Waveney Ramblers North Suffolk 16 Thorndon Occold Dublin Rishangles

Track: TM 14218 69609 GPX for SatNav 8 Miles Updated: 2019-06-08

Park near All Saints Church, Thorndon. Head NW along The Street. At the Black Horse, turn right, north, into Fen View. At the children's play area, kink left and right and head down the sunken path. Cross the footbridge and head NE along the board walk. Cross the next footbridge. Leave the woodland. Bear right, hedge right, and head through the gap into a meadow. Cross the footbridge and stile and bear left, NW, across the meadow. Near the end of the field, bear right, NE. Leave the field in the corner near the sewage works. Cross the stile. Turn right, NE, onto tarmac, sewage works right. After 400 metres, turn right, SE, uphill along a wide farm track, ditch right. The post is present but the sign was missing. When the track bends left, continue ahead, SE, through the hedge gap, up the slope. Cross the open field and aim for the right hand corner of woodland. Continue SE on a wide gravel track, woodland left, hedge right. Kink right and left and continue slightly south of east on the gravel tree-lined track. Head towards the farm buildings. At the tarmac road, turn right, SW. Turn first left, SE, on tarmac, towards the research centre. After Gosling Hall, turn left, NE, under power lines. Cross the open field. Head NE towards the first power pole to the right of the church tower. At the power pole, bend a little right and head for the gap and stile. Emerge at the community centre where there is parking for an alternative start point. Turn right and left to pass through the Beaconsfield Arms (refreshments) car park.

Turn left, NW, along Mill Road / The Street. Ignore a footpath, right. Pass the Occold village sign. Turn right into the church yard. Head to the NW corner and leave through a narrow gap very close to the thatched cottage. Just before the farm entrance, turn right, NE. Keep right and cross the grassy area, fence right, pond left. Bear right and head east, hedge right, fence left, barns left. At tarmac, turn right and immediately left, NE, across the open field. Aim for the finger post. Turn right, east, between fields. Cross a ditch and continue east across open fields, farm buildings ahead. Contunue east, farm buildings right. At a crossing track and pond, continue east across the footbridge. The path diverges from the hedge, right, and converges with the power lines. Go east through a hedge gap and bear right, east, under the power lines, small wind turbines ahead. Continue east, woodland right. After the woodland, turn right, SW, woodland right. Cross the sleeper bridge. Continue SW, woodland right. Kink left, SE and right, SW, to leave the field.

Turn left, SE, onto a track. A few paces ahead, turn right, SW, onto a much wider track. The original path diverged left but is completely overgrown and missing. At the end, turn left, SE, for about 40 metres. Turn right, roughly south and cross an interesting footbridge. Cross the field, fence left. Cross the open field, SW. Aim for the finger post. At tarmac, kink left and right, crossing the lane. Continue a little west of south across another open field. Near houses continue ahead, fence right. Turn right, NW, onto tarmac for 300 metres. At Woodhouse Farm, turn left, still on tarmac and head SW, soon bending left, south. Ignore a path, right. At the farm, pass the moat. At a building, kink right and left and head SW across a meadow with mature trees. Leave the meadow and turn right, west, then left, SW, hedge right. This path is little used. Drop down into the valley, hedge right. Cross the water course and continue ahead, south, hedge right, under power lines.

At the Baptist Church, Rishangles, cross the first tarmac lane, then turn left, SE, onto a busier road. At the end of the cemetery, turn right up a driveway. Head towards the converted church. Bear left off the main church path and head into woodland. Turn left, over a footbridge, then right, SW. Cross a stile into a meadow. Head to the SW corner, hedge left. Cross a second stile. Turn left, SW, hedge left. The path bends south. Turn right, hedge left, and head slightly south of west. Kink right and left, hedge left. At a track, kink right and left and head slightly south of west on tarmac, pond left towards Rishangles Lodge. Continue on tarmac, SW, farm buildings right. Follow the fenced lane slightly south of west and cross under power lines. At the T junction, turn right, NW and north, and head back to Thorndon. Ignore side turnings and return to the church.

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