## Waveney Ramblers Southwold 7 Southwold and Walberswick

OS Map: X 231 Track: **TM 50305 76280 GPX for SatNav** 5.6 Miles Updated: 2018

Park near the Water Tower. 100 metres before the water tower, at the footpath sign, go diagonally right, west, across the common and golf course. Pass through two clumps of bushes and, at the footpath sign, turn, SW, left along a metalled track towards Walberswick Church in the distance. Cross over the River Blyth at the iron bridge, SW. Continue along the road, SW, until you see a small car park/turning place and a seat on either side of the track. At this point, leave the road and go right along the old railway track, SW. Continue SW until you reach the wooden gate, go through and forward until you reach another gate at the road. Turn right, west, on the road and proceed along it for about 100 metres, past Eastwood Lodge Farm.

Turn left, SW, off the road onto a signposted path crossing farmland diagonally toward a wooden gate. Enter the open access land. Continue 100 metres, SW, and turn left, south, at the wooden gate and sign for the Sandlings Walk. Follow the track (wood on right), which bends to left, east, and eventually comes out at a gate onto a metalled road. Cross this road and head SE. After 110 metres, the path bends to the right towards a wooden gate. Immediately before the gate turn left. Continue straight, SE, ignoring the footpath to the left, and at a small clearing just before the marshes take the path straight on. At the beginning of the marshes a waymark post points to the left. Take this path and, after a few metres, a further sign is found at beginning of the board walk. Take the board walk path, roughly NE.

At the end of the board walk head roughly east on the meandering path. Pass a wartime bunker and ignore paths to the left and right. Forty metres before the open field, just after a right turn, the path forks. Take the right hand fork, SE.

The path soon passes another bunker then meanders. Walk along the path following a field edge and at the far side, ignore the track to the right that leads to the marshes and river. Instead, take the track to the left, north, and, after about 150 metres, turn right, east, after an old shed. Follow the footpath between rough grassland on the left and marshes on the right. Follow the field boundary. At the far end it turns left, north, uphill. At the top of the hill, just past a seat on the right, take the right turn, east, following a path for 200 metres, which eventually forks. Take the left-hand fork, NE, up and down some steps over the sea wall. This path comes out near the village hall and toilets.

The road through the village, NE, passes refreshment places, a play area on the green and the Bell public house, set back on the right. Carry on down towards the river and take the signed footpath to the left, north, just before the car park, leading to the river bank. Head NW alongside the river. At the iron bridge, which you crossed earlier, re-cross the bridge, NE, and retrace your steps across the golf course and common to the water tower at Southwold.

Southwold has many attractions, facilities, shops and an interesting pier.

