Waveney Ramblers Beccles 8 Walpole Hall

OS Map: X 231 Track: TM 40893 87347 GPX for SatNav 5 Miles Updated: Road Building

Parking:

By arrangement at Ringsfield village hall. By arrangement at the Horseshoes Pub. Roadside parking in School Road.

From Ringsfield crossroads head east along Cromwell Road, passing the Horseshoes pub on your left (refreshments). Turn right into Woodland Farm. The path goes to the left immediately after the farm gate. It heads east, pond left, diagonally to join another footpath (left) near a stile over the railway.

Cross the railway with care and continue east with the hedge on your left. Join a concrete road and head past the old Winterflora dried flower factory and the newer garden centre (refreshments). At the roundabout, turn left towards Beccles.

Aftrer 80 metres, take the bridleway on the right and head east, fence left, parallel with the Southern Relief Road. When the wire fence turns left, go over a ditch and turn left onto a footpath heading north. The parallel path to the left, close to the fence, is sometimes wet and muddy and less attractive. At the junction, turn right onto grassy track. Head east, to Cucumber Lane.

Shorter Walk: Don't go down Cucumber Lane. Instead, cross the Southern Relief Road and head south on the metalled road to Chencry's Farm towards a large barn. The road bends right, then left and becomes a footpath which also bends right and left.

Longer Walk: Continue east along Cucumber Lane. Cross the Southern Relief Road and go right/SE. Where the lane bends left, just before the single phase transformer on the 11 kilovolt pole, turn right along a bridleway between a double hedged entry to a field. Keep to the right-hand edge of the field and head west.

The path soon rejoins the shorter walk via Chenery's Farm. Head SW along the left perimeter of the woodland. Ignore the right turn and head along the leafy hedged Marlborough Lane back towards the main road.

At the A145, turn left. Head for the end of the wide grass verge of a landscaped garden. Turn right into the bridleway and head SW, towards Walpole Hall. Ignore the right turn into a private garden. Don't turn left into Walpole Hall Farm. Instead go straight on, through a gate, along a grassy track. (1)

Pass the hall on your left. Bear right past the pit, then left. Head west to the railway cossing, hedge both sides. Cross the tracks with care and continue SW, then west, hedge left. Pass the sewage farm on the right and the Weston Engineering Works and car dealership. Turn right at Redisham Road and walk back to the crossroads, taking extra care on the bend.

(1) To extend this walk by 2.8 miles, follow the directions for "Ringsfield and Weston (Beccles 7)".

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