Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 11 Corton and Blundeston

Track: TM 54235 97505 GPX for SatNav 6.5 Miles Updated: 2018

Risks: Unstable cliffs and the busy A47. At the NE end of Station Road, close to the bus stop, head north along the alley. Emerge on Church Lane and turn left, NW. After the last house, turn right, NE. Head towards the cliffs. There is a "Path Closed" sign due to the unstable cliffs. At your own risk, taking extra care, turn left along the cliff-top for approximately 300 metres to a track, left.

Option 1 Blue Track - Recommended. Ignore the track to the left and continue north along the cliff top. Pass the caravan park and stay on the cliff top. The path below has washed away. At military grade fencing, head left, west and skirt the perimeter of the "secret bunker" turning right twice. Kink left and head back to the cliff edge. At Hopton, head west along Beach Road. Continue west into Sea View Rise. At Coast Road, turn right, north. Go left, west, into Station Road where there are shops. After the White Hart (refreshments) head right, north, along the old Lowestoft Road for 150 metres. After the church, turn left, west, towards the A47 and cross this busy road using the reservation for pedestrians. Head west along Hall Road. Turn left, south, into Dorking Road. Pass a row of about six terraced houses and turn left, south, onto the track following the power lines. At the tarmac, kink left, then right into the second field entrance. Head south, soon crossing under the power lines. At a patch of woodland, the two routes merge.

Option 2 Red Track - Not recommended. The A47 is unsafe and the paths are little used and in poor condition. At the track, turn left, west for 180 metres towards the church tower. Before the tarmac, turn right, roughly north, onto a little used grass track and continue into the the caravan park, passing through most of the site. The footpath north exit is blocked so you'll need to leave the site by the main entrance. Walk north and soon NW along the somewhat busy Coast Road. When the tarmac bends north, after 200 metres, turn left, west. Follow the footpath west towards the A47. Cross the disused railway. Continue west to the A47 aiming for two lone trees and a gate. Along the A47, head north for a short distance and cross both carriageways via a less overgrown central barrier. Head south along the right hand verge of the A47. Don't turn onto the track to Boyton Farm. Continue south for a further 150 metres. Turn right, west, into the field, hedge right. After 500 metres (two fields), kink left and right and continue west, hedge right. At the third field corner, turn left, south. Near the end of the field, turn right, west across the field towards woodland where the two routes merge.

Both Routes: At the woodland, head west, wood right. At the end of the wood, turn left, south for 180 metres, open field then hedge left. Head diagonally right, SE, across the field to the the bungalows in Blundeston. Head west and immediately south along the Pippins. Turn right, west, into Orchard Close and immediately left, south, into Orchard Lane. At the end, turn left, east, into the alley which emerges in Market Lane. Turn right, south, for 140 metres. 80 metres further south is the Blundeston "Plough" public house which commemorates Charles Dickens and David Copperfield by the names of its many bars (refreshments). The path heads left, east.

Head east and soon NE, across two fields. At the buildings, bear left, NE. In a few metres, turn right, SE, through trees and straight across the field, SE. At the belt of trees, emerge into the next field. Turn left, NE, hedge left for 70 metres. Turn right, SE, uphill towards the farm. Keep the fence and hedge on your left and follow the footpath as it turns right and left passing by the side of the house, emerging on Gorleston Road, B1375. In this area waymarks showing "Waveney Way" should help to maintain the correct route. This is a long-distance route designed to explore the scenic delights of the Waveney District. Turn left, NE, along Gorleston Road to the A47 roundabout. Turn right and cross the A47. Enter a gated track (signposted) and head east across the fields and through a small wood. Continue SE, then east into Manor Park Road. Head east to rejoin Station Road close to the start.

This walk may be linked with walk 1, Blundeston.

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