

# **Waveney Ramblers Rural Rambles Suffolk Creeks South**





# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 0 Rural Rambles - Suffolk Creeks South

OS Map: X 212    Track: [TM 39526 59272](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    152 Miles    Updated: 2020-09-16

This 162 mile linear route in 37 circular legs follows the Suffolk coast and creeks of the rivers Stour, Orwell, Deben, Ore, Alde, and Blythe. The route includes parts of the Stour and Orwell Walk, the Suffolk Coast Path, the Sandlings Walks and the Waveney Way. The circular routes are up to eleven miles and total around 354 miles. The route starts at Flatford Mill and ends in Hopton.

## SUFFOLK CREEKS SOUTH - Walks 1 to 20

SC 01 Catawade and Flatford, 4.5 or 6.6 Miles  
SC 02 Catawade and Stutton, 9.4 Miles  
SC 03 Holbrook and Alton, 10.3 Miles  
SC 04 Shotley 10 Miles  
SC 05 Shotley and Pin Mill, 10 Miles  
SC 06 Pin Mill and Wherstead, 10.6 Miles  
SC 07 Orwell Bridge, 6 Miles  
SC 08 Ipswich, 9.2 Miles  
SC 09 Nacton, 9 Miles  
SC 10 Levington, 8.6 Miles  
SC 11 Trimley and Felixstowe 10 Miles  
SC 12 Felixstowe 9.6 Miles  
SC 13 Felixstowe Ferry 9.6 Miles  
SC 14 Hemley and Newbourne 9.4 Miles  
SC 15 Waldringfield and Martlesham 9.2 Miles  
SC 16 Melton and Woodbridge 10 Miles  
SC 17 Sutton Hoo 9.6 Miles  
SC 18 Ramsholt and Shottisham 11 Miles  
SC 19 Ramsholt and Alderton 7 Miles  
SC 20 Bawdsey 9.2 Miles

## SUFFOLK CREEKS NORTH - Walks 20 to 39

The route continues through Bawdsey, Felixstowe Ferry, Shingle Street, Boyton, Chillesford, Orford, Iken, Snape, Church Common, Thorpeness, Minsmere, Dunwich, Walberswick, Southwold, Potters Bridge, Benacre, Kessingland, Pakefield, Lowestoft, Ness Point and finally Hopton.

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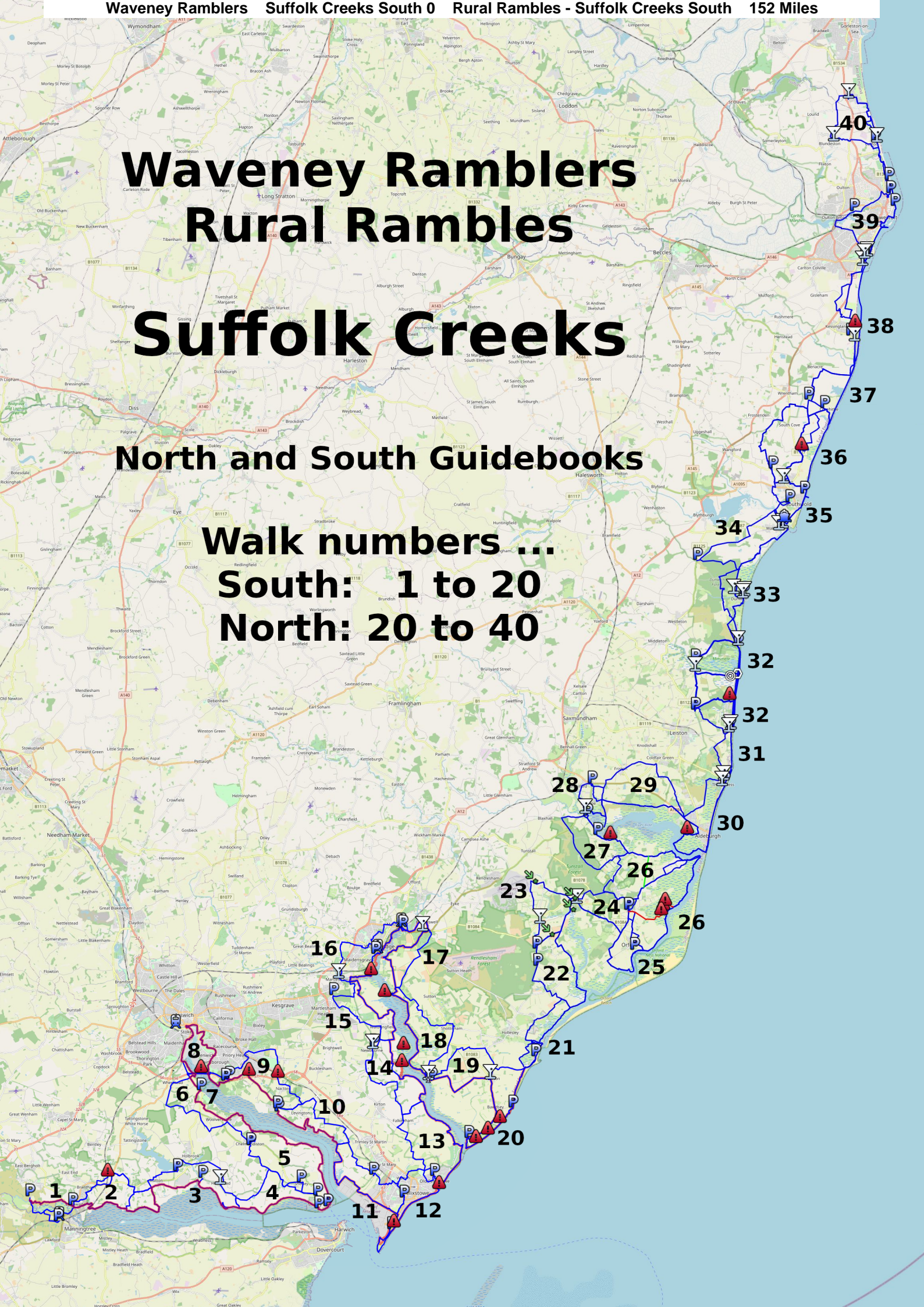
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North and South Guidebooks

Walk numbers ...

South: 1 to 20

North: 20 to 40





# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 1    Cattawade and Flatford

OS Map: X 196, 197    Track: [TM 10103 33129](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-09-29

4.5 miles or 6.6 via Manningtree railway station.

Start from the picnic site at Cattawade.

Head north, then east out of the car park and cross the A137.

Head past the Fontana and then the Crown.

Opposite the Crown car park, turn right, SW, and cross the old bridge.

Merge with the A137 and head SW towards Manningtree.

Cross the White Bridge over the river Stour into Essex.

Soon after the bridge, turn right, west, along the flood defence bank, river right.

VIA MANNINGTREE STATION:

1.5 miles or 30 minutes from Cattawade, turn left, SE, away from the river.

This path is signposted. Head south, east and south and cross under the railway.

Turn left, east, and walk to the station where there is a large pay car park.

FROM MANNINGTREE STATION:

Head roughly SW from the station entrance to the pedestrian car park exit.

Turn right, west, parallel with the railway.

Turn right, north, under the railway.

Head north, west, north and finally NW up to the flood bank path.

Turn left, SW, towards Flatford.

BOTH ROUTES:

The path meanders mainly west.

Turn right, north, towards Flatford, concrete flood wall right.

At Flatford, there are nice views over the mill pond and the lock.

Head right, north across the Stour into Suffolk.

There is a large National Trust car park north of the river crossing.

From the bridge, the Stour Valley path goes right, east, and later SE on a tarmac lane.

At a sign board, turn left, NW, on a gravel track, fence right.

Before a gate, turn right, SE, and later east.

Kink left and right, through a gate and continue east, fence right.

The field perimeter path bends right, south.

Go through another gate and bear left, NE, fence left.

Follow this path roughly east all the way to the B1070.

Turn right, SE, along the B1070 for the last half mile.

Turn right into the picnic site.

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**Cattawade and Flatford**  
**6.6 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 1**  
**Cattawade, Picnic Site**  
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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 2 Cattawade and Sutton

OS Map: X 196, 197 Track: [TM 10103 33129](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 9.5 Miles Updated: 2020-10-07

CAUTION: The beach leg might be blocked during storm surge or unusually high tides.

CAUTION: The railway crossing is closed forcing nearly a mile of walking on the A137.

Head east from the Cattawade picnic site and cross the A137.

Head east along Factory Lane passing the Fontana restaurant and the Crown pub.

Continue to the end of Factory Lane and turn right, SE, pond left.

Continue round the pond. Then turn right, south, towards the railway.

Near the railway embankment, turn right, SW, off the tarmac path.

Follow this narrow path between the railway and the industrial zone.

Turn left, SE, over two stiles and across the busy railway lines.

Follow the estuary flood bank path roughly east until mile four. Keep close to the water's edge.

At one point the path goes through woodland, still near the river.

After the woods, drop down onto the beach.

This could be under water during exceptional high tides or storm surges,

At the headland there are good views towards the port of Harwich.

The path turns left, north for 300 metres, no longer on the beach.

Turn left, NW, and head away from the river.

This track soon turns right, north and merges into Crepping Hall Drive.

At a crossroads, turn left, west, along Manor Lane.

At the farm, keep left and later pass barns, right. At the crossroads, continue ahead, west.

At the T junction, you could turn left, south, along Queech Lane.

This rejoins the coastal path and avoids the overgrown path and the blocked crossing and some nasty road walking.

Alternatively brave the obstructions and turn right, north, towards the B1080.

At the B1080, turn left, west, for 400 metres.

Soon after a stream crossing, turn right, north, and right again through a gate.

Head north, hedge left, stream right. This path is falling into disuse due to the blocked railway crossing.

Continue hedge left through a gate into damp grazing where there were cattle.

The meadow perimeter bends left, SW, stream right.

Cross the stream and head almost north through a gate out of the meadow.

Head left, west, stream left, through woodland. The path had almost vanished because of the blocked railway crossing.

Near the road, the path is blocked by a wire fence that's easy to squeeze through.

Head up to the road and turn left, south, for 100 metres.

There is a right turn with a footpath sign towards the blocked railway crossing.

It was blocked for "safety" but more likely to save money. There was no obvious risk I could see.

So instead, walk nearly a mile south along the busy A137 - LETHAL - Extreme Anger towards Network Rail!

The risk of a rail crossing accident must be less than walking along the A137 without any footpath.

At Church Lane, the blocked route arrives at the A137. Head SW along Church Lane.

At houses, turn left, SE, houses right for 190 metres.

Turn right, through a gap, and head SW along Brooklands Road.

Brooklands road heads SW and later west and finally south into Cattawade Street.

Turn right towards the A137 roundabout the cross the main road.

Head left, south, back to the alleyway leading to the picnic site.

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**Cattawade and Sutton**  
**9.5 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 2**  
**Cattawade, Picnic Site**  
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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 3 Holbrook and Alton

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 17699 35082](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10.3 Miles    Updated: 2020-10-20

CAUTION: The beach leg might be blocked during storm surge or unusually high tides.

CAUTION: The official right of way is blocked at a salt marsh. There is an alternative of unknown legality.

From the car park, head SW towards the estuary. At the flood wall, keep left and continue SW, water right. Follow the footpath left, eventually east, river right. Beach walking is possible but not during high tides or storm surges. Follow the coastal path mainly east. After a patch of woodland, you are forced onto the beach. Head SE. Cross a stream using a sleeper bridge. The water looked polluted. Follow the beach with low cliffs, left. After the cliffs, the right of way continues along the beach but I could not find a way across the salt marsh without getting very wet and muddy. An alternative route goes north on a farm track, then right and right again through a hedge gap. Head SE parallel with the river, hedge right. The legality of this detour is unknown given that the official path seems to be blocked. Eventually there are steps up from the beach. I checked these and still could not find a viable route across the salt marsh.

From the top of the steps, head east, hedge right.

At a hedge, turn left, NW, hedge right and head inland.

Turn left, west, onto a farm track which soon bends right, NW, then north.

Turn left, NW, onto tarmac towards Holbrook. Turn left off the tarmac and head west across open fields.

Cross a tarmac lane and head NW across more open fields. Turn right, east, and head past the Baker's Arms.

Turn first left, north, towards Chelmondeston, children's play area right.

At a right bend in the tarmac, turn off, north, hedge left on a footpath.

Kink left and right and continue north, hedge right. Continue north across open fields towards barns.

Turn left, west, along the tarmac farm access road, hedges both sides.

Turn right, north, onto tarmac for 120 metres. Turn left, NW, across open fields.

At the NW corner of the field cross a farm track and continue NW across another field.

Turn left, roughly west, onto tarmac for 80 metres.

Turn right and head west across the open field. Aim for the stile into woodland, houses left.

Head west through the woods and continue west on tarmac after the wood.

Cross the B1080 and head west, stream left, poplars ahead.

The path skirts a large waterworks east of Alton Water, NW, west and finally SW.

At Alton Water head south across the overflow channel and the dam.

Turn right, west, near the pay and display car park.

Continue west after the access road bends left, camping site left.

Turn left, south, at the end of the camping site. The path soon bends right, roughly west towards power lines.

Ignore a footpath left and follow the power lines west.

Turn left, south, onto tarmac, then first right, west, houses left.

Turn left to join the Cattsfield residential access road. Turn right, west, along the main road for 350 metres.

Opposite the war memorial, turn left, SE, towards Manor Farm. At the first house, turn left, NE, hedge right.

Continue east along Lower Street towards the church. At the church, follow the lane left.

Then pond left, follow the footpath north and soon right, east. Continue east and later NE close to the school perimeter boundary.

The footpath eventually merges with a private road from the school grounds. Follow this NE, fence both sides.

At the estuary inlet, turn right, SE.

Turn left, NE, returning to the car park along the same track as the outward walk.

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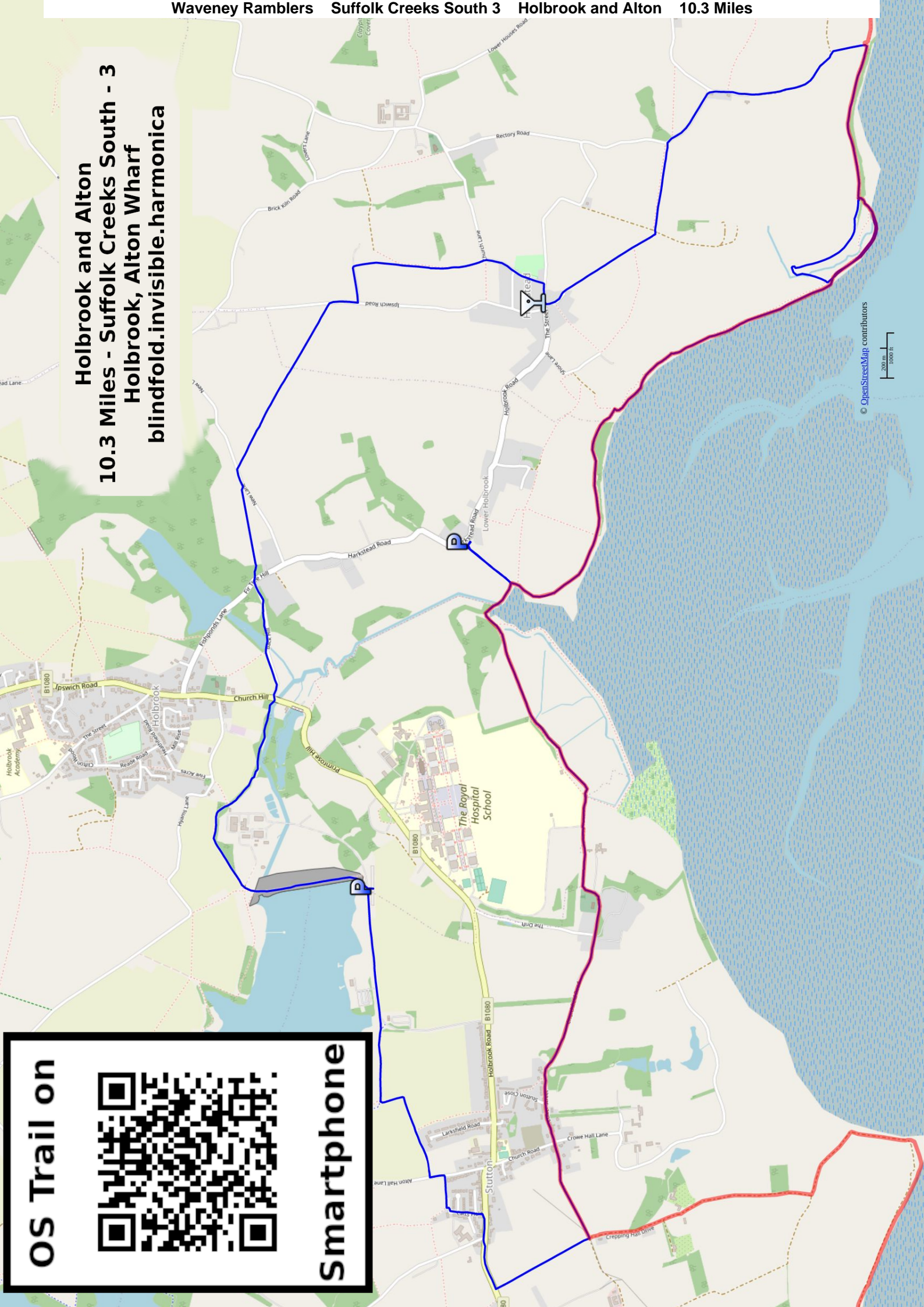


**Holbrook and Alton**  
**10.3 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 3**  
**Holbrook, Alton Wharf**  
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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 4 Shotley

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 23517 35064](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2020-10-22

CAUTION: The river leg has little shelter so avoid foul weather for this walk.

Park near Shotley Village Hall.

Head west along the B1456, The Street.

Turn left, west, off the B1456. Ignore the first footpath, left.

Turn left, SW, onto the second footpath, diagonally across a field.

Continue SW into woodland. The path bends right, NW, later north.

Turn left, west, onto tarmac.

Opposite a historic building, turn right, NW along Warren Lane.

At woodland, turn left, SW, woods right and later across open fields.

At a hedge, kink left and right, and head SW on a wide farm track.

The surface changes from gravel to concrete and later joins a tarmac lane.

When the tarmac bends right, continue SW on a footpath, hedge right.

Kink right and left through a hedge gap and continue SW, hedge left.

Head down to the reservoir, water left.

Head SW, down a slope away from the reservoir towards a copse, trees right.

Go through a gate into grazing, hedge right.

Continue SW through more gates and meadows towards a large barn, left.

Cross the tarmac farm access road and head west, hedge left, towards houses.

Continue west towards the houses after a field gap.

At the houses, turn left, south, on a road that soon dwindles to a farm track.

When the road becomes private, turn right, south, hedge left, towards the river.

Near the low cliff top, tunnel left through a hedge gap and head east, river right.

Follow the coast path, east, all the way to Shotley Gate.

The beach route with salt marshes is not ideal so stay on higher ground.

In Shotley Gate follow the coast east and later north.

Use the top lock gate to cross to the east side of the marina.

There are fine views towards the port of Felixstowe.

At the north end of the marina, bend left, eventually south.

Then follow the footpath west, uphill.

At the main road, B1456, turn right, NW, along the road.

After the last house, turn left, west, on a farm track, hedge right.

At an isolated house, turn right, north and head towards the village hall.

At the main road, turn left and left again into the Village Hall car park.

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**Shotley**  
**10 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 4**  
**Shotley, Village Hall**  
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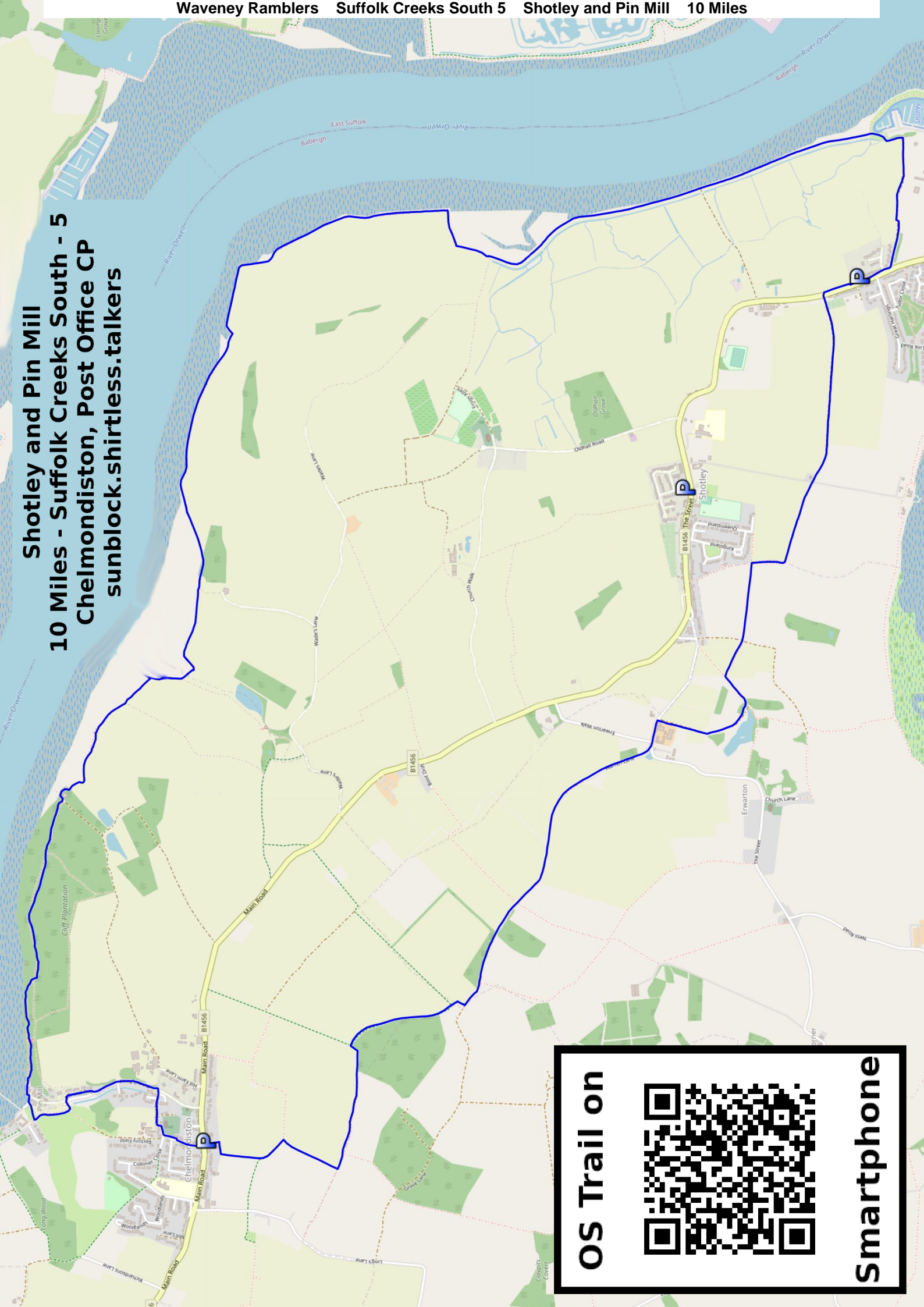
OS Map: X 197,212    Track: [TM 20445 37121](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2020-10-23

CAUTION: The river leg has no shelter so avoid foul weather for this walk.

Park in Chelmondiston, Church Road, behind the Red Lion. This is a public car park.  
Head south through a hedge gap, then right, west, hedge right.  
The path bends left, south, hedge right.  
Follow the path left, SE. At the field corner, turn right, SW, hedge left.  
Turn left, roughly east, hedge left, on a farm track.  
Continue roughly east, hedge right and later, woodland right.  
Join a wide farm track and head SE, woodland right.  
The track bends left and joins another. Turn left, SE.  
At the field corner, leave the wide track and continue east through a small gate, woodland left.  
Follow this track east and SE as it merges into Warren Lane.  
Emerge opposite Erwarton Hall of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn fame.  
Head left, east, along The Street.  
Just after barns, turn right, south, passing an avenue of trees that might be as old as the hall.  
The path bends left, SE, pond below.  
The path bends left, NE, and emerges at an open field.  
Turn right, roughly east across the open field. Cross a wide farm track and continue east.  
At a hedge, turn right, south, hedge left.  
Turn left, east, hedge left. At an isolated house, continue east, hedge left.  
At the B1456, turn right, SE, along the road. Ignore Gate Farm Road.  
Turn next left, east, along a woodland path.  
Drop down to Shotley Gate Marina.  
Turn left, north, and walk along the flood wall, river right.  
This long leg remains close to the river or salt marshes.  
Near Pin Mill, the path heads west into woodland. Don't follow Church Road.  
This is National Trust land and there are slopes, steep by Suffolk standards.  
Emerge into the village at Pin Mill.  
Head south towards Chelmondiston. There are several paths and lanes.  
The track log avoids some of the main road through the village.  
Head west along Hollow Lane and merge into Church Road.  
Cross the B1456 and return to the car park next to the Red Lion.



**Shotley and Pin Mill**  
**10 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 5**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 6    Pin Mill and Wherstead

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 17382 40223](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-10-26

Park in the lay-by off the B1456 where the road leaves the coast.  
Head to the NW end of the lay-by and cross the B1456.  
There are two signed footpaths. Head NW towards Ipswich across an open field.  
The path crosses a tarmac lane. Continue NW.  
At the next road, turn left, SW, and head past the car parks of the Suffolk Food Hall.  
Continue SW, uphill. The lane bends west.  
At the top of this lane, turn left, SW, into Vicarage Lane.  
Follow this lane roughly SW, ignoring side turnings.  
At a T junction, turn left, SE, on a concrete lane.  
Keep left, SE, at the next branch and stay on the concrete lane.  
The lane meanders SE and east through some nice woodland.  
At a farm, turn left, NE and head to Freston along Freston Street.  
At a Y junction, turn right, SE, and head back to the B1456.  
At the junction of the B1456 and the B1080, head south between the B roads.  
Cross an open field and head to the right of a water tower. Aim for a hedge gap.  
Cross a second open field on the same heading.  
Cross a farm track and a third open field still heading SE.  
Continue SE, woodland right. Continue SE across the final open field.  
At houses, turn left, NE, onto tarmac. Look for a right turn off the tarmac.  
Skirt the perimeter of a garden, woodland right. Then cross two open fields roughly NE.  
Back on tarmac head NE. Branch right and cross the B1456.  
Head NE towards a church. Before the church, turn right, SE, over a stile.  
Continue SE over more stiles. There are school grounds, left, in the distance.  
Cross an avenue and continue SE over more stiles.  
Continue along Richardsons Lane, east and later south.  
Turn off Richardsons Lane and head SE along a woodland path to Church Lane.  
This leads into Chelmondiston. Cross a residential road and continue SE.  
Join Colimer Close and head east towards the church.  
Before the church, turn left, north, along Rectory Field.  
Follow this lane north and NE down towards the river at Pin Mill.  
Turn left, ducking under a stile with missing steps. Head north across an overgrown area.  
Turn left passing stored boats. Turn right, NE, across a village green.  
The Butt and Oyster is near the waterside. Turn left, NW, river right.  
The road bends left, uphill, west. Turn right, NW, along a woodland path, boatyard left.  
Follow this path NW, staying near the river until you reach the Harwich Yacht Club.  
Pass the clubhouse near the waterside, then head west, inland, along the access road.  
After a parking area, turn left, SW, off the road into ancient woodland.  
Turn right, NW, houses left. Cross the yacht club access road and continue NW.  
Eventually this path bends north towards woodland.  
Turn left, west, woodland right. Ignore the misleading signpost which takes you into a dead end woodland path.  
Turn right, NW, away from the field. There is a deep hole or ravine on the right.  
Head back to the B1456 and cross over and head west.  
By the church, turn right, north into woodland. Follow this north and later NE.  
Cross a meadow with placid cows. Cross a field, hedge left and return to the lay-by.

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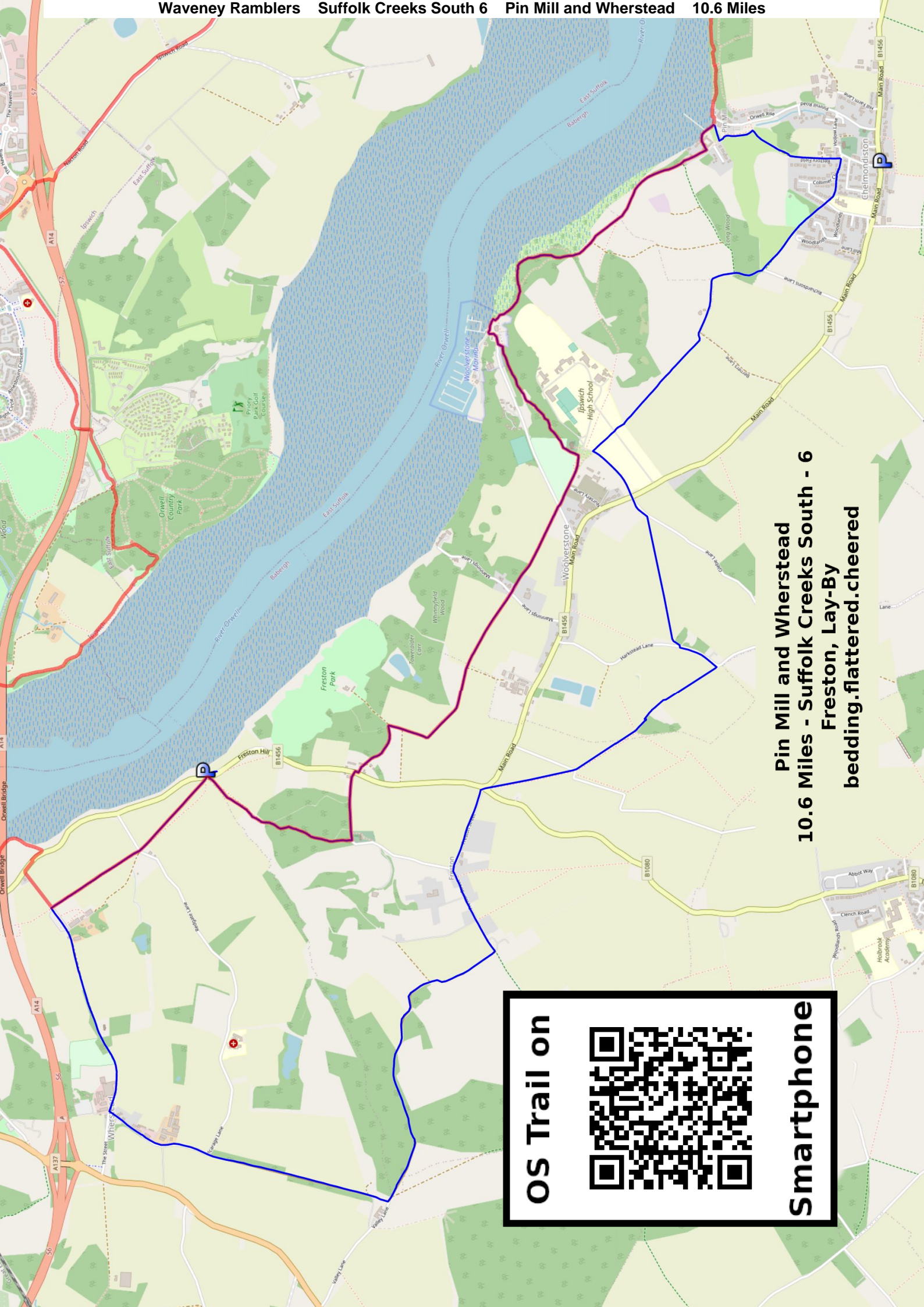
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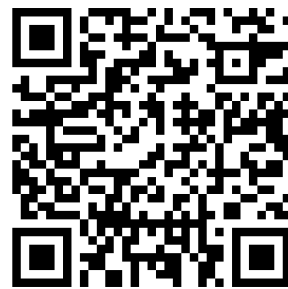
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**Pin Mill and Wherstead**  
**10.6 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 6**  
**Freston, Lay-By**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 7    Orwell Bridge

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 18794 40829](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6 Miles    Updated: 2020-09-06

CAUTION: This walk is unsafe in high winds!

This six mile walk has fantastic views but intrusive traffic noise.

This route bypasses the route through central Ipswich, also interesting.

Park at Ipswich, Bridge Wood.

Head SW along the road from the car park into the woodland.

When the road becomes private, turn left, roughly west, along a wide woodland path.

Follow this path west and later left, south, to the estuary.

Depending on the tide, head right, NW, along the beach or on the higher footpath.

Cross a tributary stream.

Cross under the A14 and turn right, east, parallel with the road.

Turn right, south, and cross under the A14 a second time.

Follow this track when it bends left, east.

Climb the steps up to the A14.

It's possible to divert via a maintenance path to get an interesting view of the bridge.

At the A14, turn left, west, and cross the Orwell.

This leg is 0.84 miles and there are fantastic views towards Felixstowe.

The traffic noise is intrusive.

At the end of the bridge, turn left, south, and head down the embankment.

The path bends left, east. Cross a stile and turn right, roughly south.

Optionally divert via the Suffolk Food Hall.

Turn left, NE, along the Food Hall access road.

Turn right, SE along the B1456 and head to the lay-by (left).

Turn sharp left and head NE along the flood defence wall, estuary right.

Cross under the A14 yet again and head NW along the flood defence.

At the boatyard, follow the marked footpath and cross the B1456 again.

Head south and immediately SE along the footpath, houses left.

Cross an open field, SE.

Cross an access track.

Head SE and climb the embankment up to the A14.

It's possible to divert via a maintenance path under the bridge to get an interesting view.

At the A14, turn left, east, and cross the river, 0.84 miles.

There are fantastic views towards Ipswich with more intrusive traffic noise.

At the end of the bridge, head left and zigzag down the embankment.

This narrow path emerges onto a wide track. Turn right, NE for 50 metres.

Turn right, SE, and walk parallel with the A14 along the woodland path.

Emerge at the bridge over the A14 and head right, south, across towards the car park.

After the bridge, turn right, west then SW, towards the Bridge Wood car park.

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**6 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 7**  
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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 8 Ipswich

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 19039 40960](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.2 Miles    Updated: 2020-09-07

CAUTION: The Orwell Bridge is unsafe in high winds.

Add one mile if you'd prefer to start this walk from Ipswich railway station.

Park at TM 19039 40960.

Head west out of the car park and do not cross the A14.

Head west parallel with the A14.

There are two paths. The right hand option has a bit less traffic noise.

From the right hand path, kink left and right to stay close to the A14.

Go through a narrow metal gap and turn left, south.

Just before the A14 bridge, turn left up the embankment. Zigzag up to the A14.

Turn right, west and cross the bridge, 0.82 miles.

There are excellent views but the traffic noise is intrusive.

After the crossing, turn right and climb down the steep embankment aiming NW.

Avoid the concrete paved steps because the way down is even steeper.

Bear right, SE, and cross under the A14. Continue SE towards the Suffolk Food Hall.

Optionally visit the hall. Head NE along the access road towards the bridge and river.

Turn right, SE, along the B1456 and head to the lay-by.

Turn sharp left, NE, and follow the flood defence wall back under the Orwell bridge.

Continue NW along the flood wall to the boatyard.

After the boatyard, continue NW and soon north around the harbour.

Continue north along the A137. At the roundabout, turn right, east, towards Virginia Street.

Head NE along the litter strewn Virginia Street. Have your mace spray and rape alarm handy!

Head east towards the river across some scabby parkland.

Continue NE along Discovery Avenue. Turn right and left and head along the nicer riverside path.

(At the end of Dock Street, Ipswich railway station is half a mile to the west along the river path.)

At the end of Dock Street, turn right, north and cross the River Orwell.

Turn right, east, along St Peter's Dock and soon left, east, along Albion Quay.

Follow the harbour with moored boats, right. The path swings right, south.

Turn left, NE, into Patteson Road. At the roundabout, continue NE into Myrtle Road.

Bear right and enter Holywells Park. Briefly head east. Then turn right, south, ponds right.

At Cliff Lane, turn left, east. Turn right, south, into Landseer Park.

Follow the woodland perimeter path, south, east, south, east and finally across open grassland, SE.

Leave the park and head south along Hogath Road and then right, SW, into Raeburn Road.

Cross Landseer Road and continue SW along Raeburn Road.

At car parking for Orwell Country Park, Piper's Vale, head south into the park.

Bear right through a narrow gap and continue SW and later south through the woodland.

Drop down and converge with the river. Head under the A14 Orwell Bridge.

Continue south along the riverside path.

Cross a small tributary stream and head SE along the beach.

Kink left and right onto the signposted Stour and Orwell Walk.

Turn left, NE, following the signs and cross a board walk.

The path bends north following power lines. Turn right, east, onto a wider woodland path, uphill.

Kink right and left, NE, and head past a car park.

Continue NE to the A14 and head north across the bridge. Turn right into the car park.

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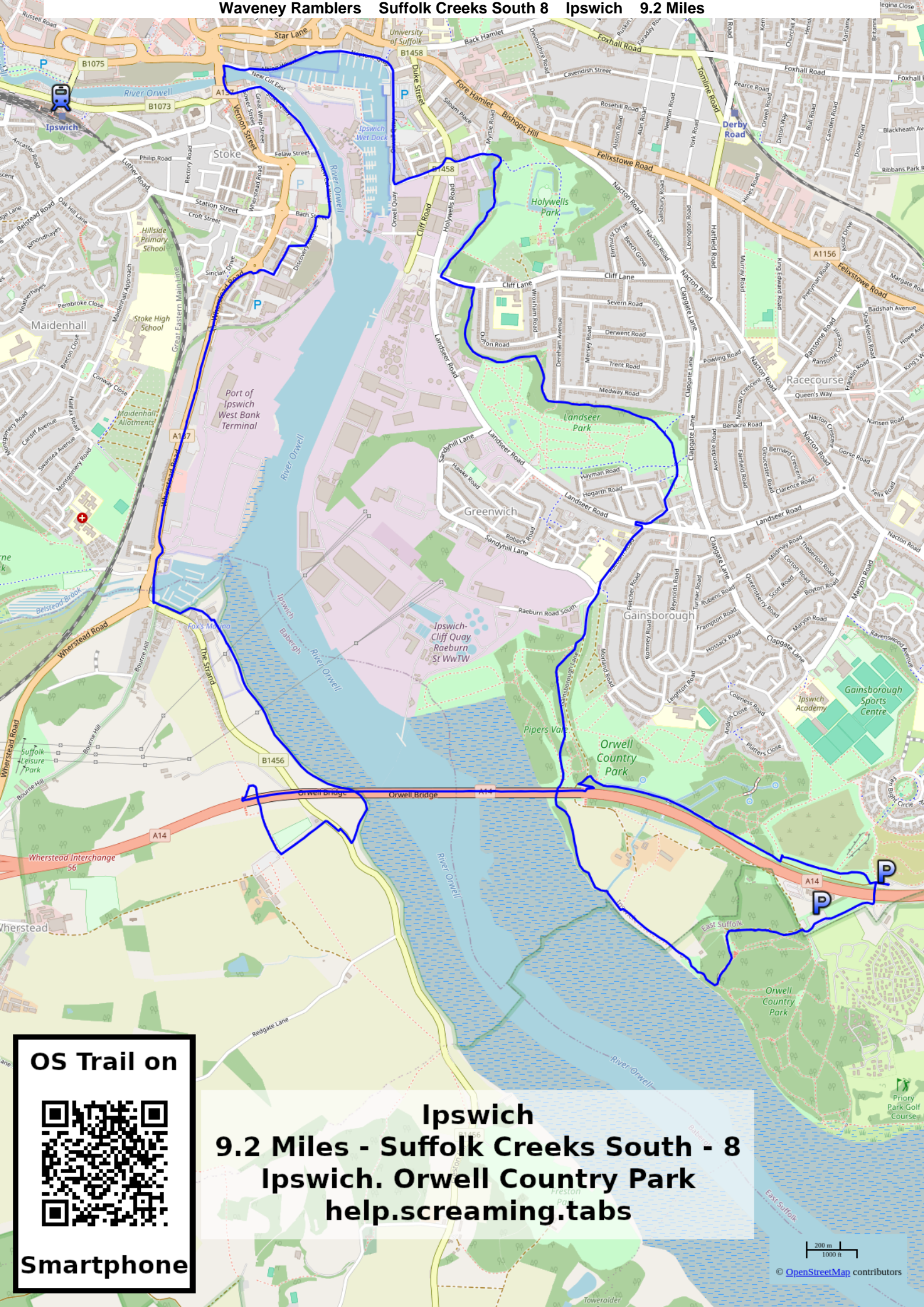
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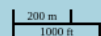


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**Ipswich**  
**9.2 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 8**  
**Ipswich. Orwell Country Park**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 9    Nacton

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 19039 40960](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9 Miles    Updated: 2020-09-09

CAUTION: Two crossings of the A14.

Start from Orwell Country Park, TM 19039 40960.  
Head east along the access road using the parallel footpath.  
At the A1189, turn right, SE, towards the A14.  
Head SE under the A14 via two roundabouts. Take care with the slip roads.  
Continue SE along a quiet lane towards Nacton.  
After a left bend, at a T junction, turn right, SE, towards the Nacton Picnic Site.  
Just before the gated entrance to the picnic site, turn left, east, into woodland.  
Head east through the woods, stream left.  
Turn right onto tarmac for 45 metres.  
Turn left, NE, off the tarmac onto a path, fence left.  
Just before another tarmac road, turn left, NW, away from the tarmac road, fences both sides.  
Go through a gate and continue NW across grazing.  
Follow the meadows NW or north. The location of the path is not always obvious.  
These meadows may be extremely wet. There are springs.  
Follow the perimeter on higher ground and even then, expect wet feet.  
Drop down near the stream and west through a gate into a woodland path.  
Pass a rather wonderful garden (Manor Ponds) and continue west.  
Emerge onto a better track, north and later NW, Amberfield School left.  
Cross a road and continue on a footpath into woodland passing the Paupers' Burial Ground and Stone.  
After the woods, turn right, NW, and head to the A14 crossing. Take care!  
The A14 north bank is overgrown with gorse, broom and pine and the path was hard to locate.  
After the A14, continue NW towards the railway crossing.  
Go through a pedestrian gate and cross the single track railway. Take care.  
After a second gate and an alley heading north, emerge onto the A1156.  
Head west towards Ipswich along this busy road for a few metres.  
Cross at the island and head north along Elmham Drive, a private road.  
The road dwindles to a footpath. Head a little east of north across an open field.  
Continue north on a woodland path.  
Cross Bucklesham Road, tarmac, and continue north.  
At Purdis Farm Lane, turn left, west, towards Ipswich.  
Merge with Bucklesham Road and continue west for 350 metres to an alley and footpath.  
Turn left, SW, along the alley. At Woodrush Road, turn right, west and later SW.  
Follow a footpath south to the A1156. Turn left, SE, along this busy road.  
Cross at the traffic lights and continue SE.  
At the roundabout, turn right, south and soon SW along Ransomes Way.  
At the next roundabout, continue SW still along Ransomes Way.  
At the next roundabout, continue SW along Ravenswood Avenue.  
At yet another roundabout, continue ahead, now west.  
Turn right, north, along a path leading to a large almost circular green.  
Head to the SW exit from the green and head SW along paths parallel with Downham Boulevard.  
Head SW across a circle of parkland and continue SW towards a man-made conical hill.  
Veer left and follow the path, hillock right. Head south back to the car park.

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**Nacton**  
**9 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 9**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 10    Levington

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 21912 39315](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    8.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-09-10

Park at the Nacton Picnic Site, Shore Lane. There are three parking bays.  
Head south to the river.  
Turn left, SE, and follow the flood wall.  
Work your way round a creek formed by a tributary stream.  
Continue on the flood wall to the Levington Marina.  
Head roughly east through the marina.  
The right of way passes behind (north of) the chandlers and retail buildings.  
Cross the marina access road and head east along a woodland path.  
At Loompit Lake, turn right, south, and head along the flood wall.  
At the river, turn left, SE, lake left.  
After Loompit Lake, turn first left, east, on a dirt road.  
Soon after woodland, right, turn left, NW, across a meadow down into the valley.  
Pass a house, right, in the valley bottom.  
Head NW, uphill. Follow the main track when it bends right, NE.  
Before the railway crossing, turn left, NW, towards farm buildings.  
Head through the farm and continue west, woodland left.  
This track joins the marina access road. Turn right, north.  
Turn left, west, along a narrow tarmac lane for 570 metres.  
Here there is a choice.  
Either: Continue straight on roads, through Levington village, to see the church, etc.  
Or: Turn right, north, woodland left on a track and later footpath.  
The path bends left, NW.  
The path turns right, NE, paddocks left.  
At the road, turn left, NW, and soon north, passing farm buildings.  
Continue a little east of north. Then bend left, NW, greenhouses left.  
Turn left, SW, along Bridge Road, research buildings and industry left.  
Continue SW until Bridge road bends south. There are power lines overhead.  
Turn right, NW, and first left, SW, houses and gardens left.  
Follow this footpath SW, down to Levington Road.  
At the road, turn right, NW, for 50 metres.  
Turn left, west, onto a woodland path.  
Follow this path back to Shore Lane.  
Turn left, south, to return to the car parking areas.

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**Levington**  
**8.6 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 10**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 11    Trimley and Felixstowe

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 27764 35708](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2020-09-11

CAUTION: Expect a delay at the railway crossing at Felixstowe port.

Park south of the railway station in Trimley Saint Mary, Cordys Lane. If this is full, start the walk from the free car park north of Felixstowe Lidl. There is additional street parking nearby in Felixstowe.

From the Trimley parking bay head north and first left, NW. This path heads NW overall with several right left kinks. It's a pleasant path through several belts of woodland. There are occasional views towards the river Orwell. Eventually the NW leg ends.

Turn left, west, and head down to the river. In winter, Loompit Lake can be seen on the right.

At the river, follow the flood bank footpath south to the docks at Felixstowe. There are fine views, left, over the Trimley marshes. At the port, turn left and follow the port perimeter track. There is a high tree-covered earth bank between this track and the port. It's green and leafy and the port is hidden. Sadly the noises still get through. It's like a metallic thunderstorm above a busy road where many vehicles are reversing. Turn right twice to keep close to the port. Later bear left, east, up the earth bank, still close to the port.

Drop down to the railway crossing. It tells you to phone to get the crossing unlocked.

I tried the yellow phone and the number on the sign, waited 80 rings and got no answer!

Eventually a safety marshal found me and radioed to get the gates unlocked.

There are seven lines to cross with quite a lot of rail traffic.

The need for safety is understandable.

After the rail crossing, the walk is on roads for a while.

Head south east until you cross the passenger railway track to Felixstowe.

Turn first left onto a footpath that runs close to the railway.

Head through some park land. Next head NE across the Lidl car park.

LIDL - Free car mark north of Lidl - optional start point:

Head north along the A154, Garrison Lane.

Turn left into Chaucer Road and continue north.

Turn left, west, along Mill Lane and cross the railway.

Turn right, north, back on the railway path.

Turn right onto Maidstone Road and head past the school, left.

Turn left, west, onto a footpath and head past houses and round the back of the school.

Turn right, NW, parallel with the railway again.

Cross the footbridge over the railway and head south along Runnacles Way.

Turn right, west, into Grange Farm Avenue.

Turn right, NW, into Runnacles Way (again!).

Turn left, SW, into William Booth Way.

Bear right, NW, into Generals Mews.

Turn left, SW, into a connecting path to Aldringham Mews.

Head NW along Aldringham Mews and continue on another connecting path into Rendlesham Road.

Head NW towards the roar of the A14.

Turn left and right and use the footbridge to cross the A14.

Head west on a woodland path and drop down into a dip.

Turn right, north, along the signed bridleway and cross under the railway.

Continue north and soon NW back to Cordys Lane.

Turn left to return to the parking bay.

The car park is ahead. The footpath is first right, NW, if you started from Felixstowe.

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**Trimley and Felixstowe  
10 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 11  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 12    Felixstowe

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 29622 34440](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-11-17

CAUTION: Walk along the beach beside the static caravan park because the sea wall is blocked. If the tide blocks this route, there is a road inland NE from the car park.

This walk started from Chaucer Road avoiding pay and display park charges.  
Head south and join the A154. Turn right, SW, towards Lidl.  
Near the store entrance, head SW into park land and continue SW across the entire park.  
Turn left, SE, along the A154. Turn second right, SW, along the A154, towards the port.  
The road bends right, almost west.  
Turn left, south, along Viewpoint Road.  
When the pavement ends, cross the bank, left, and walk SW across the heath land.  
Head to the car park north of Landguard Fort. There is a fine view of the port here.  
Turn left, south and follow the shore to the point.  
There is a modern radar tower and many relics from WW2.  
At the point, turn left, NE, and follow the shore all the way to Old Felixstowe.  
At the static caravan park, avoid the blocked sea wall and use the beach.  
If the tide is too high, use the alternative inland road along Manor Terrace.  
The route passes the Pier.  
After the pier, there are attractive landscaped gardens with a path through.  
To avoid steep steps up, use Maybush Road. NE.  
Moderately fit people can continue along the sea wall, east.  
Head up the steps and follow Martello Lane. Turn right, NE, into Golf Road.  
Turn left, west, along High Road East.  
Turn first right, north, into Western Avenue.  
Turn left, west, into an alley that emerges at the church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.  
Turn right, north along Ferry Road.  
At the Community Centre, kink left and right along a footpath, west of north.  
Merge with Gosford Way and continue north.  
Cross two more roads and enter some countryside with farm land.  
Follow the field perimeter north and later left, NW, cutting off the field corner.  
Emerge onto Hyems Lane and head SW.  
Turn slightly right, NW, into a narrow woodland belt. Drop down and turn left, SW.  
Turn right, west, and cross a footbridge. Head through paddocks.  
The path heads left, SW, off the access track, through a gate, and across several stiles.  
At the final paddock SW corner, cross one more stile and head towards the main road.  
Cross the road and continue SW on the footpath. The path bends left, SE.  
Enter the playing fields through a gap and turn right, SW, hedges right.  
Rejoin Recreation Lane and continue SW.  
Turn right, NW, along the High Street. Turn left, SW, into King Street.  
Kink right and left and head south along Maidstone Road.  
Cross the railway and turn left, SE, along a footpath, railway left.  
At Mill Lane, turn left, east. Cross the railway.  
Turn right, south into Chaucer Road and return to the start point.

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**9.6 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 12**  
**Felixstowe, Chaucer Road**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 13    Felixstowe Ferry

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 31353 35792](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2020-11-18

Park near Old Felixstowe Community Centre. There is space in St Georges Road opposite.

From the community centre, head south along Ferry Road.

At the church turn left, east, along a footpath.

Cross St Georges Road and turn right, south, into Western Avenue.

Kink left and right to cross High Road East and enter Golf Road. Head SW.

Turn left, SE, into a grassy parking area. Head down steps to the beach.

Turn left, NE, and follow the coast all the way to Felixstowe Ferry.

There are two Martello towers on this leg of the walk.

After the ferry, stay near the river Deben and head NW overall.

The path zigzags around inlets, drains and other coastal features.

Five miles into the walk, turn left, SW, away from the river.

This route is well signed with finger posts and zigzags SW overall.

The next landmark is the small church of St Ethelbert at Falkenham.

This is a sheltered spot and there are a couple of seats.

Just over six miles into the walk this might make a good picnic lunch place.

After the church, head south, then right, west, along Lower Falkenham Road for 25 metres.

Turn left, south, into Dog Lane, track. This bends right, SW.

Turn right, SE, along Back Lane.

Opposite Lower Road, turn right, roughly south, across an open field.

Drop down into a valley and turn left, SE, through a woodland belt, pond left.

Go through a gate into a meadow and head SE. Bear right, south, fence right.

Leave the meadow through a gate and cross the footbridge.

Head south, hedge left. Turn left, east, towards woodland.

Turn right, south, woodland left.

Turn left, east, into Gulpher Road. The road bends right, south.

Ignore the first footpath right.

Soon after this, turn right and climb a bank. Use the field edge path parallel with the road, SE.

Turn right, south, hedge left.

Kink left and right to head south along Hyems Lane, playing fields right.

Hyems Lane bends left, SE. Cross Links Avenue and continue SE on a footpath.

Cross Links Colneis Road and continue SE on a footpath, school left.

The footpath, Quintons Lane, bends left, roughly east. At a branch, go left, north of east.

Cross Ferndown Road and continue a little north of east.

Turn left, north, and cross the green behind the community centre.

Turn right, east, towards Oldfield Terrace and Old Felixstowe Community Centre.

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# Felixstowe Ferry 10 Miles - Suffolk Creeks South - 13 Old Felixstowe Community Centre outfit.most.arch

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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 14 Hemley and Newbourne

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 27446 43257](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.4 Miles    Updated: 2020-11-23

Park at Newbourne Springs, off Woodbridge Road.  
Leave the car park and turn right, SE, along Woodbridge road.  
Turn right, SW, along The Street.  
Head past the Fox Inn (refreshments).  
Follow this road south, west and soon south again.  
After a dip and the water mill buildings, continue south up a steep bank into woods.  
Leave the road which bends right, SW.  
Follow this path south and later SE.  
It's well signposted and "Private" signs signal where not to go.  
Stay on the main track when the route bends left, NE and soon right, SE.  
Kink right and left and continue east on a good track.  
Turn left, NE, and head towards barns.  
Head roughly east through the farm buildings.  
Ignore the first path right, heading SW.  
Take the second track, right, south, reservoir left. The water is hidden behind a raised bank.  
After woodland, turn right, SW, woodland right.  
Turn left, slightly east of south, across an open field.  
Turn right, SW, onto a good track which soon bends left, south.  
Continue on this track when it bends left, SE, and later south again.  
At a silo and concrete hard standing, turn left, east, and head towards the river.  
Follow the track left, roughly north, avoiding the private land ahead.  
The track bends right, NE, and soon reaches the river.  
Turn left, NW, and use the flood wall, river right.  
Continue along the flood wall when it meanders round two salt marsh inlets.  
At woodland, the flood wall was closed for repairs.  
If this re-opens, follow the flood wall, woods left.  
If the flood wall is closed, head NW, woodland right.  
The woodland path bends right, north, and later east of north.  
At houses, the two options meet up again. Head west to the church.  
Turn right, north, on tarmac, church right.  
The tarmac ends. Continue north on the footpath.  
Turn left, west, onto tarmac.  
Turn left, south, staying on the tarmac lane.  
After a few metres turn right, SW, off the tarmac and cross the open field.  
Enter the woodland and drop down using the steps.  
At the tarmac road, turn right, SW.  
Turn first right, NW, along Woodbridge Road.  
Turn left back into the car park at Newbourne Springs.

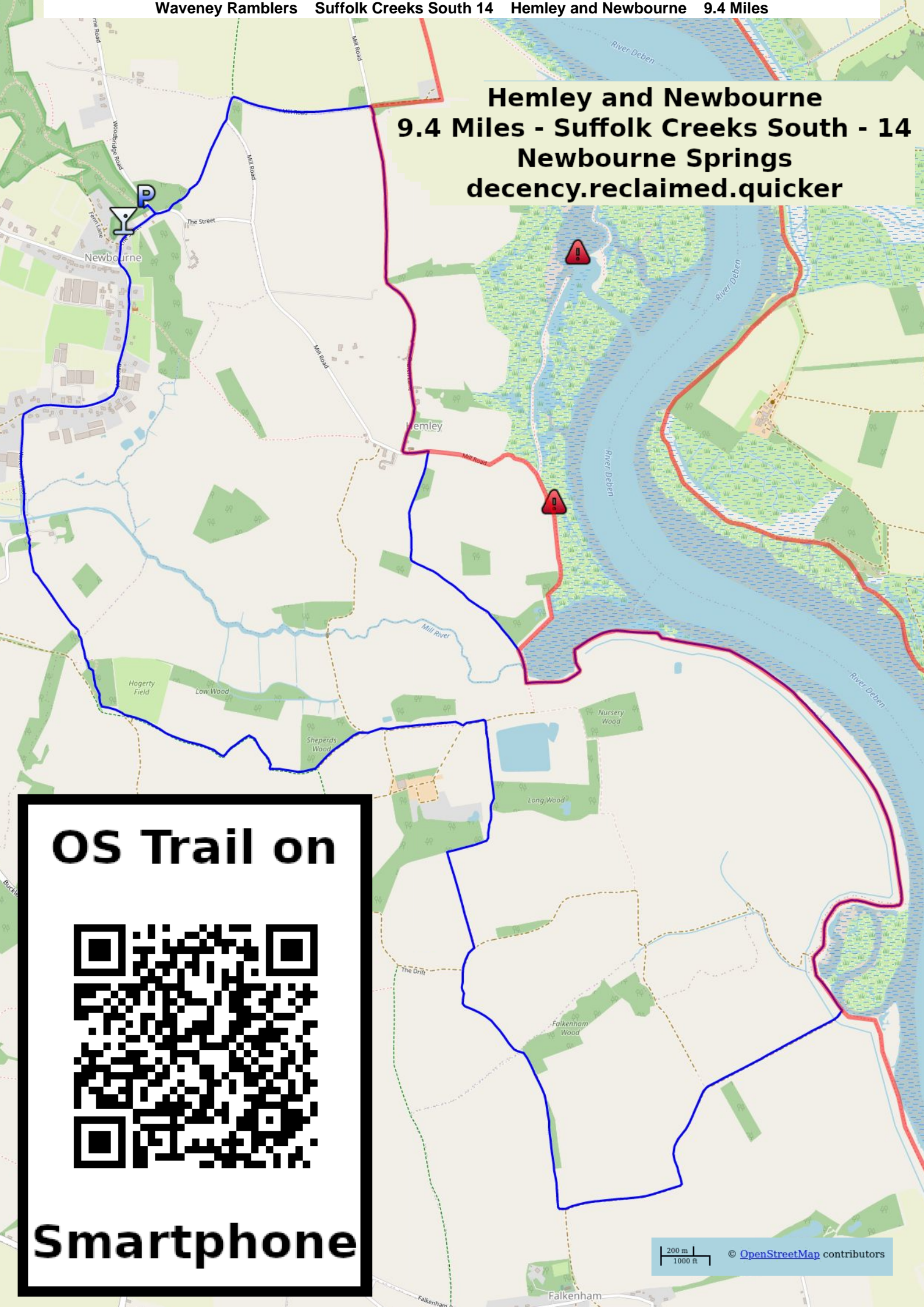


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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 15 Waldringfield and Martlesham

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 24924 46139](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.2 Miles    Updated: 2020-11-24

Much of the river path has washed away so this walk uses a quiet inland lane.  
Park at Martlesham Woods behind the Tesco Extra superstore.  
Head south along Felixstowe Road for 100 metres. Turn left, SE, into a woodland footpath.  
Continue SE on the woodland path, chalet park left.  
Turn left, NE, chalet park still left on the woodland path.  
Bear right, south of east. There is a high bank on the right hiding a disused airfield.  
Follow this embankment when it bends right, SE.  
When the embankment ends, turn right, SW, for 100 metres.  
Turn left, SE, hedge left. The path bends right and crosses an open field.  
Cross the Ipswich Road and turn left, east.  
Use the footpath parallel with the road, hedge left.  
Turn right, SE, along Newbourne Road and immediately left, SE, on a sand and mud track.  
This track gradually bends left, east. Head east past farm buildings.  
Just after Waldringfield Village Hall, turn right, south, school left.  
Continue south for 800 metres. Turn left, east, towards the river along Mill Road.  
When Mill Road bends left, continue ahead, east, towards White Hall.  
Turn left, north, passing round the back of White Hall.  
At a pond with a hole in it, turn right, NE. This path emerges at the river.  
Head left, north, to Waldringfield sailing club and the Maybush Inn.  
Continue north. The path kinks right and left to avoid a private road.  
Continue north, river right.  
The river path soon ends, washed away by erosion. Head left, SW, into woodland.  
Turn left, SE, along Fishpond Road. The road bends right, SW.  
Turn right, NW, along Woodbridge Road. This is part of the Suffolk Coast cycle route.  
Continue for 2000 metres, about 30 minutes.  
Turn right, north, onto the first signed footpath.  
This path bends right round the back of a house, then heads north, woodland right.  
At the end of the field, turn left, west for 60 metres.  
Turn right twice, doubling back, east, for 120 metres.  
Turn left, north across an open field, later hedge left.  
Kink left and right and continue NW to the estuary.  
Turn left, west, river right. Head through the boatyards.  
Head west along the signed right of way through woods.  
Turn left, south, and climb some steps.  
Cross Church lane and turn left, east, on the footpath parallel with the road.  
Head towards the church. At the car park, turn right, south.  
Ignore a crossing path and continue south to Waldringfield Road, tarmac.  
Cross the road and turn right, west, using the field perimeter path parallel with the road.  
After 60 metres, turn left, south, across an open field.  
Turn right, west, using the field perimeter path parallel with Newbourne Road.  
At a right bend in the road, cross over and head due west into the Martlesham Woods.  
Follow this path west back to the car park.

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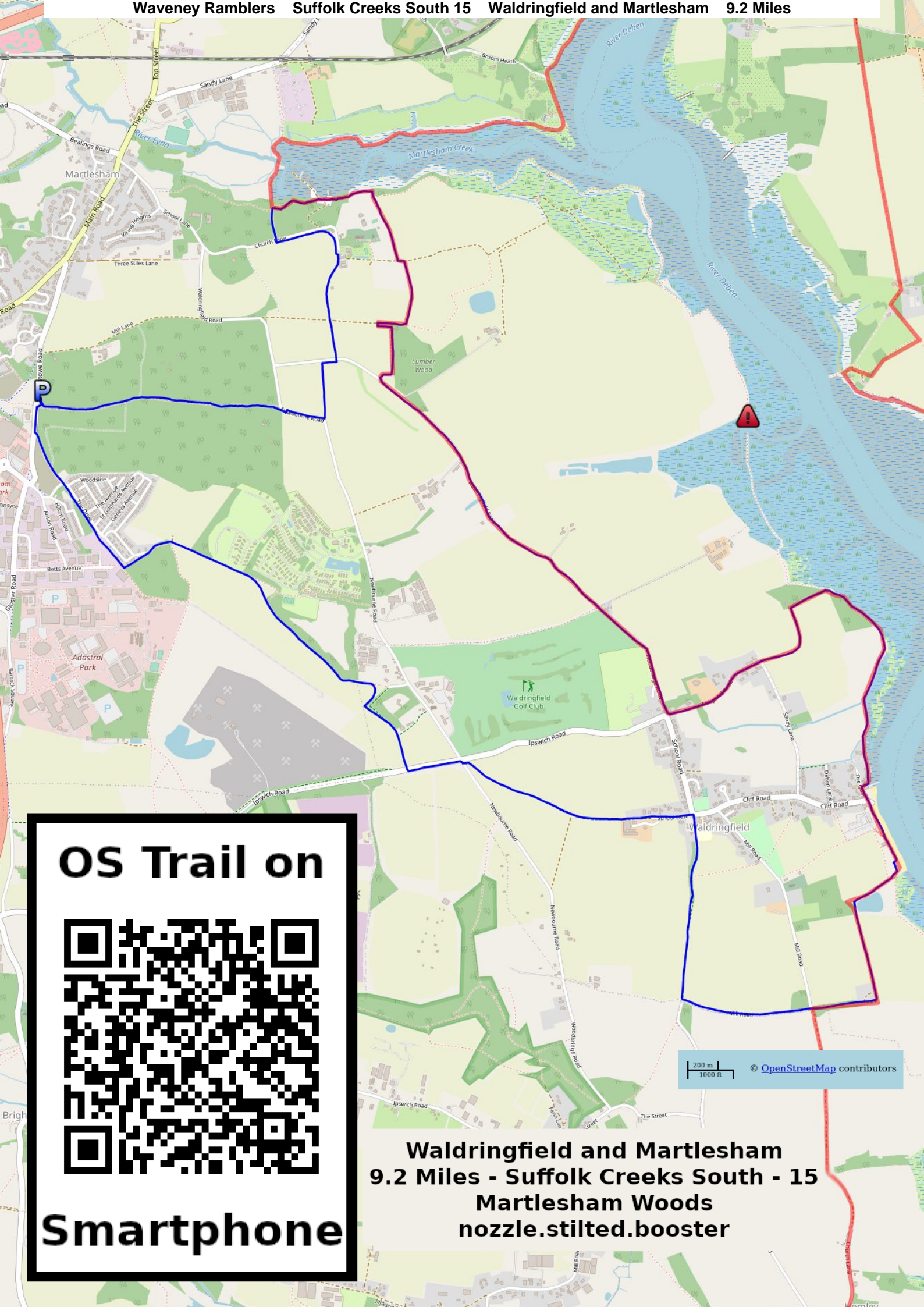
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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 16 Melton and Woodbridge

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 28813 50301](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2020-11-26

CAUTION: At high tide, the path can flood.

Park at Melton Riverside. Head NW towards the railway line.  
Turn left, SW, towards the river and flood wall. Turn left, SE, and follow the flood wall, river right.  
At the A1152, Wilford Bridge right, cross over and head north up Brick Kiln Lane.  
Cross the railway line and head along Waterhead Lane, NW and west.  
Turn left, SW, houses left. Turn right, NW, along Station Road.  
Turn left, SW, along the B1438, The Street. Turn right, west, along Woods Lane, A 1152.  
Soon after Valley Farm Road, turn left, south, along Leeks Hill.  
Continue south into woodland when the road bends right.  
Follow the woodland path west and soon NW. The path bends left and emerges onto Saxon Way.  
Head south along Saxon Way and very soon, right, west, onto a new footpath.  
This path bends left, SW, and emerges on Pytches Road.  
Turn left, SE, along Pytches Road and first right into Highlands Lane, SW.  
At the end of the road, continue on a footpath. This bends right and left and emerges on Castle Street.  
Head left, SE, along Castle Street. Turn right, south, into the Ship Meadow Walk alleyway.  
Turn right, west, along Chapel Street and merge with Angel Lane, NW.  
Turn left, west, into Waggoners Court. Head west, round the back of the buildings.  
This path bends left, south and climbs steps up to Theatre Street.  
Turn right, west, along Theatre Street. Then first left into Queens Head Lane.  
Cross Seckford Street and enter the park land. Head SW across the grass, aiming for the SW field corner.  
Head west along Bridgewood Road. Turn right, NE, along Drybridge Road.  
Turn left, west, opposite the entrance to the Seckford Almshouses.  
Follow the footpath west and emerge into Colletts Walk. Continue west into Naunton Road and Bullards Lane.  
At Bliney Road, head SW through the hedge to the A12. Cross the A12 and continue west on a footpath.  
Kink right and left and continue west on the footpath.  
Turn left, south. Kink right and left and continue south towards a fancy modern house.  
Head past the house using their gravel drive and continue roughly south through the golf course.  
Turn left, SE, along Seckford Hall Road. Turn right, south, hall right.  
Climb the hill, woodland right. Drop down and head south to the A12.  
Climb the steps and cross the A12. Turn left, east, A12 left.  
At the roundabout, turn right, south, and zigzag down to Top Street.  
Cross under the railway. Turn left, SE, into School Lane.  
Turn left, east, onto the first footpath. Follow this east overall.  
Turn left, north, to the estuary. Head north and soon east, estuary right.  
Follow the flood wall all the way back to the car park and Melton Riverside.  
The path drops down to sea level and bends left, north at a point with fine views.  
This is the short leg that might flood during high tides.  
Head north, either on the flood wall or on an inland path, NW and soon north.  
The inland path is more sheltered. Cross the railway and go via the playing fields and amenities.  
At the station cross the railway again and rejoin the flood wall heading NE.  
The NE path follows the flood wall all the way back to the car park.

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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 17 Sutton Hoo

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 28813 50301](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-11-29

Park at Melton Riverside. Head NW towards the railway station.  
Turn left, SW, towards the flood wall and river. Turn left, SE, along the flood wall, river right.  
Follow the flood wall to the A1152. Turn right, SE, along the A1152 and cross Wilford Bridge.  
Soon after the bridge, turn left, east, into woodland and along board walks.  
The path comes out onto Common Lane, Head left, NE. Near the church, turn right, roughly south.  
Just after Bromeswell village hall, turn right, west, into woodland. There are ponds.  
Near the Unruly Pig, cross the A1152 and head SW into the golf course.  
Head SW across the golf course. The footpath is well signed with finger posts.  
Take care not to deviate along bigger golf course tracks.  
Kink right and left to cross the B1083. Head SW, paddocks right.  
The path bends right, west, onto tarmac. This is the access road to the Sutton Hoo ship burial.  
Consider pausing the walk to visit the ship burial museum.  
Head NW, buildings right, across an attractive landscaped area.  
Bend left, west, along the Valley Path and drop into the valley with rising ground on both sides.  
At the bottom, turn left, SW, onto tarmac. Turn right, west, Dairy Farm right.  
Follow this path west and later SW, down to the river. Head along the riverside path river right.  
There are good views of the boatyards across the river at Woodbridge.  
Turn left, south, up steps. Turn left, east, woodland and river left.  
Turn right, south, woodland left. Turn left, roughly east, woodland left.  
Turn right, south, woodland left. Turn left, SE, across an open field.  
In 2020, this was mown lawn being grown for turf.  
Cross a road and head a little east of due south, woodland left.  
Stay on this heading until Methersgate Hall.  
Ignore the first road left. Zigzag right and left through the buildings.  
Very soon after the buildings, go through a small gate, east, Methersgate Hall right.  
The footpath signs were missing.  
After houses left, turn left, NE. Follow this path NE.  
After woodland, left, the right of way heads NE across open fields.  
This was not signposted and the downloaded GPS track became very useful.  
Eventually the unsigned path merges with a farm track. Head NE.  
Turn left, NW, and use the path through the trees, parallel road right.  
At the end of the belt of trees, turn right, NE, and cross the B1083.  
Head NE on the golf club access road. Follow this road and footpath NE.  
Pay attention to the finger posts showing the correct line.  
Drop into a shallow dip and climb the other side, still NE.  
Go through a gate and head NE on a wide sandy track.  
Kink left and right and head north on a footpath parallel with the sandy track.  
Turn left, west. Turn right, north, through pine trees. Drop down to the A1152.  
Kink left and right and head NW along School Lane.  
Near the church, turn left, west, along Common Lane. The road bends left, SW.  
Before the A1152, turn right, off the tarmac and drop down to the board walks.  
Head west, river right. Turn right, NW, along the A1152 and cross Wilford Bridge.  
Turn left, west, along the flood wall, river left.  
Turn right, NE, down steps and head NW back to the car park.

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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 18 Ramsholt and Shottisham

OS Map: X 197 Track: [TM 30926 41458](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 11 Miles Updated: 2020-12-07

CAUTION: The tide can block the coastal section and the flood wall is eroded and could wash away. This walk was reversed to reduce the risk of getting stranded and having to walk extra miles.

Park in the public car park at Ramsholt.

Head west out of the car park and pass the Ramsholt Arms.

Head NW along the beach. Tidal flood risk. Stay near the water for several miles.

The path soon joins a flood wall and occasionally enters woodland with steep slopes and steps.

There is some field perimeter walking, always near the river.

Near the end of the coastal leg, the path ahead is fenced off.

Kink left and right across a sleeper bridge.

Climb over the flood wall and head NW along the top edge of the salt marsh. Tidal flood risk.

After the house, right, turn right, NE, along a sandy track.

The path is easy to follow with the private areas fenced off.

At a sturdy gate, turn right, SE. Cross the field then head left, NE.

At a wide sandy track, turn left, NW. Ignore the path ahead.

Follow this track right, NE, when it merges with another.

Before sheds, look right for a narrow gate. The footpath signs are missing.

Head east through the gate, Methersgate Hall right.

Turn right, SE, along the wide Methersgate Hall Lane.

Follow the lane when it bends left, NE.

Turn right, SE, along a smaller farm track.

Turn right, SW, when there is no way ahead.

Turn first left, SE, trees right.

Follow the track when it bends left, east.

At a woodland belt on the left, turn right, south.

Just before a reservoir, turn left, SE.

Turn right, SE, when this road merges with Sutton Street.

Turn left, roughly east to pass Woodhall Manor still on Sutton Street.

Cross the B1083 and head NE across a meadow.

Turn right, east, across a watercourse.

Continue roughly east across fields.

Continue east to allotments. Turn right, south, along Church Lane.

Optionally visit the church (left) or continue south to the Sorrel Horse.

Kink left and right across the village street and continue south along Villa Hill.

The road ends. Continue south on the footpath.

Cross the B1083 and continue roughly south.

At a left bend in the tarmac, turn right, SW, along a wide sandy track, hedge right.

Ignore the first branch right. Pass a reservoir, right. Pass woodland, left.

The path bends right, due west. After 250 metres, turn left, south, hedge left.

At Ramsholt Church, continue south. Ignore a path left. Head right, SW.

Head through two gates into damp grazing near the river.

Follow the path west and later left, SE, wetland right. This meadow is damp.

Head through two more gates and rejoin the outward path along the beach.

Head SE to the pub, then left, east, uphill, back to the car park.

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# Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks South 19 Ramsholt and Alderton

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 30926 41458](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7 Miles    Updated: 2020-12-09

Park at Ramsholt. Use the public car park and not the pub's.  
There is no waterside footpath so this walk is all inland with occasional river and sea views.  
Head roughly east along Dock Road away from the river.  
Turn right, still on tarmac, and head SE.  
Continue ahead, SE, when the main road veers left.  
This lane is reverting to a mud track.  
After woodland, left, turn left, NE, along a good farm track, ruins left.  
Continue on this bearing until you rejoin the earlier lane. Continue east.  
At Alderton, divert via the church which looks as though it has lost its tower.  
Leave the cemetery by the east gate, close to the Swan, sadly for sale in late 2020.  
Head north past the pub and village shop and continue north along Hollesley Road.  
This carries significant traffic so take care. There is no alternative footpath.  
Go left, NW, at the Y junction, now on Lodge Road.  
Before Coronation Avenue, turn left, west, off the tarmac on a footpath between fields.  
This path was not signposted. At the B1083, kink right and left and head SW between fields.  
Turn right, north, when the way ahead ends. Turn left, roughly west after one field.  
Don't use the main farm track when it bends left.  
Instead veer right off the track and head west, trees left, aiming for a gap in the trees.  
Join another farm track, left, south and soon SW, trees right.  
Follow this to a tarmac lane and continue roughly south.  
Turn right, west, signposted to Ramsholt Church. Walk 18 goes via this church.  
After Valley Wood, turn left, south, onto a bridleway, woodland left.  
Turn right, SW, stream left.  
At houses continue SW through gaps. This track bends left, south and crosses the stream.  
At tarmac, turn right, east, and return to the car park.  
The river and pub are only 200 metres east of the car park.  
It's well worth adding this to the walk.



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# Waveney Ramblers    Suffolk Creeks South 20    Bawdsey

OS Map: X 197    Track: [TM 35745 40031](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.2 Miles    Updated: 2020-12-15

CAUTION: The footpath near Bawdsey Manor is closed but well used.

CAUTION: There is a risk of cliff falls between Bawdsey Quay and Bawdsey, East Lane.

CAUTION: At high tide, the sea can block the route below the cliffs.

Park at Bawdsey, East Lane.

Head North on the coast path.

Use the path in preference to the shingle bank.

There are wetlands and two Martello Towers.

Before the third Martello Tower, turn sharp left, SW.

Drop down off the flood wall and cross the drain, SW, at the first opportunity.

Head SW across an open field.

Head west along Buckanay Lane.

Turn left, south, along Hollesley Road.

At Alderton there is a village shop and the Swan (For Sale 2020).

It's worth walking round the church grounds.

There are seats, a war memorial and the bell, presumably from the missing bell tower.

Head south along The Street. Continue south into Ferry Road.

Ferry Road bends SW.

Optionally divert via the picnic area and toilets.

Rejoin the road and head south to the Felixstowe Ferry.

Head south to the headland, then NE along the coast towards Bawdsey Manor.

The right of way has been closed and is somewhat unsafe.

To avoid the closure, the only alternative is to return by the road route.

Anyone who has done any mountain walking will not understand the problem.

The closed but well used footpath is narrow and tamarisk bushes are beginning to overgrow it.

There is a sea wall made from steel pilings with a vertical drop of up to 4 metres.

After walking in mountains with drops of hundreds of metres this is not a difficult path.

Later the shingle surface becomes much rougher with irregular concrete blocks.

The steel pilings end and now the main risk is cliff falls.

At high tide this leg might be blocked.

Continue NE along the shingle beach. This is hard work.

Climb the bank near the Martello Tower.

Head NE back to the car park.

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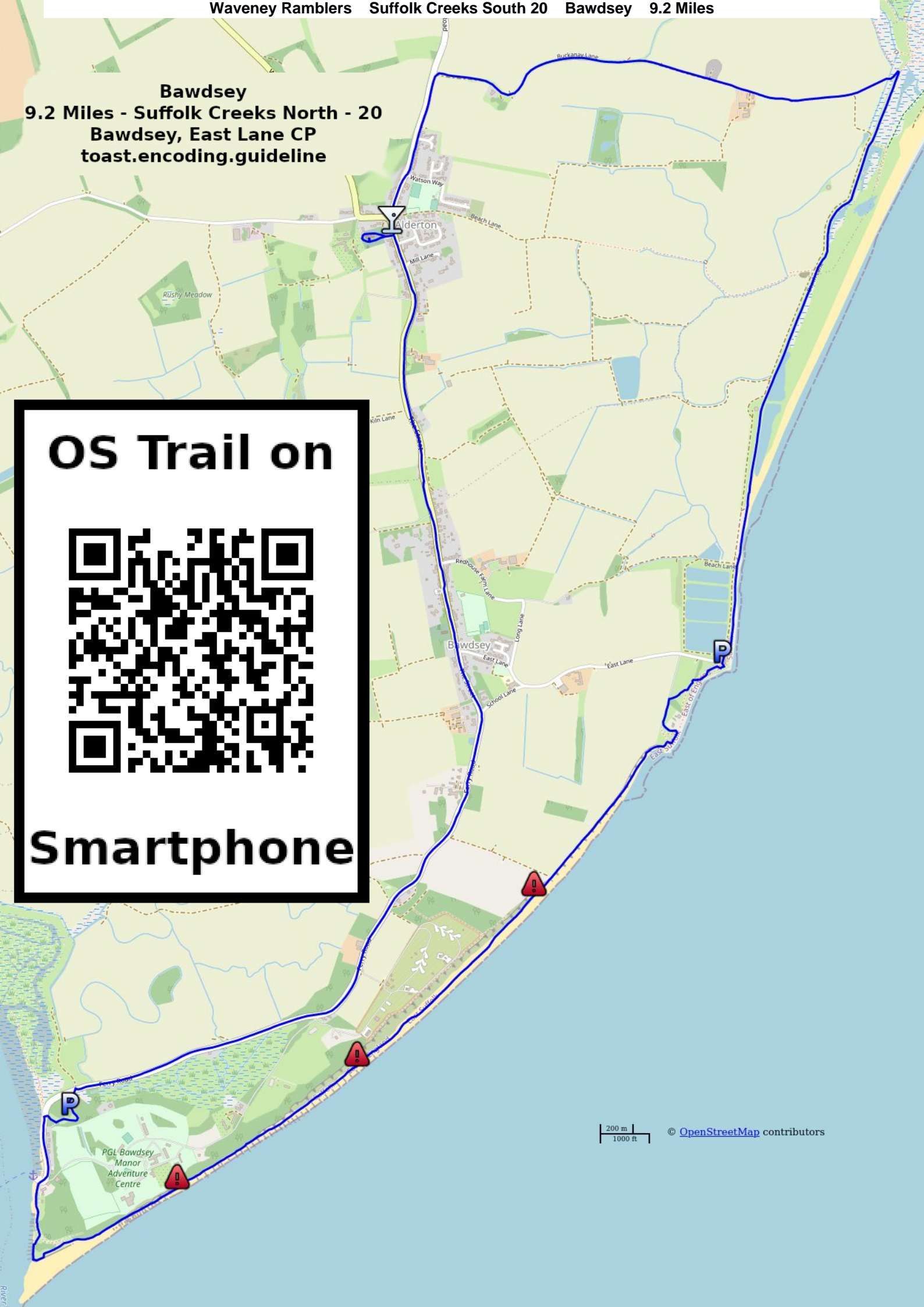


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