Waveney Ramblers **Bungay 10** Outney and Upgate Street

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: **TM 33151 90085 GPX for SatNav** 9.5 Miles Updated:

Meet and depart from the car park on Outney Common close to the golf club. On the map, the blue track is the walk. The green tracks are shorter versions and one is diversion via the Queen's Head for refreshments.

From the car park, head NE, parallel to the access road. Kink left and right to get close to the pond. Head NE, pond left. In late june there are fine water lillies here. Near the dog poo bin, bear left, north. Take the first right, north, skirting the caravan park. Head north across the grazing meadow. The cattle usually ignore the frequent walkers. Cross the footbridge. Go through a kissing gate and head NE towards a second kissing gate. Go through and cross the Waveney over two foot bridges. Head east into the woodland for about 30 metres. Take the left branch north.

Go north through a kissing gate and cross the drive which is not the right of way. Go through a second kissing gate and head NW, uphill into woodland. When the trees drop their leaves, there are fine views over the common and Waveney. Follow the woodland path NW. When the path bends north, there is a left hand turn. If it's dry, stay on the woodland path. In muddy conditions, it's possible to use the parallel field perimeter track which drier. At the first house, turn right, north, into Free Lane. This bends right. Take the first field entrance, left, north, and follow the field perimeter up to Pound Lane.

Head left, west, along Pound Lane. At Mouse Cottage, turn left, south, into Green Lane. This soon bends right, SW. At Earsham Road, turn left, SW, onto the tarmac. Take the first right, NW, into Whitehouse Lane. This is a concrete road, closed to normal traffic. Head west for over a mile. At a Y junction continue west. At the next junction, bend SW before reaching a T junction. For a shorther walk, turn left and head SE back to Earsham. Our blue route heads right, NW. The concrete bends west and finishes. Continue west along the field perimeter, hedge left, towards buildings. Join a gravel road which soon turns to tarmac. Continue west.

Turn left, south, into Denton Road. For a slightly shorter route take the first left towards Bungay and Earsham. Our blue route continues south towards Denton. When the tarmac bends right, turn left onto the footpath, over a stile and then right, SE, along the field perimeter, fence right. Cross three fields, hedge right. Kink right and left, still SE, and cross the final field, hedge left. Pass a barn and join a tarmac lane still heading SE. At the end, join Middle Lane. Turn left, NE. Middle Lane slowly bends right, SE. Follow it to the end. Cross over Pheasants' Walk into Five Acre Lane, east, closed to vehicular traffic. Just before the A143, look for and use the underpass. The footpath continues on the south side for a useful distance.

To divert via the Queen's Head, use the main road NE, into Earsham. After the pub, either re-join the blue route or head along Earsham Dam back to Bungay. This is shorter but less pleasant. Our blue route follows the Old Harleston Road towards Church Road and the church. Head SE past the church and the Atlantic Stores. At the first bridge over the Waveney, shed a tear for the closed Angles' Way and wonder if it will ever re-open. Cross the second footbridge over the river and turn left, NE, and soon north. Here you can see where rebellious walkers have set up their own unofficial diversion to the open access land nearby, rejoining the Angles' Way. At the Roaring Arch Bridge, turn right, east, into Bungay. Take the first left into Outney Road, NW. Cross the footbridge over the A143 and return to the car park.

This route has quite a lot of metalled traffic free road so it's a good wet weather walk. If Outney Common is flooded, use the "Outney Flood" walk guide for an alternative start to this route. Bungay has many pubs and cafes for refreshments before or after the walk.

