

Waveney Ramblers Southwold 5 Walberswick Southwold Tinkers Marsh

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 50305 76280](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 10.4 Miles Updated: 2018

This 10.4 mile walk can be divided into two, meeting at the River Blythe footbridge.

SOUTHWOLD 4.6 MILES: Start from the parking near the Water towers, York Road. Head NE across the common to the A1095. Head north to Bus Creek. Turn right, east beside Bus Creek, water left. Head to the coast. At the coast, head right, south to Southwold pier. The pier games and clock by inventor, Tim Hunkin, are well worth a look and a cut above the usual amusement arcade trash.

Continue south to the river Blythe. In fair weather the beach route is pleasant. A shorter and more sheltered option is via Queen's Road and the footpath that passes behind the caravan and chalet park. At the river, head NW to the Harbour Inn and footbridge. To do the longer Walberswick walk, cross the bridge. The shorter walk continues on the flood wall after the footbridge. At an inlet and sluice, head NE along the Buss Creek flood bank for half a mile. Turn right, SE, and head towards the water towers. After 150 metres, head right, SW, on a gorse lined path. Cross Palmer's Lane and continue on the footpath through gorse. Cross the golf course with care and return to the water towers and car park.

WALBERSWICK 5.75 MILES: Start from the Pay and Display car park nearest the river. Head north to the river flood wall and go NW to the footbridge, river right. The two walks meet at this footbridge. Ignore the old railway path and continue NW along the flood wall, river right. This Tinker's Marsh leg is nearly two miles. The path leaves the river and goes left, east, across meadows for 230 metres. Turn right, south, and pass the ruined Tinker's House. Follow the farm track south for 400 metres. Turn left, east, between fields and head to the open access common.

Head south across the common staying near the right hand perimeter. Cross the old railway track footpath (Sandlings Walk) and continue roughly south to the the B1397. Turn right, west along the road for 60 metres. Turn left, SE, between fields towards Hoist Covert. Cross Lodge Road and continue SW into the woodland. After 450 metres, turn left, SE, still in woodland. After 250 metres, turn left, north, along a board walk through reeds and marshland. Continue on the woodland path roughly east but with many meanders. Head towards Walberswick on the higher ground staying near but avoiding the reed beds. The path bends left, north, field left, for 100 metres. Turn right, east, and head towards allotments, the village hall and toilets. In the village centre there are two pubs, tea rooms and a shop. Head NE along the main street back to the car park.

There is a foot ferry as an alternative to the footbridge.

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