, behind a domestic garage. Beyond Decoy Cottage go right onto the public road towards Melton Old Church or take the short cut public path across the golf course.
4. From the north-east corner of Ufford churchyard a short grassy lane leads down to a narrow footbridge. Bear left immediately around the edge of a meadow, then diagonally right across the next meadow towards the thatched cottage.
5. A fingerpost marks the start of a path rising gradually between hedges. Where these end, keep in the same direction across an open field towards a large oak tree at the next field corner.
6. Continue direction, now with the hedge on your left.
7. At the concrete pad, the path goes diagonally right across an arable field to a wooded corner of Loudham Park.
8. At the far corner of the park boundary go sharp left around the field edges to a stile into Loudham Hall Road. Go right along the road.
9. Either take the 'Circular Walk' route left over the footbridge, on to cross paths, then right up through trees to road, or keep to the road passing Ashe Abbey (glimpsed through bordering trees) and the diagonal short cut path left to the road.
10. Options re-join. A finger post points the path across the field to the railway fence. Go left by the railway into Ullswater Road, then right towards the Dog and Duck public house and the station.

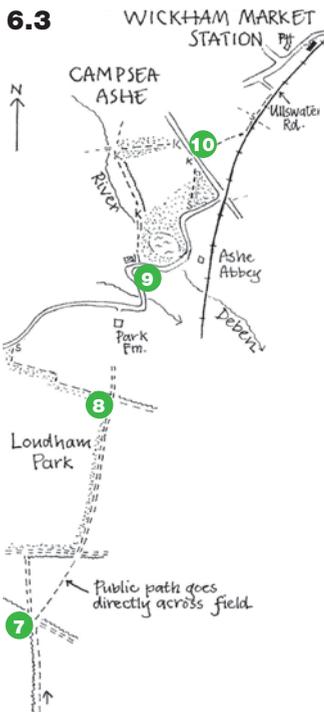
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Planning your walk

Time:

Allow about 2½ - 3 hours

Suggested map:

Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham

Refreshment:

Pubs at Ufford and Campsea Ashe, near Wickham Market station (Wickham Market town and its station are a long way apart). Village shop at Campsea Ashe

7. Aide Valley Walk - with Snape village and Maltings option

Wickham Market Station - Saxmundham 10½ miles direct (13¼ miles via Maltings)

Date walked: _/ _/ _

This is the longest and perhaps most challenging and rewarding walk in the series, allowing walkers to enjoy isolated and remote countryside. There is a considerable variety of landscape including woodland, lush meadows and the light terrain characteristic of the Suffolk Sandlings. Look for the gigantic stone at Blaxhall which gives its name to Stone Farm.

At the world famous Snape Maltings the route connects with the Sandlings Walk and the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Path.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From the station go left past the pub to road junction. Take Loudham Road, then left into Ullswater Road.
2. Beyond the last house the path goes off right by the railway. Follow for about 250 yards to the junction of paths.
 - 2a. Cross the line.
3. Branch left on the field edge path by Barnes's Grove.
4. Go down the driveway to Ashgreen Farm, then take long track beyond to sharp left turn across field to road.
5. Take the path on the right for 300 yards, then go left at the side of the wood.
6. From the corner of the wood go half right across field, then left along farm track.
7. At the approach to the farm turn sharp right opposite the field gate along a broad track passing below cables.



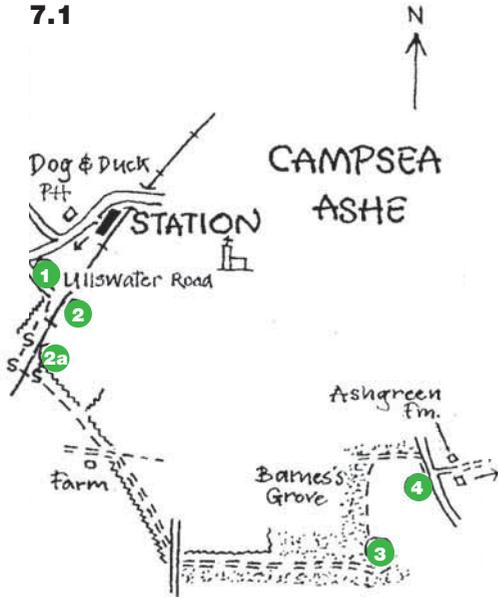
8. Where tracks divide at the top of the gentle rise go left towards pylon.
9. Follow the path along edge of a belt of trees, with fence on your right.
10. The path continues through a gap down through trees to rail crossing and beyond by an old water mill (now a residence) to the road.
11. From road junction go along broad field access track; continue across field beyond (parallel to left ditch), to reach a footbridge over River Alde. Cross bridge, then go right along bank for about 100 yards to where stream bends sharply right.
12. Turn left across the field to the footbridge and small gate just to the right of a young alder tree.
13. Where tracks meet, turn right away from Hill Farm.
14. Where track bears right towards farm, keep ahead across field to metal gate.
- 14a. Decision point! Either go left beyond old pit to continue direct route to Saxmundham (Key points 15-20) or branch right at South Lodge along track to head for Snape. (Key points b-f).
- 14b. At the end of the drive the path continues ahead through a thicket.
- 14c. Go right along the road by entrance to a nursery; then bear right along 'No through road'.
- 14d. Decision point! For Maltings go right along grassy track towards Abbey Farm, or for shorter route to village amenities keep ahead along the lane.
- 14e. Go left off the road opposite entrance to Brick Kiln Park. (Use signed track nearest to the field.)
- 14f. Just before reaching the road near the nursery, turn sharp right along a field path up rising ground.
15. Cross the busy main road with caution.
- 15a. The path beyond the cottage is sometimes waterlogged.
16. Better-drained alternative route, but beware traffic on main road.
17. Green and 'The Wadd' nature reserve.
18. Path branches half left off the road beyond B1121 direction sign.
19. Head across the field to just left of large tree stump in far hedge.
20. Path joins the farm track only briefly; look for the gap on the right at side of an old pit.

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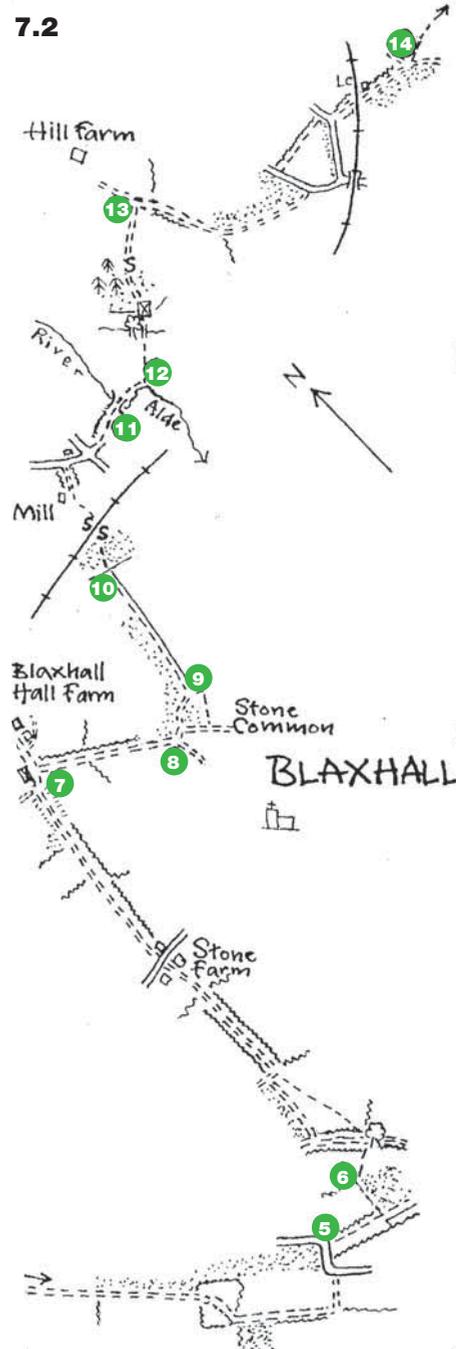
Planning your walk	
Time:	Allow about 5 - 6 hours (7 hours via Snape)
Suggested map:	Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham
Refreshment:	Carry sufficient food and drink for the whole of the walk; there are no pubs or shops on the direct route until Saxmundham, but plenty of choice at Snape village and Maltings
Useful info:	The valley bottom between key points 11-12 may be flooded in winter. The best alternative route is along minor roads via Beversham Crossing, Blaxhall village and Langham Bridge, an extra 1½ miles

7. Alde Valley Walk Continued

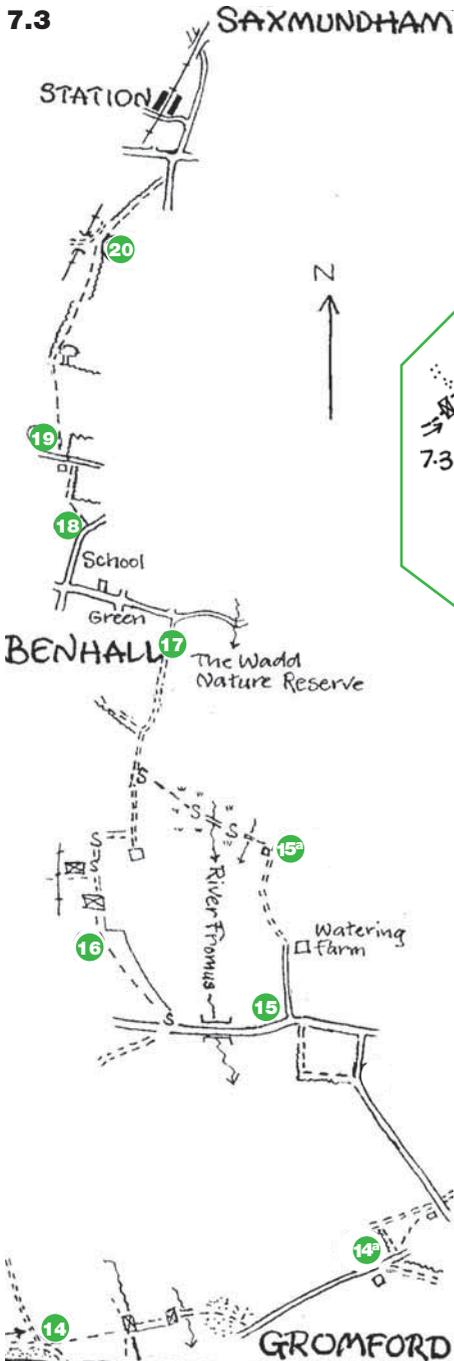
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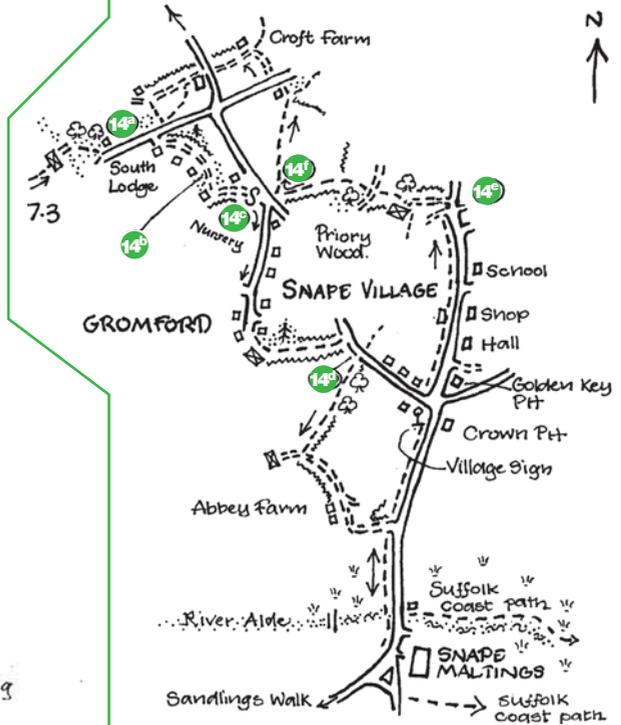
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7.4 Alternative route via Snape



8. The Garden of Suffolk Walk

Saxmundham – Darsham 6¼ miles

Date walked: _/ _/ _

Known locally as ‘The Garden of Suffolk’ the village of Yoxford is approached across the pastures of Rookery Park, one of three country houses that surround the village.

The village is a short distance from Darsham station and was once a staging point on the London to Yarmouth turnpike. The Street (A1120) is most picturesque, lined with an agreeable mix of buildings of various ages and styles, and includes a pub.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

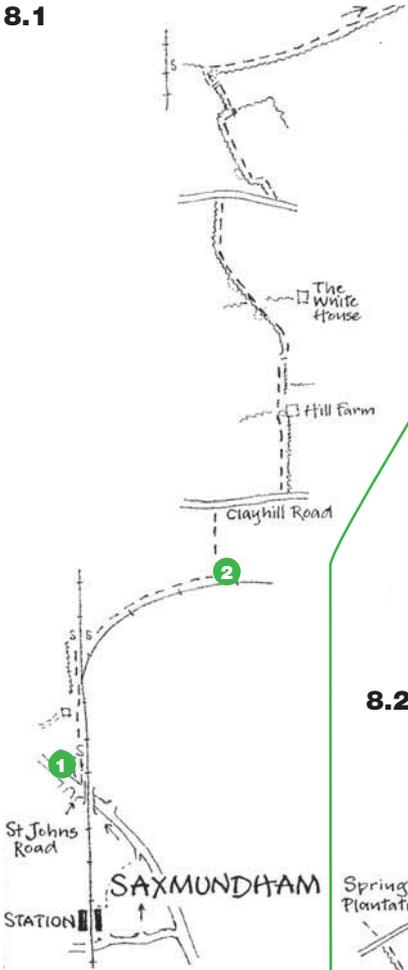
1. The path starts at the side of the railway bridge abutment opposite St John’s Rd.
2. Turn left away from railway, heading across the field towards the fingerpost on the road.
3. Path leaves farm track. Go diagonally (i.e. half left) to the far corner of the field.
4. The path goes off left along a narrow field.
5. Turn left keeping to the field edge; don’t follow the track into the wooded area.
6. Continue straight ahead across the park, following the line of ancient oaks.
7. Two paths bear to the right across the park, leading either to the village centre (aim towards church) or via the side of Pins Wood for the most direct route to the station.
8. Cross roads with extreme caution.



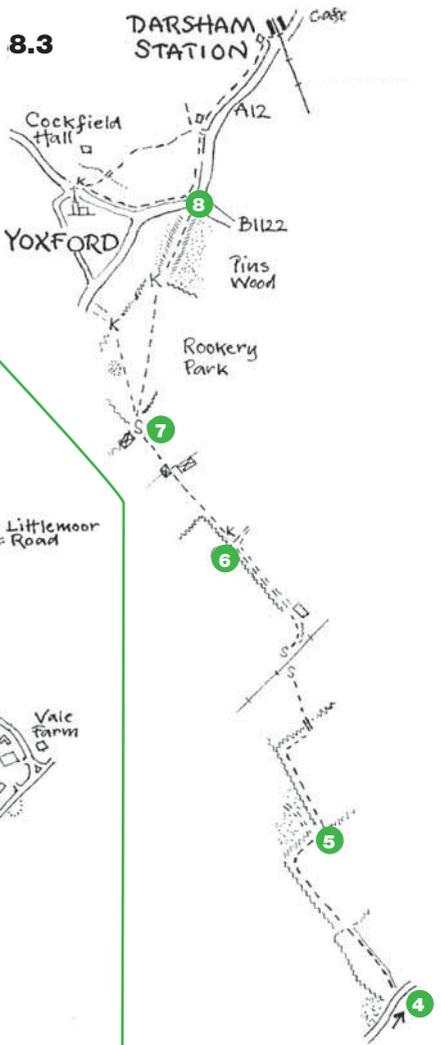
Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 3 - 4 hours
Suggested map:	Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham (almost all the route); also map 231 Southwold and Bungay
Refreshment:	Carry sufficient food and drink for the whole of the walk; there are no pubs or shops midroute, but several at either end
Useful info:	Village shop and two pubs in Yoxford. Darsham Nurseries cafe near level crossing. Shop at nearby petrol filling station.

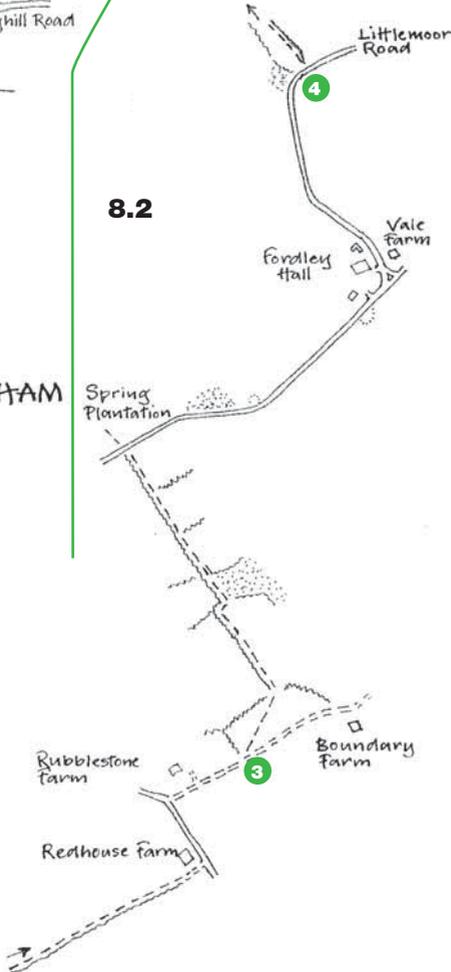
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9. Yox – Blyth Valleys Walk

Darsham – Halesworth 9 miles

Date walked: __/__/__

From the higher ground above the little River Yox the route affords broad views along the valley in the upstream direction. Bramfield, conveniently mid-way along the route, lies in an even smaller valley, watered by a tributary of the River Blyth.

Bramfield church is thatched and has a detached round tower. It has the best rood screen in Suffolk. Opposite the church is a fine example of a crinkle-crankle wall. Extensive meadows flank the banks of the River Blyth on its approach to Halesworth. The local museum is located in part of the station buildings.

Route directions (numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)

1. Path starts from lodge and crosses park to the church; first few yards are unrecorded.
2. On far side of bridge over River Yox the path branches left across a plank footbridge. Head between the two trees on the left of a row of four large oaks.
3. At approach to Woodhill Farm go right through a small metal gate. Cross meadow almost diagonally to skirt bank screening farm buildings. Leave meadow by another small metal gate.
4. Follow path through new tree planting, then go right across an arable field to the road at North Boundary Farm (follow electricity poles if path is not marked out).
5. Go through gap in hedge, then left along broad conservation margin.
6. Cross footbridge and bear quickly left and right to meet a hedge up to the side of Kingstall Wood.
7. Go over footbridge where the path and track divide, ignoring Conservation Walk.
8. Go right along the minor road towards Wenhaston Hall.
9. At the top of slope look for a stile on your left where path crosses to the left, parallel to the track. Follow hedge to left, then right as signed.
10. From footbridge cross arable field ahead, aiming for an electricity pole to the right of a clump of trees seen on the skyline.
11. Bear right, following field edge path (with hedge on your right) to corner of field.
12. Headland path starts from a narrow gap in hedge.
13. Cross easily missed stile set back in hedge.
14. From plank footbridge, go diagonally down across large field, aiming for corner just to the right of Melles Court Farm.
15. Footbridge gives entry to golf course. Go left, then bear right following white marker stakes.
16. Immediately over river bridge go left through a small thicket to follow waymarked route. Frequent footbridges and stiles show the way through riverside meadows and plantations.
17. Just before reaching railway, the path crosses a footbridge on the right. Follow under the railway to town centre and station.

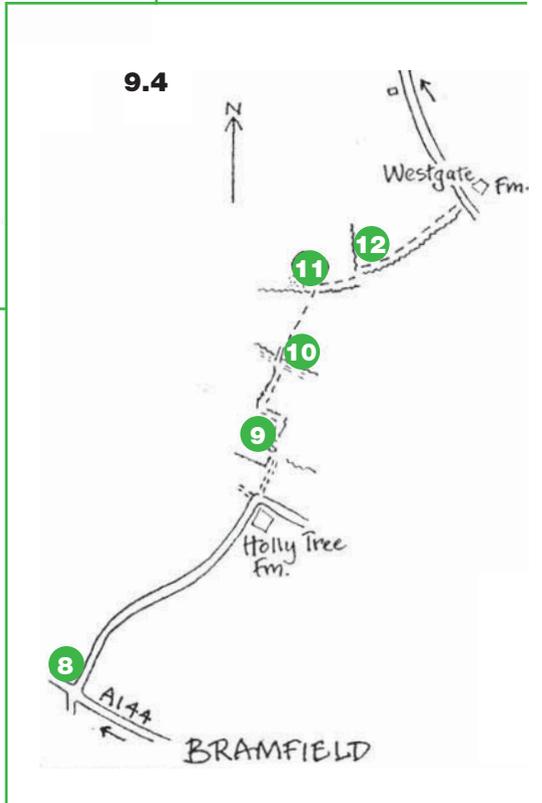
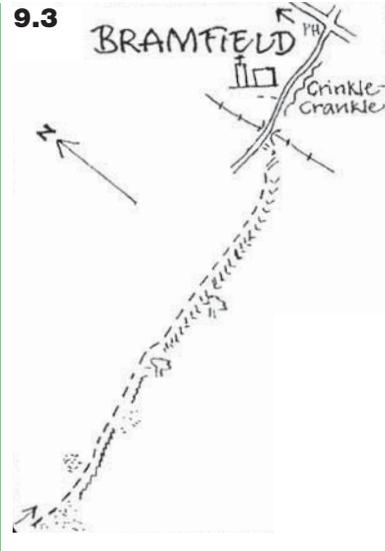
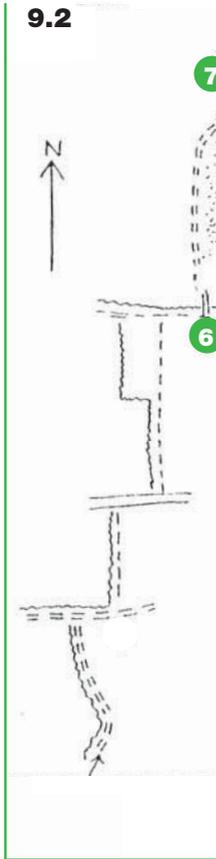
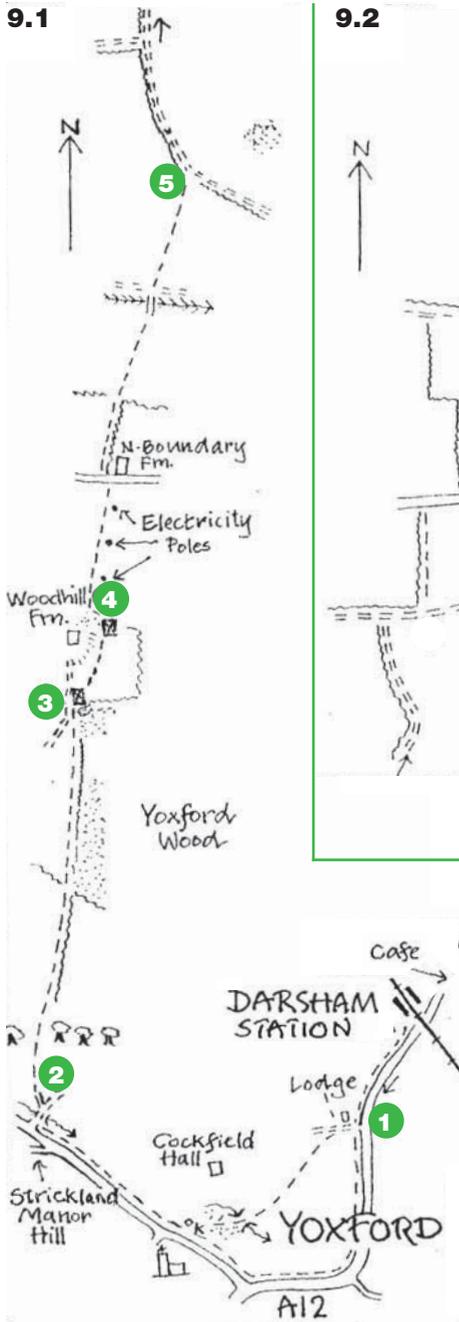
Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 4½ - 5 hours
Suggested map:	Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay
Refreshment:	The Queens Head public house, Bramfield. Darsham Nurseries cafe near level crossing. Shop at nearby petrol filling station. Village shop in Yoxford
Useful info:	Halesworth & District Museum: 01986 873030

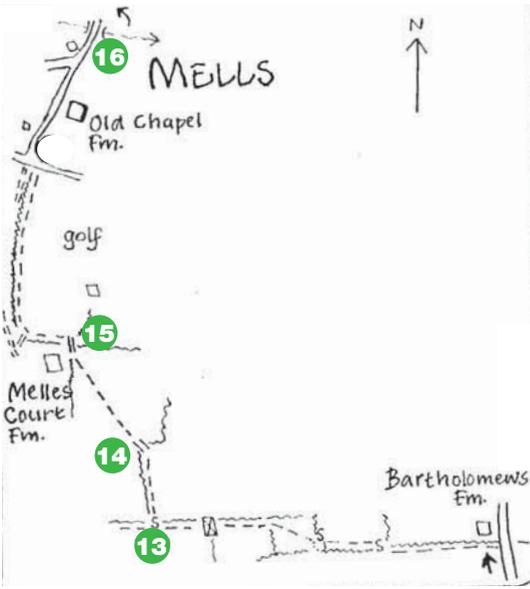
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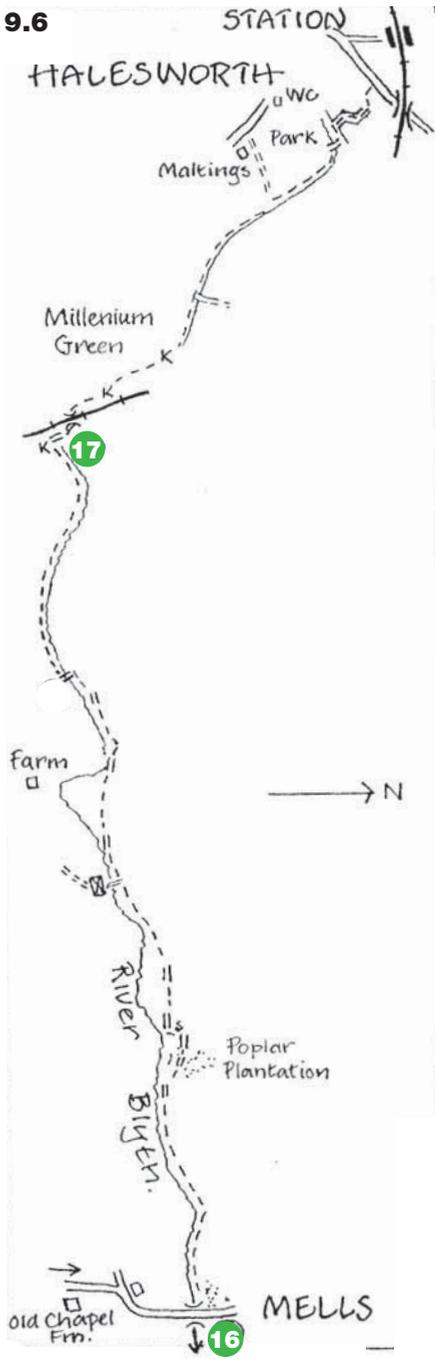
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10. The Wolfpack Walk

Brampton – Halesworth 5 miles

Date walked: __/__/__

The walk provides fascinating contrasts between the ancient and modern faces of Suffolk, showing how landscape evolves in response to mankind's intervention. The 'Fantastical' modern house at Belle Grove Farm, surmounted by a metal dragon contrasts with traditional farmsteads nearby. Part of the walk follows the former perimeter track of the WW2 airfield, home to the U.S. fighter group famed as 'Zemke's Wolfpack'. Their memorials and museum are close to the ancient hedgerows.

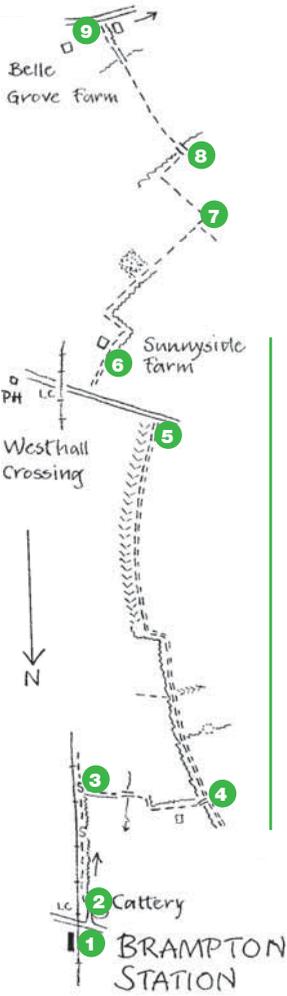
Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Immediately over the level crossing go left along the drive past cottages and towards the cattery.
2. A small gate to the left of the drive marks the way ahead for walkers.
3. Branch right through a small gate; go down to the footbridge; then kink right then left to follow the hedge at the side of the garden to another footbridge.
4. Go left along a broad grassy track; follow to road.
5. Go left, then right along the gravel drive to Sunnyside Farm.
6. Keep direction beyond the farm buildings, then go left around the perimeter of the holding and right along by a hedge to pass the side of a small plantation. Continue direction across the large arable field (the line of the path is usually marked out).
7. Midfield junction of paths. Go left and follow markers to the field edge, then right to a sleeper footbridge.
8. Cross the field, guided by markers to a footbridge and the road a few yards ahead.
9. Turn right to Deadman's Grave crossroads.
10. Go left along 'No Through Road' to Millpost Crossing and the byways beyond to the airfield museum entrance and adjacent memorials.
11. 'Circular Walk' sign marks the start of field edge paths to Halesworth.
12. Cross the road and keep the generally southerly direction along the tree-lined path, not the tarmac roadside path.
13. The short cut path branches sharp right immediately beyond Orchard House.

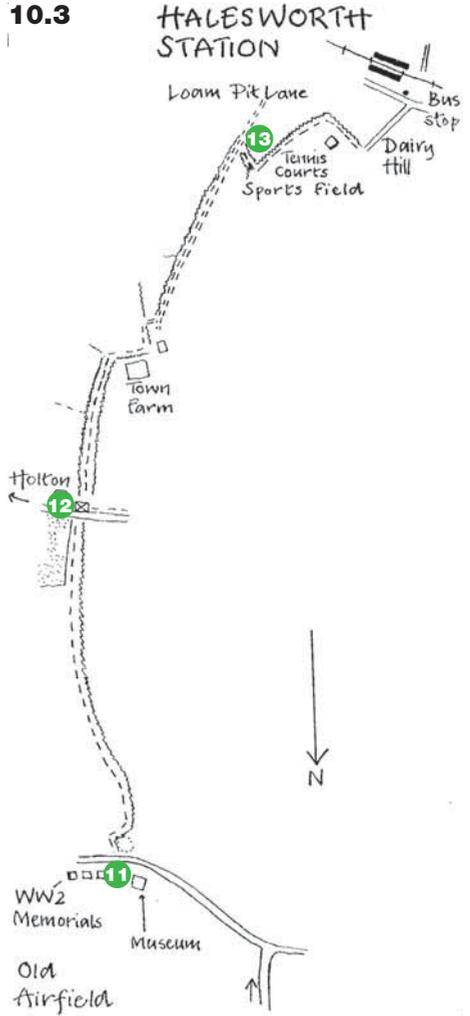
Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 2½ hours
Suggested map:	Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay
Refreshment:	There are no pubs or shops directly on the route, but the Racehorse Pub is just over Westhall Crossing. Plenty of choice at Halesworth.
Useful info:	Halesworth (Holton) Airfield Memorial Museum; 01986 875084 Halesworth & District Museum; 01986 873030

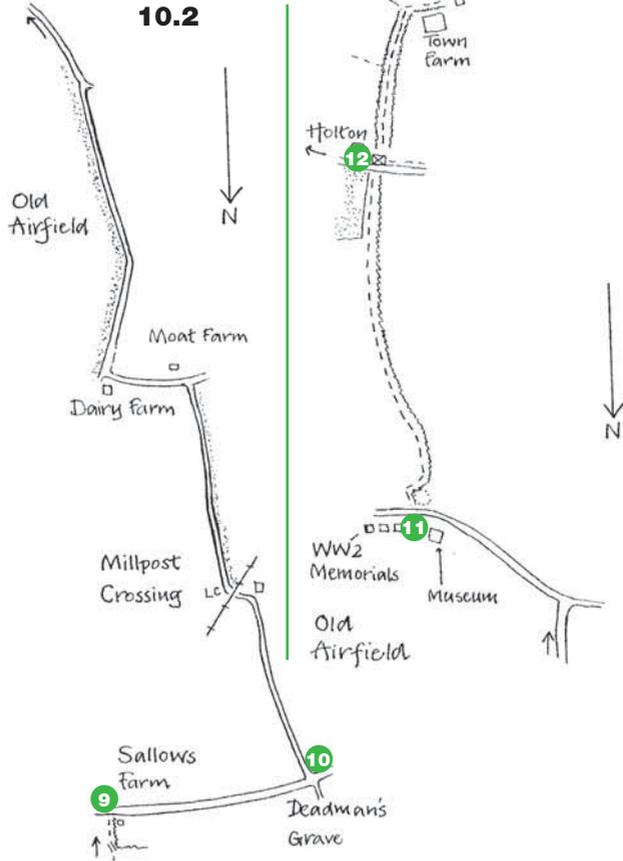
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NB Brampton station serves an isolated community with no public amenities, so it's best to do this walk from north to south, ending at Halesworth.

11. Two Circular Walks from Brampton Station

Outer route via Sparrow's Thicks, Westend Farm, Fox public house 7½ miles

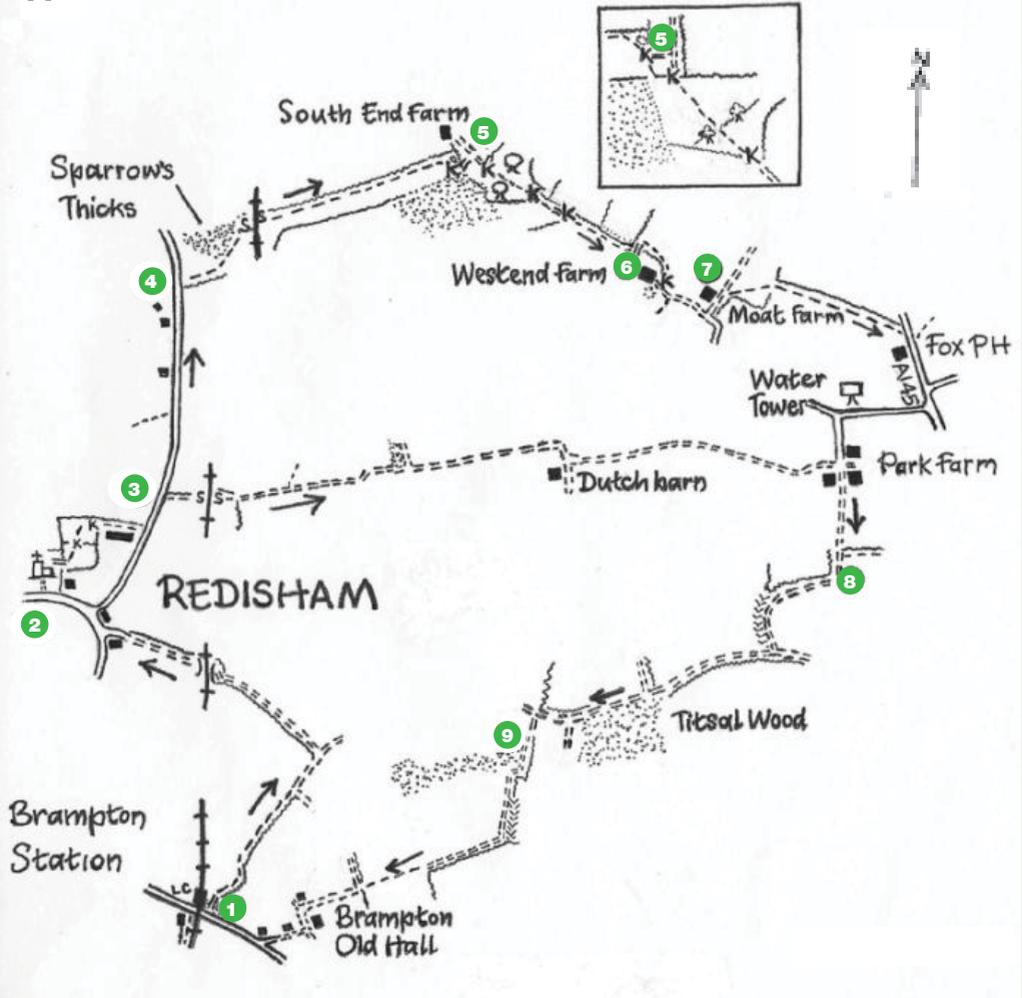
Shorter route via track to Park Farm 6¼ miles

Date walked: __/__/__

Brampton station serves a very isolated local community in the heart of rural Suffolk. It also provides walkers with a convenient gateway to a landscape of extensive views across quiet, unspoiled 'working' countryside, contrasting with more intimate rural scenes such as the diminutive parish church at Redisham, so evocatively described in Adrian Bell's 'Apple Acre' when decked for harvest festival.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From the station go left along the road for about 50 yards. Just before the road crosses a small stream the path starts left through a small wooded area. Immediately over the footbridge go right and left following the field edge path.
2. A gravel drive leads towards the south door of the church. The path continues from the north-east corner of the churchyard over a small footbridge.
3. Either go right along the hedge to railway stiles and an easily followed track beyond, traversing open arable farmland to Park Farm (Shorter route), or continue along road (beware traffic). Parts of the more varied Outer route are used for grazing livestock, so dogs must be closely controlled.
4. Path starts off right at the side of the ditch, diverging slightly left across the field to the side of Sparrow's Thicks and railway stiles.
5. Go right for a short distance along the broad track from South End Farm. Go ahead through a kissing gate into the meadow and cross diagonally, passing between large oaks to reach another kissing gate in the far corner.
6. Cross the footbridge set back in the hedge, then keep general direction, now on the other side of the hedge.
7. Official path goes diagonally across a small field to a gap.
8. Bridleway ahead soon swings to the right following hedge, then veers left at side of a deep ditch to a T-junction at bottom of gentle slope. Go right along the track at the side of Titsal Wood.
9. Go left across high-sided bridleway bridge to follow diverted route with hedge on left, soon passing the end of a plantation and then up rising ground at side of hedge, then a deep ditch. Bear right at field corner. Where hedge ends keep direction across field following tractor wheel marks towards Old Hall.



Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 3½ hours for Outer route
Suggested map:	Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay
Refreshment:	Shadingfield Fox public house.
Useful info:	Car parking space is very limited at Brampton station so use the train or bus

12. A Walk in Adrian Bell Country

Brampton – Beccles 6¾ miles

Date walked: __/__/__

Despite its name, Brampton station is nearer to Redisham, a village associated with East Anglian writer Adrian Bell, who farmed nearby in the 1940s before moving to Beccles.

His book 'Apple Acre' gives a charming, evocative and often amusing account of life and work in the local landscape of those times. The route passes through the green parklands surrounding Redisham Hall, a delightful interlude in a predominantly arable countryside.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From the station platform go over the level crossing and along the road to a sharp right bend.
2. Cross the field ahead in the same general direction as the road from the station, passing close to the mid-field pond to meet a hedge at the corner of the field.
3. Cross the field ahead on the line of the first and third electricity poles, making for a hedged corner.
4. Cross the footbridge to continue on the other side of the hedge.
5. At path junction, cross plank footbridge, then go left to follow new field edge path away from Wood Farm.
6. Go right on a long, field-edge bridleway, becoming a track at the side of the wood, then by the side of a stream to pass farm buildings and walled gardens near the hall.
7. Where the main drive swings right, keep ahead through a gate to cross parkland following a stream on your left.
8. Look left for the continuation of the bridleway across a wooden bridge, not ahead across rough ground. Follow between hedges and bear left to the road at the driveway to Pound Farm.
9. Just beyond the school, the bridleway goes off to the right.
10. Cross the bridge and go right towards Old Hall Farm and road at Ringsfield church. Follow the road left for 150 yards.
11. The bridleway branches right to Lodge Farm.
12. Opposite farm buildings the bridleway branches right.
13. Follow track left round the bend, keeping to the right of the hedge, then continue to the road.
14. At a sharp corner turn left along a sunken track, leading to the busy B1062: cross with care, go right on grass verge path, then left into Puddingmoor.
15. Cliff House steps lead up to the museum and town centre. The rail station is 1/3 mile along Station Road.

Planning your walk

Time:

Allow about 3 - 4 hours

Suggested map:

Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay

Refreshment:

Carry sufficient food and drink for the whole of the walk; there are no pubs or shops directly on the route

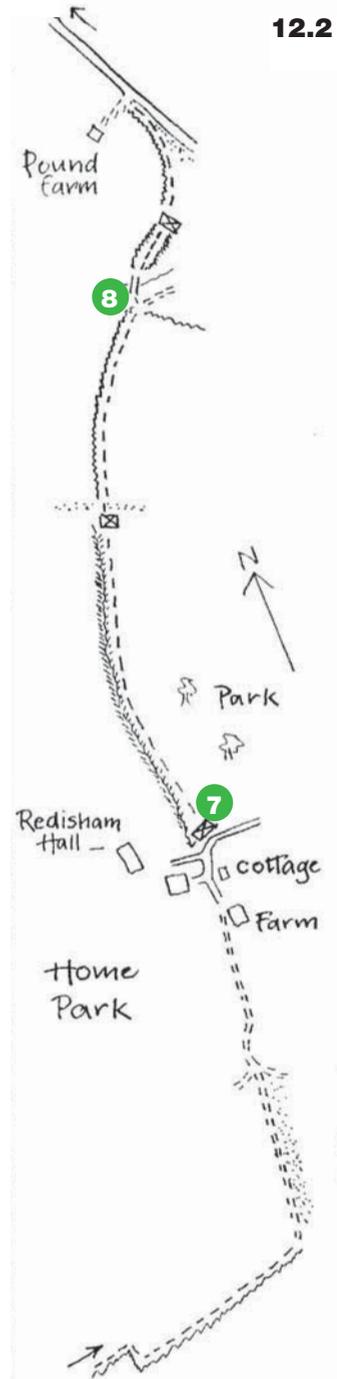
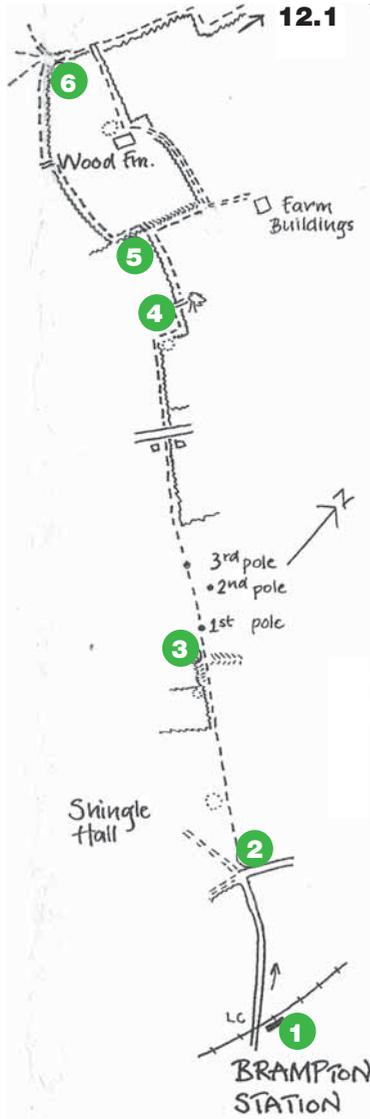
Useful info:

The Horseshoes public house is near Ringsfield Corner about ¼ mile off route.
Beccles TIC - 01502 713196
Beccles & District Museum - 01502 715722

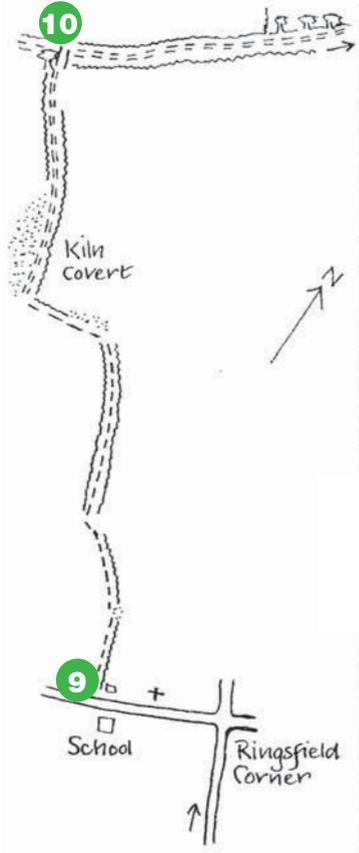


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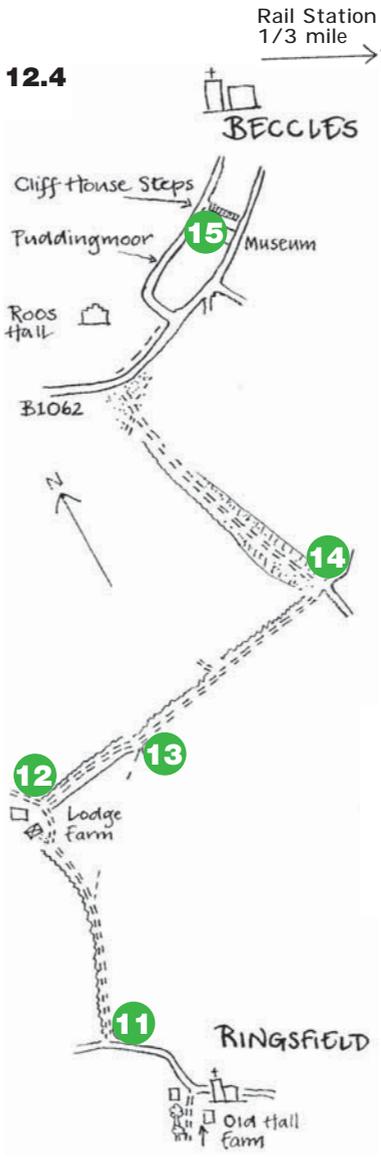
12. A Walk in Adrian Bell Country continued



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13. Angles Way

Beccles – Oulton Broad South 10 miles

Date walked: _ / _ / _

This walk follows part of the Angles Way, a waymarked regional route for long distance walkers linking the Broads at Yarmouth with the Brecks at Knettishall Heath near Thetford.

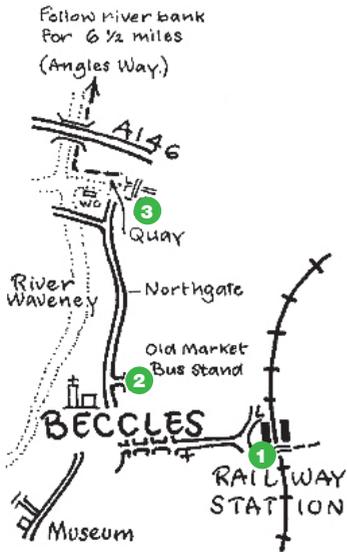
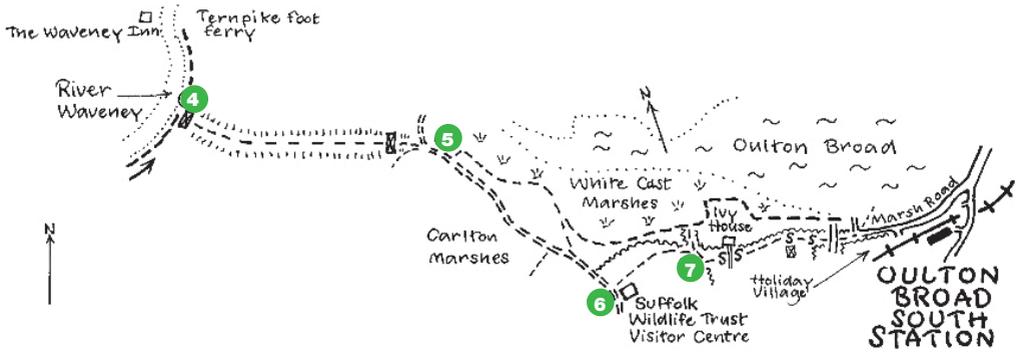
Beccles is a lovely country town that amply repays exploration. In Northgate, look out for the plaque on the house where farmer-writer Adrian Bell once lived. In the same street the boldly painted 'Smith & Eastaugh' sign on a Dutch-style gable proclaims 'Wherries constantly attend the Traders & Steam Vessels for conveying goods to and from the wharf.' Nowadays the Waveney is alive with pleasure craft in summer but out of season the river and adjacent marshes offer glorious isolation and solitude. From the bank-top path there are ample opportunities to enjoy the panorama across Castle Marshes, a Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) reserve.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Go along Station Road to the town centre, then right by the magnificent church tower towards Old Market bus stand.
2. Continue along Northgate to the quay.
3. Cross the footbridge to the play area, then go left along the waterside path to the main river. Follow the riverbank path to the right under the bypass and continue for 6½ miles.
4. Follow Angles Way waymarkers sharply right off the riverbank. The path is along the top of an embankment at the side of a broad dyke, (or continue ¼ mile on riverside path to Waveney River Centre foot ferry).
5. Beyond the single gate, follow Angles Way to SWT visitor centre, or go left to join marsh-side path with views of Oulton Broad.
6. Turn left through the visitor centre car park and continue on the path beyond.
7. Ignore path off left - keep to Angles Way through small fields, passing entrance to Ivy House Country Hotel; then through holiday village to Marsh Road (track) and Oulton Broad South station.

Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 4-5 hours
Suggested map:	Outdoor Leisure map 40 The Broads
Refreshment:	The Waveney Inn (via foot ferry); Ivy House Country Hotel. Plenty of choice at Beccles and Oulton Broad
Useful info:	Suffolk Wildlife Trust - 01473 890089 www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org Waveney River Centre www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk ; to call ferry 07500 571232



14. The Easterling Walk

Oulton Broad South – Lowestoft 4 miles

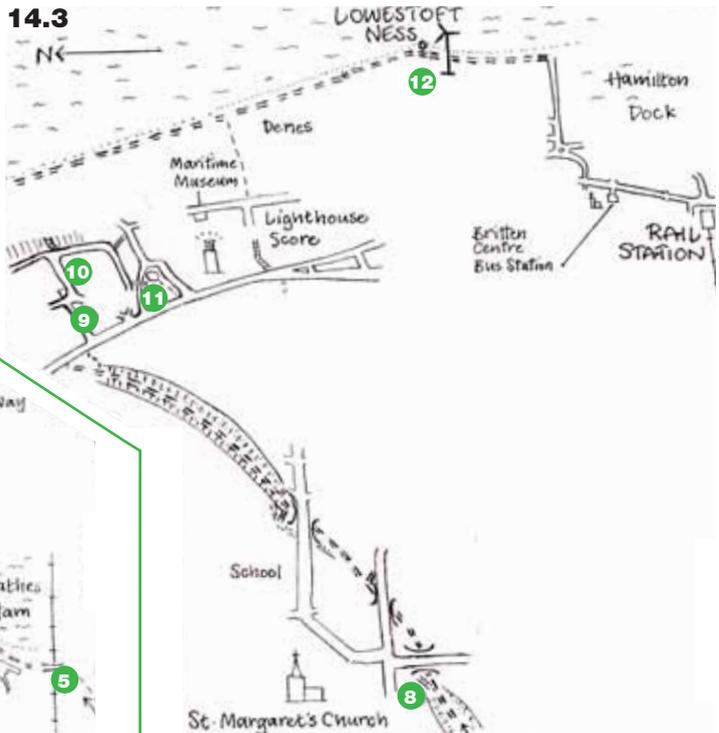
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A short but remarkably varied and contrasting walk leading to Lowestoft Ness, the most easterly point in Britain. The location was celebrated in the 1950s by an East Suffolk Line express train named 'The Easterling' which brought holidaymakers from London non-stop to Beccles, where it divided for Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

After visiting the Lowestoft Museum in Nicholas Everitt Park, walkers can enjoy breezy views across the open expanses of Oulton Broad, cross an attractive Dutch style lifting bridge designed for pedestrians and cyclists, tunnel below the railway near Oulton Broad swing bridge and cross the slipways of busy boatyards fronting Lake Lothing. The wide-open spaces of Normanston Park contrast with the incised linear park on the alignment of an old railway, leading to St Margaret's, one of Suffolk's finest churches. From its churchyard the distant North Sea can be glimpsed. The lighthouse stands on an elevated cliff top below which Lighthouse Score, one of a series of fascinating alleyways descending the cliff face, leads down to the Denes, an open area traditionally associated with the repair of fishing nets. The informative Maritime Museum, sea wall and Lowestoft Ness are close by.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From the platform cross the railway line by the bridge, and take the steps down to Marsh Road. Follow the road, passing the holiday village entrance.
2. Just before a sharp right bend, branch right through a gap, then bear half right across a grassy area to join the network of surfaced paths in Nicholas Everitt Park. Follow the paths nearest the water's edge. (Occasionally entry to the park may be restricted for special events, when an entrance fee may be charged - see local notices.)
3. Cross the lifting bridge. Use the pedestrian/cyclist underpass to cross the main road.
4. A footpath sign near roundabout marks the start of the path to Lowestoft. Follow it between high fences and under the railway arch, emerging to cross front of boat yards. At one point the path goes below a gantry crane! Take care when crossing rails on inclined slipways.
5. Cross the railway by a stepped footbridge. Follow the cycle/pedestrian path towards the town centre.
6. The route continues beyond the pelican crossing over Peto Way.
7. At cross-paths junction (Sustrans sign) go left towards Gunton along Great Eastern Way Linear Park.
8. Steps up to Rotterdam Road and nearby St Margaret's church. Great Eastern Way continues to Yarmouth Road.
9. Station Road (former North station).



10. Lyndhurst Road.

11. Footbridge into Belle Vue Park and Royal Naval Patrol memorial.

12. From the Euroscope at the Ness continue to the steps at the end of the sea wall, then go right along Hamilton Road to reach the town centre.

Planning your walk

Time:	Allow a minimum of 2 hours
Suggested map:	Outdoor Leisure map 40 The Broads
Refreshment:	Plenty of choice in Oulton Broad and Lowestoft
Useful info:	Lowestoft TIC - 01502 533 600 Lowestoft Maritime Museum - 01502 561963 Lowestoft Museum - 01502 511457

15. Orwell and Trimley Marshes

Trimley Marshes Nature Reserve 7 miles

Date walked: ___/___/___

Trimley station is an ideal starting point for walks leading to some of the finest estuarine scenery in England. The bird-rich tidal reaches of the Orwell contrast with the lagoons, reed beds and grazing meadows of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Trimley Marshes Reserve, best viewed from public hides along the route.

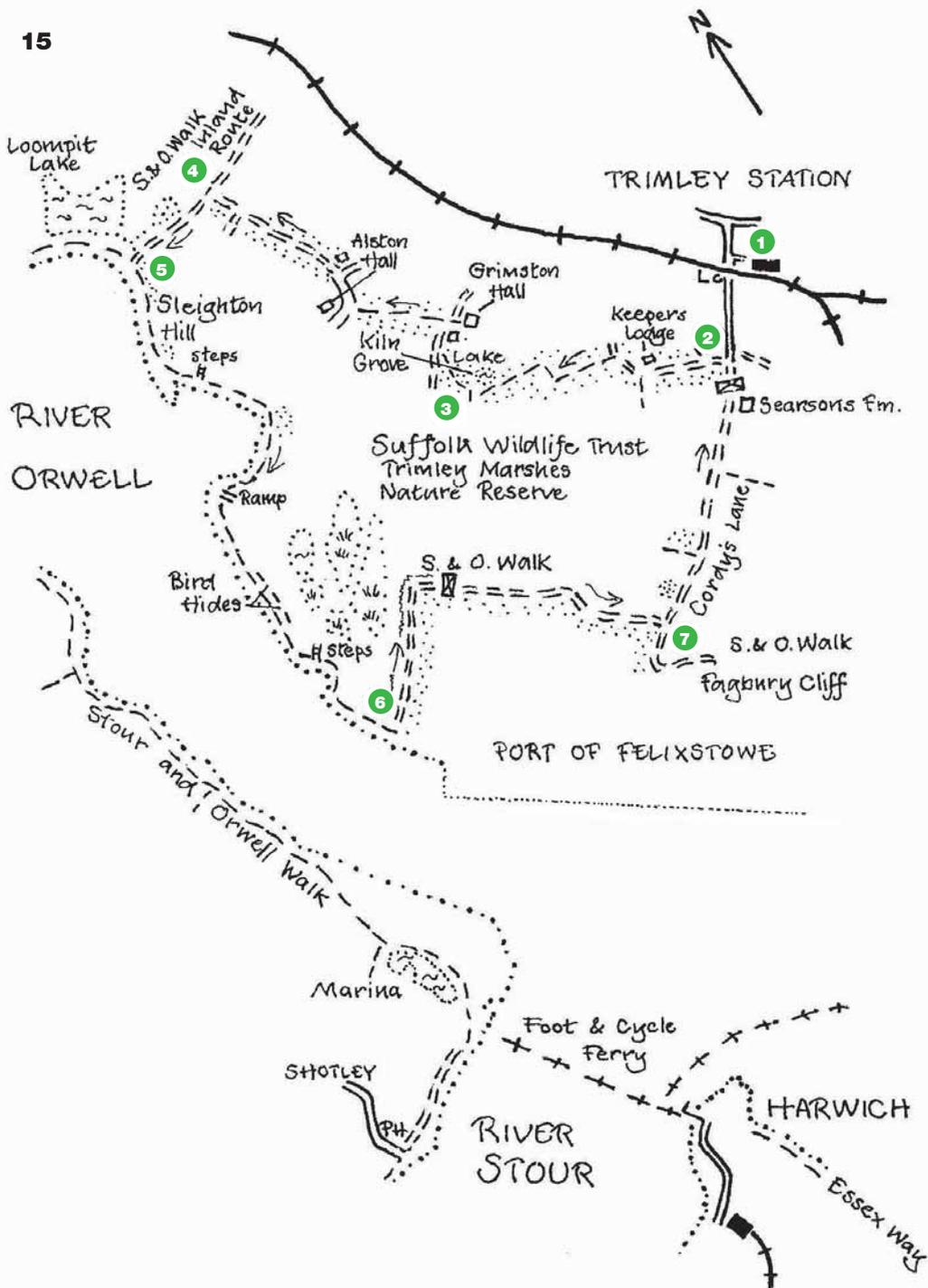
From high ground at Sleighton Hill there are panoramic views over the Orwell estuary. The quiet waters towards Levington and Pin Mill contrast with maritime activity of Harwich Harbour, including the constant flow of huge ships serving Britain's largest container port at Felixstowe.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Leaving Trimley station go left over the level crossing along Cordy's Lane.
2. Turn right off Cordy's Lane into Keeper's Track. Go past the entrance to Keeper's Lodge - keep ahead on footpath parallel to short 'permissive bridleway.'
3. Path goes off right, then almost immediately bears left to cross dam at head of small lake, then bears right through the corner of Kiln Grove to join track leading towards farm buildings at Grimston Hall.
4. Turn left along Stour and Orwell Walk Inland Route down gentle slope overlooking Loompit Lake and riverside.
5. Go left along river bank, passing superb viewpoints at Sleighton Hill and follow either bank-top path or parallel bridleway passing Suffolk Wildlife Trust reserve at Trimley Marshes.
6. Go left away from river bank to follow flower-rich track skirting dock area.
7. A short deviation to Fagbury Cliff viewpoint overlooking busy port activity before returning along Cordy's Lane to Searson's Farm and Trimley station.

Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 3-4 hours
Suggested map:	OS Explorer sheet 197 Ipswich, Felixstowe and Harwich
Refreshment:	Most of the route is in remote countryside, so be sure to carry enough refreshments for the whole of your walk, especially drink. Pubs, shops and cafes in Trimley villages
Useful info:	Tourist info. at Felixstowe library 01394 383789; Suffolk Wildlife Trust 01473 890089 www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org



16. Deben and Coast Walks

Trimley – Felixstowe 6 - 10 miles

Date walked: _/ _/ _

A good network of field paths, farm tracks and quiet lanes link the station at Trimley with the isolated countryside of the northern side of the Felixstowe peninsula.

From elevated ground there are views out to sea and close by reedy dykes flowing to the quiet waters of the tidal Deben provide a haven for a wide variety of wildlife. The shortest option leads more directly to Felixstowe's extensive and breezy seafront.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Leaving Trimley station go left over the level crossing along Cordy's Lane.
2. Go left along the Blofield Track.
3. Immediately beyond the bollard go left through a kissing gate and follow the narrow path between hedge and grassy embankment. The path turns right, passes below a railway line, continues through a scrubby area, soon bearing left to pass below another railway line and into a meadow.
4. Field path goes left off main road opposite garage.
5. Alternatives are:
 - i. For shorter route to Felixstowe beaches and rail station turn right along bridleway to join Gulpher Road and Farm. About 6 miles via seafront and Bent Hill.
 - ii. Alternatively, continue ahead on path bordering garden hedge for the Deben walks. (Key points 7-10.)
6. Just after the bend in the road beyond Gulpher Farm look left for the start of a field path up rising ground.
7. Paths diverge. Branch half right across meadow towards gate and stile.
8. Cross over a track and keep direction over grassy area down to a belt of trees.
9. Immediately through trees follow field path ahead over rising ground. (Ignore more obvious farm track to left.)
10. Alternative routes to the Deben, Felixstowe Ferry and seafront:
 - i. Turn right along road following 'Stour and Orwell Walk Inland Route' signs, passing Deben Lodge Farm and the track beyond. Trimley - Felixstowe station via Bent Hill is about 8 miles in total.

Planning your walk

Time:

Allow about 5 hours for the longest option via Falkenham Creek; about 3 hours for the shortest route, adding on time for refreshment stops

Suggested map:

OS Explorer sheet 197 Ipswich, Felixstowe and Harwich

Refreshment:

The routes are in isolated country, so carry enough for the whole of your walk, especially drink. Café and pub at Felixstowe Ferry and plenty of choice on Felixstowe seafront and town centre

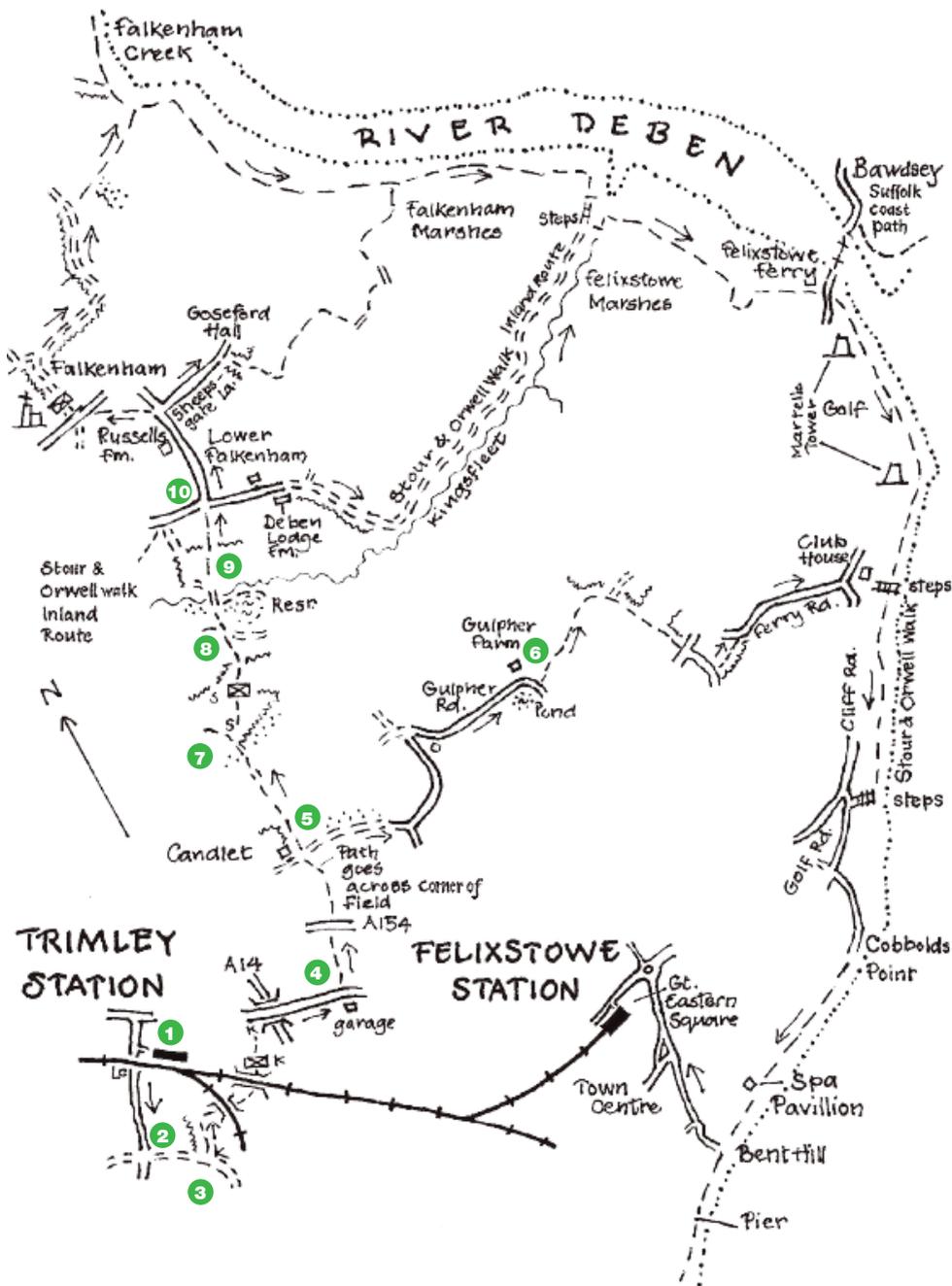
Useful info:

Tourist info at Felixstowe library 01394 383789

ii. Continue ahead along Falkenham road for about 1/3 mile, turning right along the road signed to Goseford Hall. Follow sinuous but self-evident path to Falkenham Marshes; to Felixstowe station via Bent Hill is about 9 miles in total.

iii. As ii, but via Falkenham church and creek; to Felixstowe station via Bent Hill is about 10 miles in total.

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Walk distances can be reduced by nearly a mile by following the more direct route to Felixstowe station along High Road East.

17. Sailors' Path to the Coast at Aldeburgh

Saxmundham - Aldeburgh 9½ miles

Date walked: ___/___/___

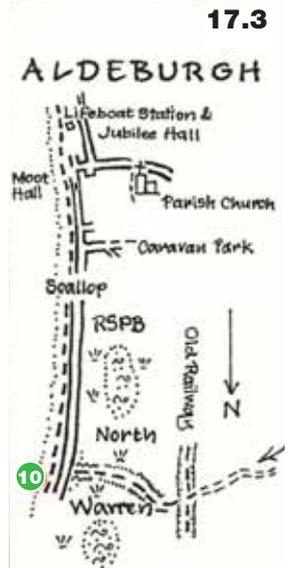
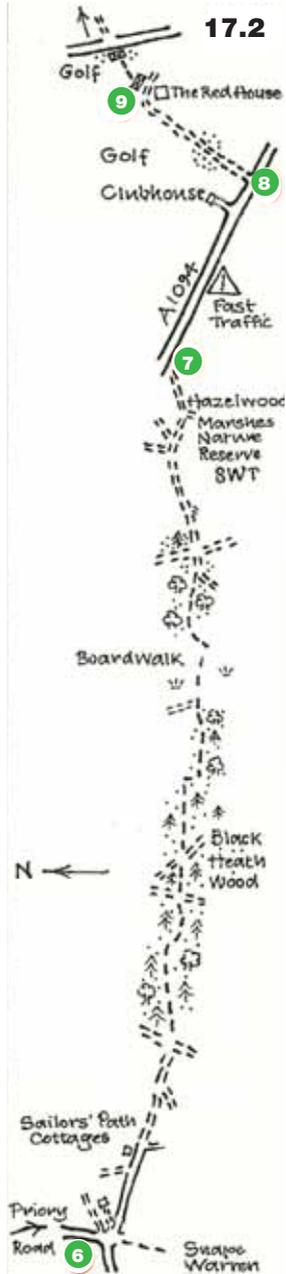
The Sailors' Path, one of Suffolk's most delightful and popular walks, leads through open heaths, extensive woodlands and marshy meadows, passing the entrance to Hazelwood Marshes nature reserve. Aldeburgh, perched above the North Sea, has a rich artistic and musical heritage, including the internationally famous festival in June. Local fishermen sell their catch on the beach close to the Moot Hall museum. The town's many shops, pubs and eating-places are inviting.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Leave Saxmundham station main entrance by the level crossing. Immediately opposite is New Cut, at the far end of which go left to the traffic lights. At the cross roads go right along the main road.
2. Beyond the last houses on the right a grass path begins parallel to the road, but separated from it by a hedge.
3. Turn left into School Lane (not B1121); it soon bends sharply right to Benhall Green. At the cross roads by the school turn left along the road.
4. Cross the ford by the footbridge and follow the road around to the left, then branch right up Red Lane. Keep same direction beyond crossroads.
5. Branch right along un-signed, surfaced lane at the side of small wood ('Rudley's Grove'). Keep direction on the track beyond Friston Hall Cottages to cross the main road and then along Priory Road passing Rookery Farm.
6. Care needed: several paths, roads and tracks diverge – be sure to follow the 'Public footpath to Aldeburgh' sign and Suffolk Coast Path waymarks. Keep ahead for about 2½ miles ignoring tracks branching left and right.
7. Beware fast traffic. Use licenced path along south verge.
8. About 250 yds beyond the golf clubhouse, go left along the Suffolk Coast Path on a driveway marked 'Golf Lane - Private Road'.
9. Opposite the Red House branch left through a gate to cross a corner of the golf course. Beware golf activity.
10. At the coast turn right towards Aldeburgh, passing the distinctive scallop memorial to composer Benjamin Britten.

Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 4-5 hours
Suggested map:	Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham
Refreshment:	Carry sufficient food and drink for the whole walk; there are no pubs or shops directly on the route, but ample choice at Saxmundham and Aldeburgh
Useful info:	Aldeburgh TIC - 01728 453637 www.atlc@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk www.discoversuffolk.org.uk www.traveline.info Suffolk Wildlife Trust - 01473 890089 www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org RSPB (North Warren) - 01728 648281 www.rspb.org.uk



18. Halesworth to Blythburgh and Southwold

Halesworth station to Southwold 9½ miles; via Walberswick and ferry 11 miles;
via Walberswick and River Blyth footbridge 12¾ miles.

Date walked: __/__/__

Starting through lush grazing meadows beyond Halesworth, the walk closely follows the River Blyth through reed beds to the magnificent church at Blythburgh and over heather-clad heaths towards the coast. Walberswick's fine tower and ruined nave and chancel are awe-inspiring. Allow time to explore Southwold's many delights.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. Leave Halesworth station from the 'trains to Lowestoft' platform. At the far end of Station Road go left for about 100 yds then right into Langley's Quay. At the far end go left on the short path to a footbridge. Cross and continue ahead on a surfaced path to the far end of the play area. Go left then almost immediately right along the riverside path; soon bordering the Millennium Meadow.
2. Cross the river and continue along the left bank, then a series of mostly gated footbridges.
3. Continue directly across road at Mells bridge at side of gauging station. A sequence of stiles and footbridges mark the path through grazing meadows.
4. The waymarked path loops away from the river for a short distance, then continues along the river's left bank to reach the road near Blyford church.
5. Essential to cross the raised-up bridge to continue along the right (south) bank to Blythburgh church. NOTE: If the path is closed due to breached riverbank, use alternative route via Wenhaston, an extra 3/4 mile. (See map 18.2A and key points 5a; 5b.)
 - 5a. If the path has not been marked out across the field, head diagonally towards the furthest utility pole near the opposite hedge.
 - 5b. A metal gate shows where to branch left off the farm track. Path follows a hedge on left, then goes diagonally across a large meadow, meeting Wenhaston Lane at the far corner.
- 6/6a. Cross the busy A12 with extreme caution.
7. A short lane starts from the A12 at the north end of the White Hart frontage. Go right along the river wall path.
8. Keep ahead following the alignment of old narrow gauge railway just within the boundary of an Open Access area. (If closed for operational reasons, use the almost parallel bridleway, then along the road. Beware traffic).
9. Alternatives:
 - i) Direct route. Continue along the road passing the farm on the left; then go left through a gate to follow the Sandlings Walk path across Walberswick common to the Blyth foot and cycle bridge. [Key Point 12]
 - ii) via Walberswick. Turn sharp right through double field gates set back from the road and then immediately bear left on a path to follow the Sandlings Walk to Lodge Road. Cross directly over on a short path leading to a broad track veering right through a damp hollow.
10. Go left off the track just before a field gate to follow a path through trees and then continue towards the brick tower of old wind pump.
11. Turn left along Suffolk Coast Path to Walberswick village, beach and ferry.
12. Turn right along the riverbank to the Harbour Inn, from where a path heads towards Southwold lighthouse across the low-lying grazing land and golf course.

Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 5 hours; 6-7 hours for the longer options
Suggested map:	Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay
Refreshment:	White Hart PH and community shop at Blythburgh; ample choice of shops, cafes and pubs in Halesworth, Walberswick and Southwold
Useful info:	Southwold TIC - 01502 724729 Walberswick to Southwold ferry (Seasonal) - 01502 724729 Bus times: Traveline 0871 200 22 33



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18. Halesworth to Blythburgh and Southwold Continued

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19. Framlingham: Historic Town amid Remote Countryside

Part One: Wickham Market - Framlingham 7¾ miles

Date walked: ___/___/___

Dominated by its magnificent church and historic castle, Framlingham is one of the most attractive small towns in Suffolk. The town is surrounded by quiet, rolling farmland, ancient woods, picturesque villages with half-timbered houses and lovely old churches. Local bus services can be used to split the walk into two shorter parts.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From station entrance go left by Dog and Duck; then bear sharp right along the road signed to Woodbridge.
2. Path goes off right just after overhead cables. Head across field to footbridge mid-way between pair of pylons. Continue through small wood (ignore another footbridge off right) and keep direction along nearby track to minor road near Well Cottage. Go left along road.
3. Just beyond Kiln Cottage path goes off right, following electricity poles across field. Go through gap in rabbit fence and continue direction with a narrow belt of trees on your right.
4. Approaching A12 the path turns sharply left at field corner. Go along top of a bank then turn right down steps. Cross farmyard to a gap ahead to reach main road. Turn right towards café and farm shop.
5. Extreme caution! Cross A12 just beyond the café, to follow path across paddocks.
6. At Marlesford church path leads by south porch and continues through a small gate in churchyard wall. Cross pasture to footbridge; then go diagonally left across next field to the far corner by old railway cutting. Continue through wooded area to join minor road. Turn right.
7. Either continue along minor road to junction at village sign or go left along a gated path to the road to visit Hacheston church. Roadside path goes past village sign and along village street for about 1/3 mile.
8. Turn right on bridleway starting between houses. (The signpost is set back from the road and is easily missed!)
9. Just before arch leading to Moat Hall branch right through gate; then go diagonally left across a small meadow to another gate from where path bears left at the side of huge moat.
10. Beyond Parham church keep direction along village street to road junction, then go right towards Mill Green. Soon turn left into Brick Lane at side of White House Farm.
11. Where paths cross at the side of deep former railway cutting, branch right across field to join track at corner of Parham Wood.
12. Frequent waymarks show route of path skirting ancient Parham House.
13. Either go left to road, then right towards town via Crown and Anchor Lane or keep ahead through estate to reach Fore Street.



Planning your walk

Time:

Allow about 3-4 hours

Suggested map:

Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham

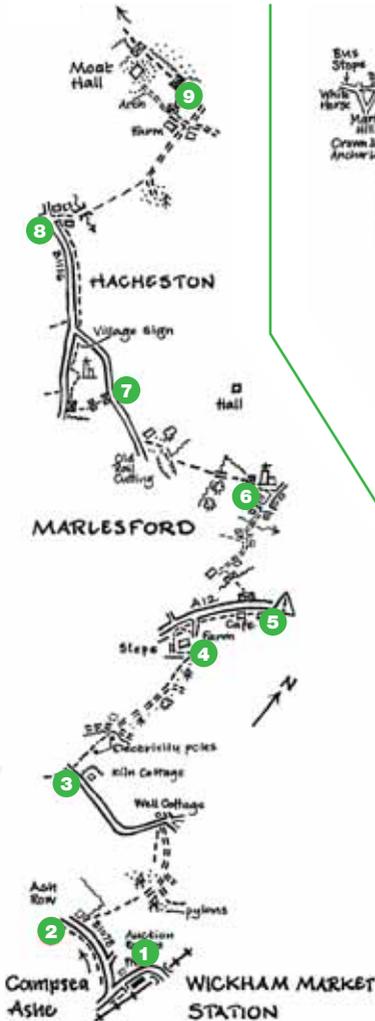
Refreshment:

Dog and Duck pub near Wickham Market station; shop at Ash Row; café on A12 at Marlesford; ample choice at Framlingham and Saxmundham

Useful info:

Bus 62 Framlingham-Woodbridge via Wickham Market; 118 Ipswich-Framlingham via Otley and Westerfield; bus 119 Ipswich-Framlingham via Earl Soham and Westerfield. Check times www.traveline.info 0871 200 22 33
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19. Framlingham: Historic Town amid Remote Countryside

Part Two: Framlingham - Saxmundham 9 miles

Date walked: _/ _/ _

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

14. The walk leaves Framlingham on a track branching from Fore Street close to the Day Nursery.
15. Keep ahead where track branches right; then follow field edge path beside deep ditches to join Coldhall Lane.
16. Keep ahead on bridleway - ignore footpath off left.
17. Bridleway from road at North Green goes to rear of Elm Tree Farm and Cottage.
18. Bridleway branches half right across a field to meet a farm track. Turn left.
19. Branch right from farm track to follow field-edge path bordering Hall Farm.
20. Go along minor road signed towards Farnham.
21. In Dodd's Wood ignore tracks off right until a waymark shows where public paths diverge (where woodland on left is narrowest). Take right hand path meandering up gentle slope through trees.
22. Beyond end of track go ahead to mid-field electricity pole where public paths cross, then go left to join hedge near to derelict farm buildings.
23. Cross A12 with extreme caution.
24. Go up steps on short path through estate leading to corner of Albion Street. Turn right towards station.



Planning your walk

Time:

Allow about 3½ - 4½ hours

Suggested map:

Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham

Refreshment:

No shops or pubs directly on route, but ample choice at Framlingham and Saxmundham

Useful info:

Bus 62 Framlingham-Woodbridge via Wickham Market; 118 Ipswich-Framlingham via Otley and Westerfield; bus 119 Ipswich-Framlingham via Earl Soham and Westerfield. Check times www.traveline.info 0871 200 22 33

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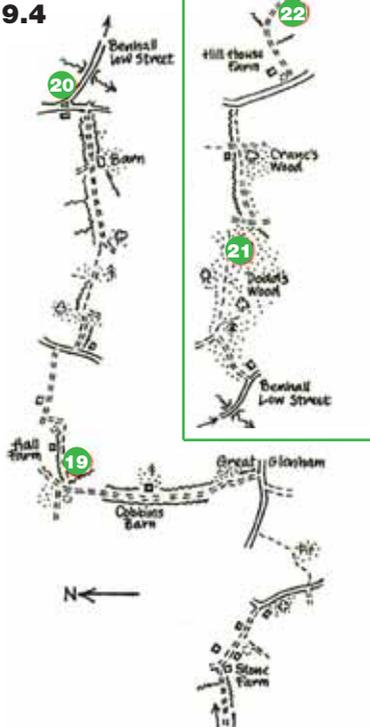
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20. Bungay and the Angles Way

Bungay - Beccles 7½ - 8 miles

Date walked: ___/___/___

Bungay and Beccles, two attractive north Suffolk towns, are linked by the River Waveney and part of the Angles Way 'Broads to Brecks' long distance path. From the water meadows at Bungay the route climbs the slopes of the valley, leading through farmland before descending to resume its association with the Waveney, keeping just above the flood plain. A short diversion can be made to the Norfolk bank of the river where The Locks Inn marks the head of navigation from the coast, a popular destination for holidaymakers in boats as well as for anglers and walkers. A seasonal ferry operates from Beccles Lido to The Locks Inn.

Route directions *(numbers refer to points on the route diagrams)*

1. From Butter Cross at Bungay market place, go down Bridge Street, cross the river into Norfolk and continue on road for another ¼ mile.
2. Cross stile on the right with Angles Way markers. (From here the walk follows the waymarked Angles Way through to Beccles.)
3. Go right along Wainford Road, passing several mills, etc. Beware traffic.
4. Branch right off main B1062 road as it climbs Watch House Hill.
5. Optional diversion along road to get a closer look at the remains of Mettingham Castle. (Private grounds, not open to the public.)
6. Path branches left from track to follow hedges at side of fields.
7. Path goes left off main road at side of gated driveway. Follow path at side of garden, cross a stile and continue direction for about 200 yds to stile on left. Do not cross, but bear right across corner of field to stile and footbridge giving access to Green Lane. Turn right.
8. Optional diversion across meadows on path to Locks Inn. (Meadows may be flooded in winter.)
9. Turn left off main road into Puddingmoor.
10. Go up steps at side of Beccles church.

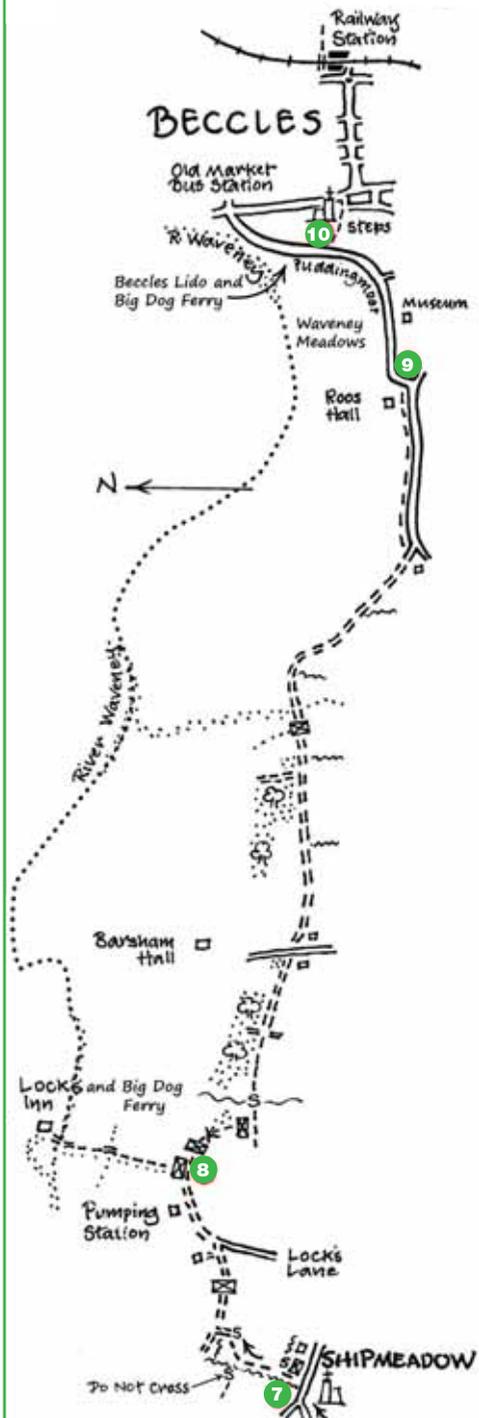
Planning your walk

Time:	Allow about 3-4 hours
Suggested map:	OS Explorer Outdoor Leisure 40 The Broads.
Refreshment:	Plenty of choice at Bungay and Beccles; the riverside Locks Inn is 1/3 mile off route. (01508 518414 www.geldestonlocks.co.uk to check opening hours).
Useful info:	Bus 80 links Diss, Bungay and Beccles; bus 88 links Norwich, Bungay and Halesworth. Check times www.traveline.info 0871 200 22 33 Beccles TIC 01502 713196. Big Dog Ferry www.bigdogferry.co.uk 07532 072761

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www.eastsuffolklines.co.uk

The Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP)

www.acorp.uk.com

The ESLCRP is a full member of this organisation that is: “focused on practical initiatives which add up to a better more sustainable local railway. Improved station facilities, better train services and improved integration with other forms of transport are central to the work of ACoRP and its members.”

East Suffolk Travellers' Association (ESTA)

www.eastsuffolktravel.org.uk

The independent voluntary body for local train and bus users. Regular dialogue takes place with train and bus operators, politicians and local councils. Meetings and other events are held in East Suffolk locations. Members receive a quarterly bulletin, other information and regular evidence-gathering surveys are undertaken. Details from the Membership Secretary, 51 Links Way, Thurlton, Norwich NR14 6RF.

Felixstowe Travel Watch

www.onesuffolk.co.uk/ESTAFelixstowe

Felixstowe Travel Watch is a voluntary organisation begun in 1972 to fight the perceived threat to close the branch line. Since then, its role has broadened to promote the revival and greater use of public transport in our area. We do this in a number of ways, but chiefly by liaison with the managements of train, bus and coach operators regarding their timetables, routes, quality and frequency of services.

Ramblers' Association (Registered charity 1093577)

www.ramblers.org.uk

The Ramblers' Association protects rights of way, campaigns for access to open countryside and defends the beauty of the countryside. Suffolk Area has active local groups based in Ipswich, Alde Valley, Waveney, Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury, Stowmarket and Newmarket.

The Adrian Bell Society

www.adrianbellsociety.co.uk

Contributed to the cost of waymarking 'A Walk in Adrian Bell Country'.

The Long Distance Walkers Association

www.ldwa.org.uk

The LDWA is an Association of people with the common interest of walking long distances in rural, mountainous or moorland areas. By joining the LDWA, you will meet other like-minded long distance walkers and gain access to information on walking events and long distance walking routes all over the UK.

Other Suffolk Walks websites

Other websites giving information about walks in Suffolk include:

www.walkinginsuffolk.co.uk

www.discoversuffolk.org.uk

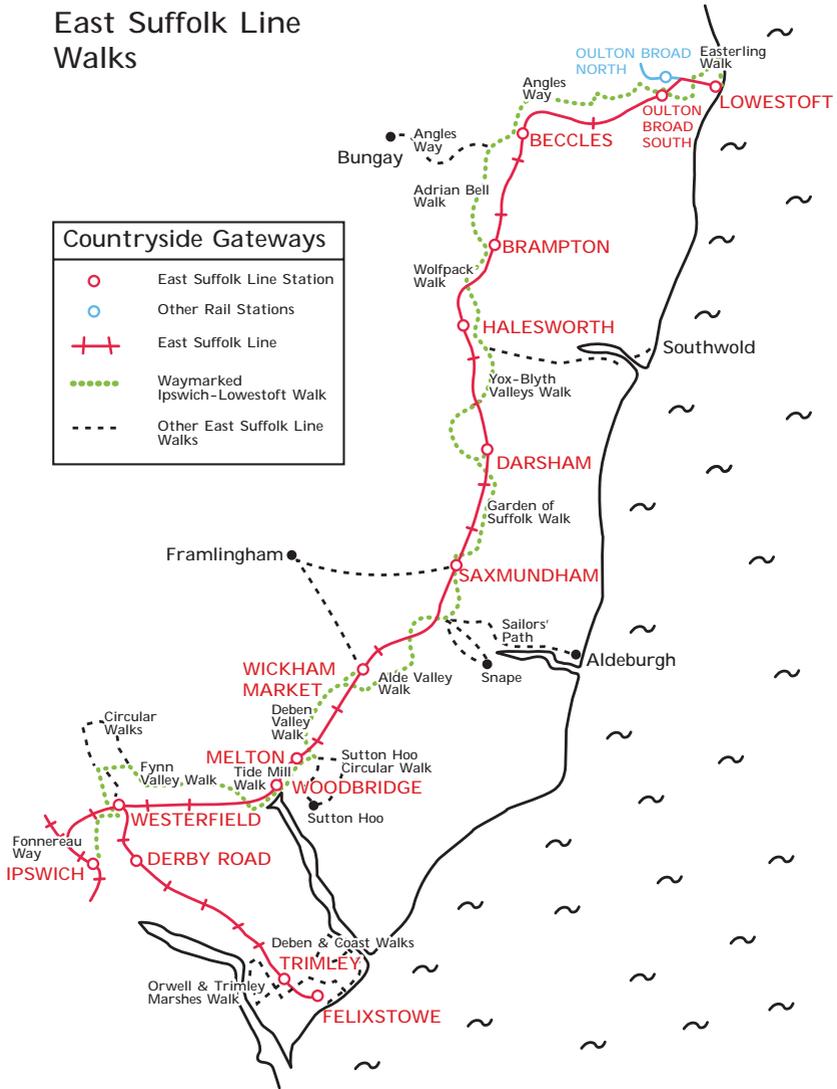
www.marpa.org.uk

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