Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 14 Oulton Broad and Lake Lothing

Track: **TM 53142 93386** **GPX for SatNav** 5.2 Miles Updated: 2018

From Normanston Park car park, head east. Close to the main road, turn left, north, uphill. At the skate park, bear left, SW. Follow the north perimeter, fence right. The path bends right. Just before the main road (Normanston Drive), turn left, SW, onto the woodland track parallel with the road. At the island, cross the road into Higher Drive, NW. Almost immediately turn left onto a grassy track between houses. Head west. At the end of the track turn right and head north. At Marlborough Road turn left and head west. At Gorleston Road turn left and head south. Cross over to the right hand side when there's a gap in the traffic. Turn right into Hall Road and head west. Cross to the left hand side when there's a gap in the traffic. Turn left into Holly Road and head south. Cross under the railway using the underpass. Head up the steps and turn right into Commodore Road. Turn left and continue down Commodore Road heading SW. The road bends south and soon SE. At the roundabout turn right towards the wooden lifting bridge past the front of the Wherry Hotel.

Cross the wooden lifting bridge and the lock with Oulton Broad on the right and Lake Lothing on the left. Follow the perimeter of the broad staying close to the water. Enter Nicolas Everitt Park and head west beside the moored boats, thatched cafe and toilets, left. Turn right past Lowestoft Rowing club. Head SW. The path bends south then SE. Leave the broad via the wooden footbridge. Turn left, SE. Take the right hand branch. Turn right towards Pets' Corner. Bear left, SE. Head towards St Mark's Church. At Bridge Road turn right. Follow the right hand branch along Marsh Road towards the Broadlands Park and Marina, SW. Close to the railway station, take the right hand road, not entering the Park and Marina. This is still Marsh Road. When the vehicular track bends right, turn off and head west along the Angle's Way footpath between hedges and chalets. Cross two tarmac roads and head west between more hedges and chalets. Leave the holiday park and continue west. Cross the gravel road and use the stile into enter the meadow. Head west, hedge right. At the end of the field, go through the kissing gate and turn right, north. At the branch, take the left hand path, west and soon SW. Head for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust car park.

Leave the car park at the NW corner. Head NW on a wide gravel track for 80 metres. Turn right through a kissing gate and head NW on a grassy track through the wetlands, not recommended in wet conditions. Go through a second kissing gate and head NE, up some steps. At the top, head right, SE, with flood defence pilings on the left. The path and pilings bend east, north, east, south and finally east again. Don't enter the hotel grounds. There are good views over the broad. At the marina, continue east close to the water. After the marina, continue east then bend NE along a tarmac and soon a grassy gravel path towards thatched buildings. After the thatched cottage, turn left onto the tarmac and head west. Follow the path west and keep right of the slipway and crane. Head right off the tarmac path. Cross the grassy meadow north, towards the iron bridge. Re-cross the bridge and head NE across the meadow towards the bandstand. Pass the thatched toilets and cafe then turn left towards the wooden lifting bridge. Cross the bridge and head right, SE, for the underpass below the main Bridge Road.

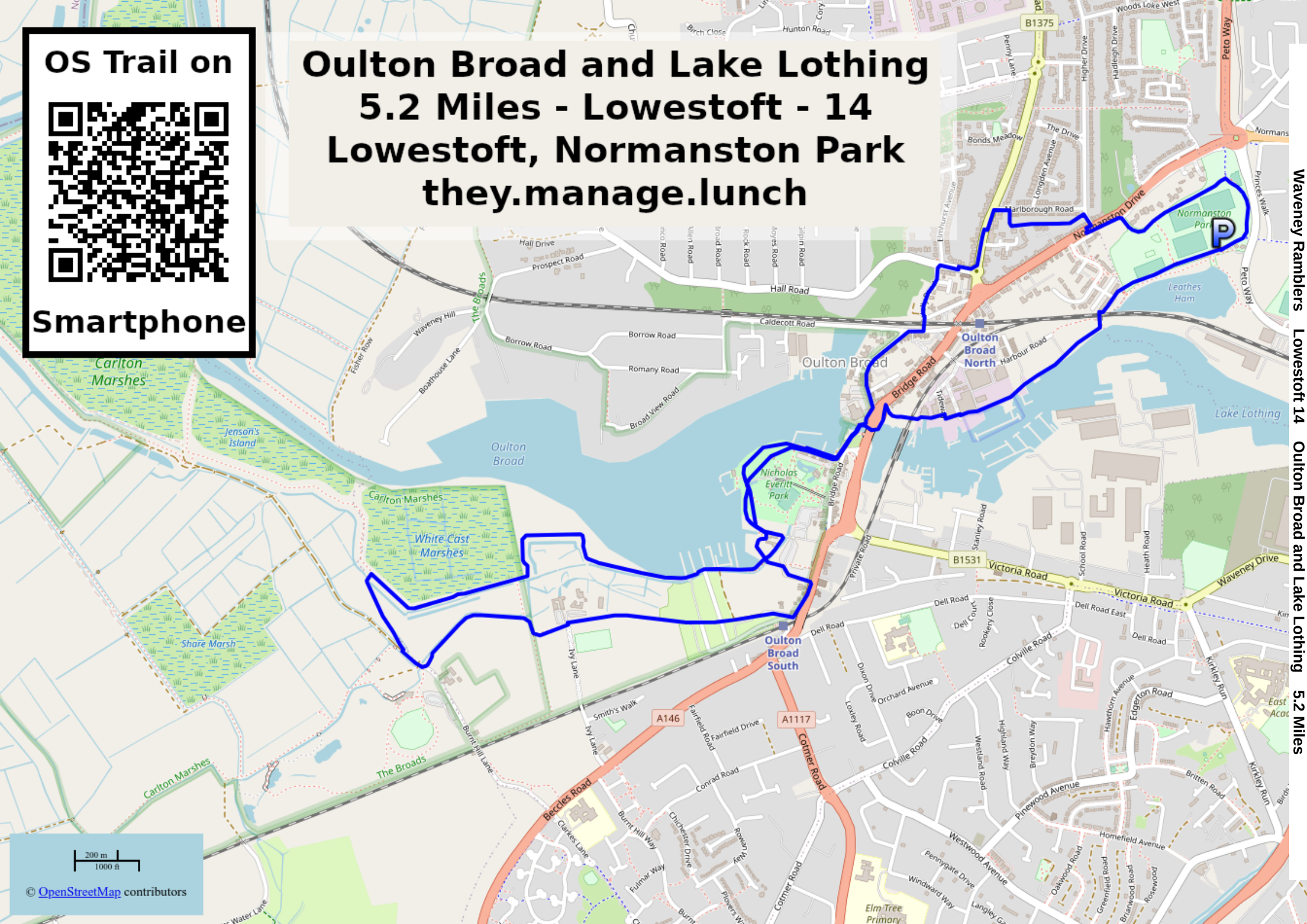
Cross under Bridge Road, then head left, north, past the roundabout and immediately turn right onto a footpath heading SE and soon east. Use the pedestrian tunnel to cross under the railway, swing bridge, right. Head east and later NE through the boatyards. The path kinks right and left. Soon you reach a beach which floods at high tide. Take care during during storm or surge tides. There are good views of the ships in Lake Lothing. At the end of the beach, use the steps to cross the railway. After the footbridge turn right and head east. After a few paces, bear left back into Normanston Park. Return to the car park following the right hand perimeter. If you have time to kill, you could explore Leathes' Ham, south of the car park.

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