


# **Rural Rambles Round Beccles**



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## RURAL RAMBLES ROUND BECCLES

This is a walking guide for ramblers covering the Beccles area in the county of Suffolk. UK. Walks north of the River Waveney are in Norfolk.

Key features include the river Waveney and parts of the Angles' Way. The walks include woodland, farmland, marsh and heath. Places to park are highlighted and useful pubs and tearooms marked. This update was completed in 2018 and includes changes from the construction of the Beccles Southern Relief Road. Four more walks were added in 2022. In 2024, Walk tracklogs were shared in the Ordnance Survey smartphone App.

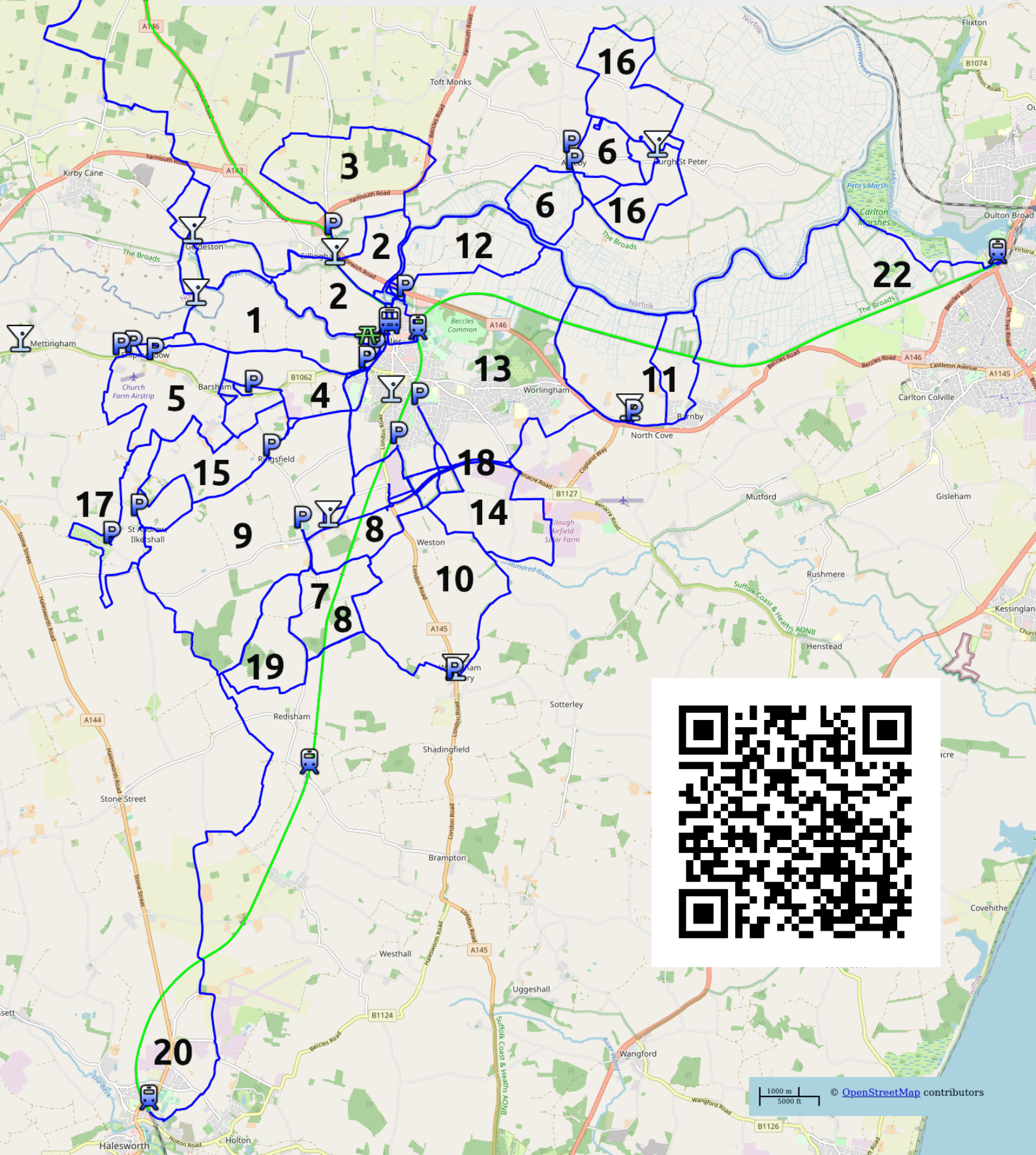
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DISCLAIMER: Waveney Ramblers tries to stay on rights of way and keep safe. These maps are a "best effort" to document our routes but there may be errors, especially if paths have not been reinstated or signposted. Local conditions change from day to day and with the weather and seasons. Paths get diverted or closed. A safe walk today could become unsafe tomorrow. So please rely on your own common sense. Use these guides as a starting point and not as Biblical authority. As always the main danger is road traffic. Railway crossings are safe by comparison.



# Rural Rambles Round Beccles



# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 1    Waveney River

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Start from the car park near Beccles quay.

Walk south, then west towards the town and alongside the cut, where boats are moored. Cross the footbridge and turn right along Fen Lane which bends left to main road. At the Quay there is a small cafe. At the main road, turn right and cross the bridge over the river Waveney.

Once over the river, carefully cross the road and take the footpath at the side of the bridge parapet. This is the Norfolk bank of the river. Follow the river and footpath, south and later west for about one-and-a-half miles when you enter the trees at Dunburgh. The path briefly leaves the river bank and you come to a footpath junction. (1) Turn left and back at the river, follow the path round to the right. Continue beside the river as it bends right along Geldeston Dyke until you reach a boatyard. Head through the boatyard up to the road and Wherry Inn (refreshments). At the Wherry, turn left and at the road junction, turn left into Station Road. Follow this until you come to a track across the marsh, signed to the Locks Inn (refreshments). This track floods in wet winters. After the Locks Inn, cross the Waveney into Suffolk using the iron bridge.

Head south across two meadows and marsh, over a wooden bridge over a dyke. In winter these marshes can flood and become impassable without waders! A pumping station might be visible, lurking in the trees in the distance. Through a wooden gate next to an iron gate, turn left and head east along a grassy track, into a wooded path. Go through a metal kissing gate, right and left, into a pasture and continue with the woodland and hedge on your left. When you reach a metal gate go through and turn left to an unusually tall stile. Go over this and keep straight ahead aiming east. Follow the path until you reach a house on a stony lane. Go straight across the lane and continue east. This will bring you back to the main Bungay road by two cottages.

Optionally divert via the secluded Dell woodland path avoiding some of the stretch beside the main road.

At the main road, head left passing the Elizabethan Roos Hall. When you reach Puddingmoor there is a choice of routes.

Turn left down Puddingmoor. Follow the lane, passing below the church, then left into Northgate. (2)

or

Go straight on and left at the the town sign into Ballygate, past the old Sir John Leman school.

The routes rejoin at the church of St Michael with its detached tower. Turn north down Northgate. Cross over the road at the bottom into Fen Lane and back to car park via the footbridge.

(1) At Dunburgh, if the river bank path is overgrown or flooded, use this alternative route from the footpath junction. Take the right-hand path uphill to a quiet lane. Turn left and left again at the next junction. Head towards Geldeston until you see the The Wherry Inn on your right and continue to the road junction where you re-join the original path.

(2) Half way along Puddingmoor, the "meadow" has parking and there is access to the river. There are seats with a river view.

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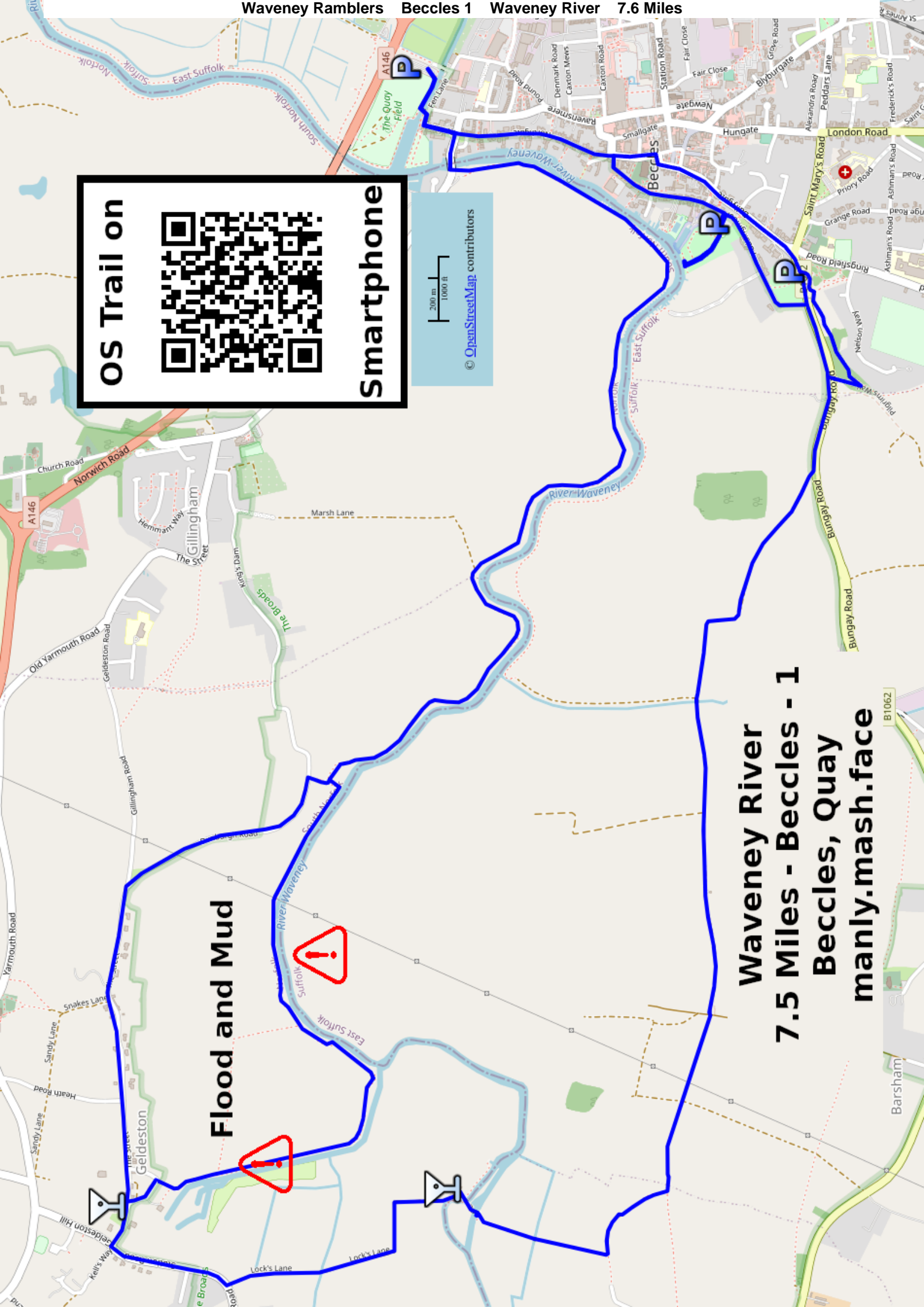
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**Flood and Mud**

**Waveney River  
7.5 Miles - Beccles - 1  
Beccles, Quay  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 2    Dunburgh and Boathouse Hills

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42371 91170](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6 Miles    Updated: 2018

Start from the large car park near Beccles quay.

Head south, then west alongside the cut, where boats are moored. Cross the footbridge and turn right along Fen Lane which bends left to the main road. There is a useful cafe at Beccles Quay.

At the main road, turn right and cross the bridge over the river Waveney. Once over the river, stop, and watching for traffic, carefully cross the road and take the narrow footpath entrance at the side of the bridge parapet. This is the Norfolk bank of the river.

Follow river and footpath signs for about one-and-a-half miles. The path briefly moves away from the river bank and you enter the trees at Dunburgh where there is a footpath T-junction. Turn right uphill, away from the river, through a small barrier onto Dunburgh Road. Turn right and follow the road, east. After two left, right wiggles, turn left and head north. Your landmark is Manor House Farm on the right. Head north to the left of the hedge. Many walkers use the parallel path to the right. This also works. The left track north enters a Held, between two high hedges. Look for a footbridge and turn right across it to head east towards some houses in the distance. The path joins The Street at Gillingham. Continue east, straight ahead to the junction with Loddon Road and Gillingham Dam.

Short walk: Turn right and follow the roadside footpath along Gillingham Dam towards Beccles, past the Swan pub and motel (refreshments).

Long walk: Cross the Loddon Road with care and walk to the right of the bus shelter where you enter a signed track heading east. Keep the house "Crossways" to your right. This leads to the much busier bypass (A146). Pass through the gate and cross the A146 with extra care. On the far side, go through another gate onto a grassy track heading roughly east.

Follow this track, ignoring field entrances. The path bends left before a large stand of poplars which will eventually be to your right. Go north, uphill. The views open out and the hedge is now on the left. A barn disguised as a chapel will be visible in the distance to your right. At the top of the rise, the path joins a larger farm track at a T-junction. Turn right and head east until you arrive at some farm buildings. Ignore the first two right turns onto concrete access roads. At the third right turning, the gate has signs for Gillingham and Hill Farms and the Dog Hotel. This is the one to use. Head south through the stables and outbuildings.

The road through the farm and gardens bends left and right again. There are occasional finger posts marking the way. Head through a fancy entrance that looks private and go downhill towards Boathouse Cottage and the river. The road ends at a gate but there is a hidden stile to the right, falling into disrepair at the time of writing. Follow the path beside the perimeter fence of Boathouse Cottage. At the bottom there is a metal gate onto the river path and moorings. Turn right and head south along the river bank towards Beccles, eventually crossing under the bypass on the riverside path.

At Hipperson's boatyard, the path bends right. Follow the perimeter of the boatyard where the path soon bends left towards Gillingham Dam. There is a left/right kink in the path before it emerges on the main road, re-joining the shorter version of this walk at a metal stile. Turn left along Gillingham Dam towards Beccles. Cross the river and turn left into Fen Lane. Head back to the car park via the Cafe if you need refreshments.

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# Dunburgh and Boathouse Hills

## 6 Miles - Beccles - 2

### Beccles, Quay

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200 m  
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# Waveney Ramblers Beccles 3 Gillingham

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 41147 92099](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.4 Miles    Updated: 2018

Park and meet at the Gillingham church lay-by off the A146 Beccles bypass.

Head south and cross the A146 using the footbridge and continue south towards the village hall.  
Opposite The Street, immediately after the bus shelter, turn left into a drive, keeping "Crossways" on your right.  
Head to the bypass and go through the gates. Cross the A146 with care and head east through another gate.  
The grassy track heads east past field entrances. It bends left and heads north before a stand of poplars.  
Head north uphill with the hedge on the left and an ornate barn in view on the right.  
At the top, the track joins a larger farm road. Turn right and head east.  
At the entrance to Gillingham and Hill Farms and the Dog Hotel, turn left and head north to the A143 Yarmouth road.  
Turn right and follow the A143 using the wide grass verges to walk towards Gt Yarmouth.  
Ignore the right turn to Aldeby.  
Just after the brow of the hill, at a field entrance with a metal gate, cross two stiles into the right hand meadow.  
The stiles were nettle-choked and flooded by an overflowing cattle trough so a gate climb might be easier.  
Aim NE, and cross the meadow diagonally to a gate into the narrow lane to the tiny hamlet of Waterloo.  
Turn left and head west, back to the main road.  
Turn right along the A143 verge for 130 metres north.  
Turn left off the A143 into the gravel drive of Boundary Farm. This looks private and there is no signpost.  
Pass the farmhouse, keeping to the gravel track. Leave the grounds over a stile beside a gate.  
Continue west along the grassy bridleway and join Boot's Lane for the next 0.8 miles. Ignore side turnings.  
Before Old Grove (tall woodland), follow the main track which turns left and head south for 180 metres.  
Follow the track which bends right and head west to Raveningham Road.  
Cross Raveningham Road. The path west was not signposted and had not been reinstated (May 2018).  
Head west across the field, passing to the left of a group of trees which enclose a pond.  
Head west and cross a ditch by a bridge and stile. The path continues west with another pond to your right.  
The path kinks right and left, then heads west, under power lines with the hedge on your right.  
Turn left at a wide farm track and head towards the farm buildings where the track bends right.  
Head west through the farm buildings with the barn on your left. Head SW away from the farm.  
The farm track, now broken concrete, heads SW and drops down to Rectory Road.  
Turn left and head SE along Rectory Road.  
After a pumping station, some power lines and a small uphill climb the road bends left (east).  
At the bend, turn right off the road at a field entrance. Continue SE, diagonally across the field.  
Aim for the nearest in a row of trees dividing the fields at the opposite south eastern corner.  
Bear left along the field edge heading east along the row of trees you aimed for (hedge right).  
The track bends right and heads SE towards the war memorial off Yarmouth road, A143.  
At the A143, cross over and head left for about 30 metres where the path to the memorial branches right.  
The gated road to the memorial passes a 14th century church tower, an 11th century church and a 19th century red-brick church.

Complete the final few metres to your starting point.

The Swan at Gillingham is conveniently close for refreshments.



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**Gillingham**  
**5.4 Miles - Beccles - 3**  
**Gillingham, Three Churches**  
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# Waveney Ramblers Beccles 4 Barsham

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 41956 90234](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4.4 Miles    Updated: 2018

Start from the public car park at Waveney Meadow, Puddingmoor, Beccles.

Walk out of the car park and turn right along narrow Puddingmoor. At the Bungay road, turn right, soon passing the Elizabethan Roos Hall.

After 250 metres, at the houses, follow the farm track that goes off to the right. This is part of the Angles' Way. Follow this down towards the marsh. The track bends right and left but mostly heads west. After 3/4 miles, on reaching a house, turn left into a broad track and walk south, uphill, past a second house. A quarter of a mile later, after the first buildings in Barsham, turn left into the grassy path. This passes Barsham church with its thatched roof and unique east window whose diamond tracery extends across the whole wall. After the church the path is more overgrown.

The footpath continues east for another 250 metres, with the hedge on the right. Proceed east, straight across an arable field to reach a footpath sign at the main road. This path has rarely, if ever been reinstated.

Continue with the easterly line across the road to an, often overgrown (bring secateurs), gap in the hedge and fence of the house opposite. Go through the gap and bear left, then right, across the lawn, round the front of the house to the road. An alternative to walking through the garden is to head down the main road and take the first right back to the house.

From the garden, go right, then immediately left, along the concrete Lodge Farm Lane heading south. On your left is the Barsham Water Treatment Works. Near the farm buildings, after a kissing gate, the track turns left and goes east, down and then uphill between the chain link and barbed wire fences. This half mile track is known as "Cut Throat Lane". Continue uphill with the hedge on your left. The path levels off. It's much more open since the hedge removal on the north side of the footpath. Soon you reach a sharp bend in the tarmac Ringsfield Road.

Turn left, avoiding the tarmac, and head north along another track. This is a leafy, shaded, sunken path, sometimes with a flowing stream. But it has a grim history, being called "Hangmans Lane". It leads back to the Bungay road. Turn right and then left into Puddingmoor and back to the car park or go via the woodland path through the Dell.

An attractive alternative, worth the effort, is to use the secluded path through the Dell and skip Puddingmoor. The Dell path emerges near the town sign which depicts Queen Elizabeth presenting the charter of 1584 to the Portreeve, Sir John Bass. Head towards the town centre along Ballygate. Soon you pass the Beccles Museum. There is a low wall on the left with splendid views of the Waveney and marshes, especially at sunset. Before the town centre, head west down one of several sets of steps, back to Puddingmoor and the car park.

The Waveney Meadow west of the car park leads to a riverside grassy area with seats and a fine river view.

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# Barsham 4.4 Miles - Beccles - 4 Beccles, Waveney Meadow airbrush.shaky.looks

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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 5    Shipmeadow and Barsham

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 38174 90043](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6 Miles    Updated: 2018

This walk has fine views across the Waveney Valley. Park in the lay-by on the left-hand side, going from Beccles towards Bungay, on the B1062, just after the entrance to Viewpoint Mews, the old Shipmeadow Workhouse. There are two more lay-bys nearby for larger groups.

Cross over the road to the wide grass verge and walk towards Beccles. The verge soon becomes a paved footpath. Continue past a row of houses, the top of Low Road, and then a lay-by with a post box all on the left. (Shipmeadow Church, now deconsecrated, is on the right). At the next house which has Caravan Club location and footpath signs, turn left into the grounds. Walk straight ahead with hedge to the left to a stile and cross into the field. Keep to the left field edge until you reach a stile. Do not cross this stile but go diagonally right down to another stile at the bottom edge of the field. Cross the stile and bridge into Green Lane. Turn right and follow this wide grassy track, until it ends at a road with a cottage on the corner. Turn left and continue on the road passing the Essex and Suffolk Water site. Continue through a metal gate and go straight ahead along a wooded path until you reach a metal kissing gate on the right. Go through and left, walking with the wood to your left to another gate. Go through and turn left to an unusually tall stile. Cross and continue on the path ignoring a crossing a track until you reach a stony lane. Turn right immediately passing Springfield Cottage and continue until you come to the B1062 main Beccles-Bungay road.

Cross the road and take the field-edge footpath keeping the hedge on your right, until you join a wider track (Sandy Lane) and turn right here. Note if the first footpath is overgrown, continue along the B1062 road and take the next footpath which is the start of Sandy Lane.

Continue along Sandy Lane up to a metalled road and turn right. After 30 yards take the footpath to the left opposite Tayberry Farm. Go straight across aiming for a telegraph pole. At a group of sheds turn left, then immediately right onto a concrete path. When the path opens out onto a wider concrete area, take the narrow path between a hedge and a garage to the left of a bungalow (Meadow View). Go through a wooden gate into a meadow and keep straight ahead with the hedge on left. At the end of a field cross to a stile in the right-hand corner of the field and turn left into another field and continue to a road.

Turn right along the road passing Orchard Place and Gables Farm. At the sharp right-hand bend take the footpath on the left at a bungalow (The Pines). Follow the path round to the right and on reaching a field turn left. Follow the field perimeter until you reach a bridge on your left. Cross the bridge and if the enclosed path immediately ahead is overgrown, turn right and left and follow the field edge parallel with the sunken path to your left. Near the top of the field, rejoin the sunken path which soon joins the road (Clarke's Lane). Turn left and follow the lane for about 1 mile.

When you reach Boundary Farm on the right, take the grassy track with a hedge on the right and follow this for over half-a-mile. Bear left at the bottom as the lane becomes sunken. After 50 yards turn left at a junction of paths into Gull Lane passing beech trees on your left. The path opens out into fields and at the second field hedge on the right, turn right onto the signed Angles Way. Follow this clear path for about a mile as it zig-zags along field edges down to the B1062. Turn right to reach your starting point.

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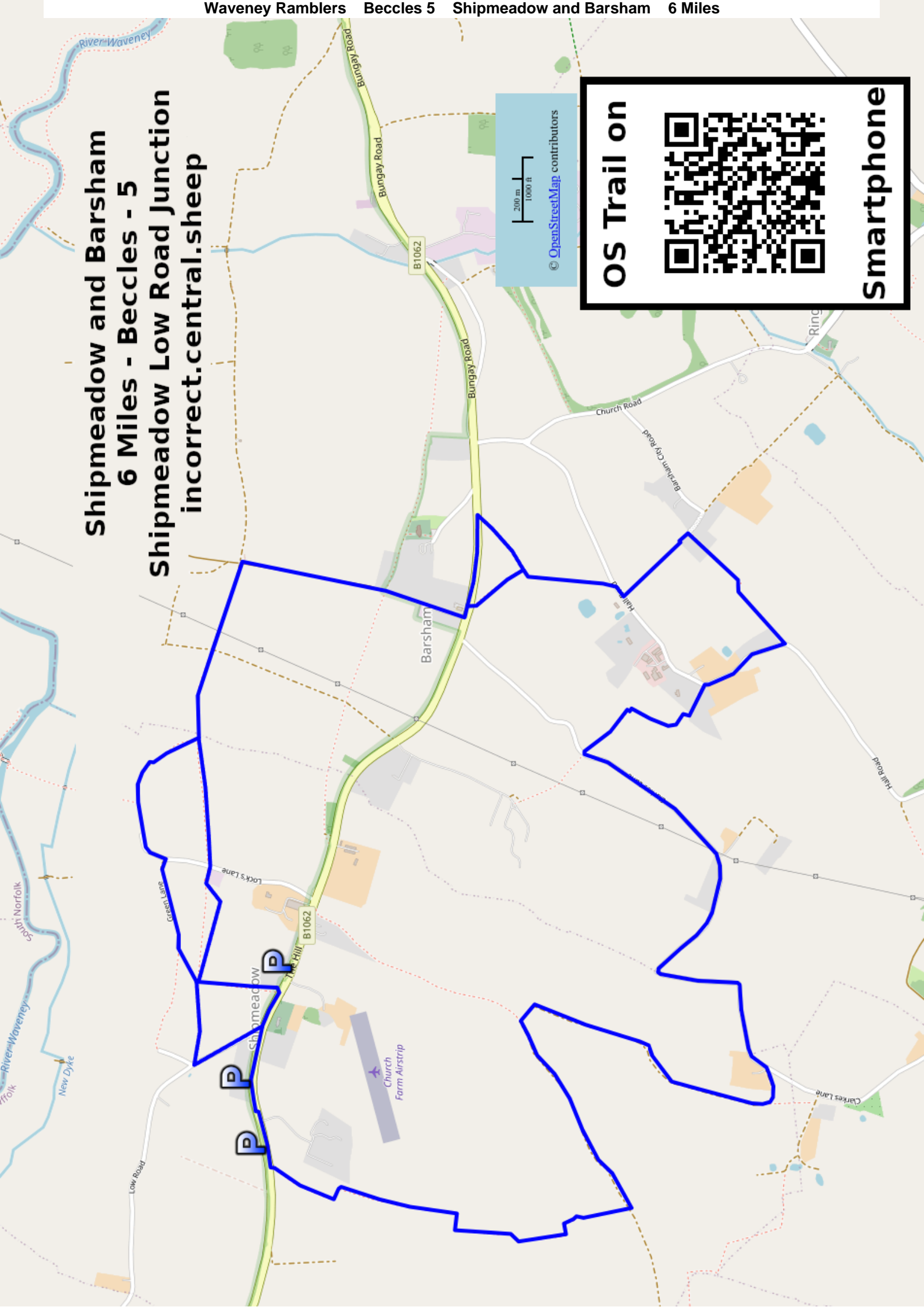
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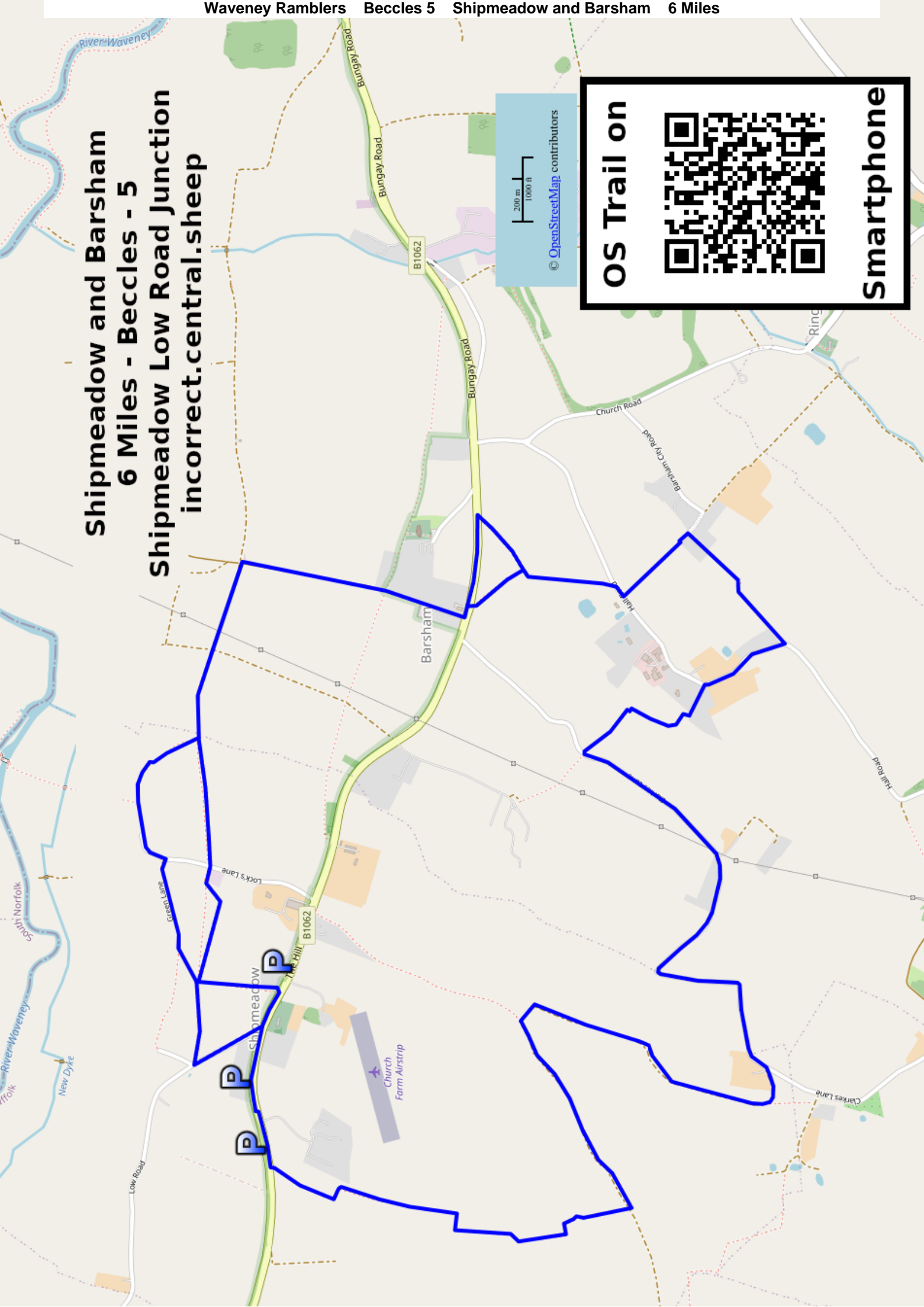
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A map of the Shipmeadow and Barsham area in Norfolk, England. A blue line traces a trail route through the landscape, which includes fields, roads, and some buildings. The route starts near the River Waveney on the left, passes through Shipmeadow and Barsham, and ends near the River Waveney on the right. A scale bar in the top right corner indicates distances of 200m and 1000ft. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, with the text 'OS Trail on Smartphone' next to it. The map also shows various roads, including Bungay Road, Church Road, and Ring Road. The text 'Shipmeadow and Barsham' is written in a large, bold, black font at the top. Below it, the text '6 Miles - Beccles - 5' is written in a smaller, bold, black font. At the bottom, the text 'incorrect.central.sheep' is written in a small, black font.



A map of the Shipmeadow and Barsham area in Norfolk, England. A blue line traces a trail route through the landscape, which includes fields, roads, and some buildings. The route starts near the River Waveney, passes through Shipmeadow, and ends near Barsham. A scale bar indicates distances of 200m and 1000ft. A QR code is present in the bottom right corner, linking to the trail information. The text 'OS Trail on Smartphone' is written vertically next to the QR code. The map also shows various roads like Bungay Road, Church Road, and Lock's Lane, as well as landmarks like the Church Farm Airstrip and the River Waveney.



A map of the Shipmeadow and Barsham area in Norfolk, England. A blue line traces a trail route through the landscape, which includes fields, roads, and some buildings. The route starts near the River Waveney and ends near the River Waveney. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the map area, with the text 'OS Trail on Smartphone' above it. A scale bar in the bottom left corner indicates distances of 200m and 1000ft. The map is titled 'Shipmeadow and Barsham' and '6 Miles - Beccles - 5 incorrect.central.sheep'. The map also shows the River Waveney, the River Waveney, and the River Waveney. The map is titled 'Shipmeadow and Barsham' and '6 Miles - Beccles - 5 incorrect.central.sheep'.

# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 6    Aldeby and Waveney

OS Map: OL 40    Track: [TM 44932 93461](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5 Miles    Updated: 2018

Park at the north end of The Street, cul-de-sac. There is more parking outside St Mary's Church.

Meet at the south end of The Street at the bus shelter and phone box.

Head south down St Mary's Road and turn right, before the church, into a narrow path between buildings.

Head west along the path, over an open field, through a woodland belt and over another field.

Cross the road leading to Aldeby Hall and with a right left kink, continue west to Common Lane.

Head SW along the un-surfaced Common Lane. This leads to fishing lakes and carries very light traffic.

Proceed through a gate into the fishing area, aggressively fenced to keep otters out.

This is a permissive path. Continue SW. After the last lake, the path bends left.

At the last gate, head south, down to the river Waveney where there is a standing stone.

Turn left and walk SE along the river bank for 1000 metres.

Before the river bends south and almost opposite Worlingham Wall, on the Suffolk side, turn left and head NE.

Go through the gate into the grazing meadow. The grassy path leads through a second gate into Priory Lane.

Turn left and north along Priory Lane until it meets St Mary's Road.

For a shorter walk (2.7 Miles), turn left back to St Mary's Church and the village centre.

Our route goes the other way, Turn right and head SE along St Mary's Road.

Take the first left into Lily Lane, heading NE. There is shelter in the dip for an apple break.

Continue NE, ignoring turnings to the left and right in the dip. Lily Lane bends right and heads east.

At Dun Cow Road, turn left and head north. Another lost pub.

At Beccles Road turn left and head west for 200 metres. Find and head along a gravel lane to the right.

After 50 metres turn left onto a footpath. Head NW and soon north. This path emerges onto Church Road.

For a slightly shorter walk skip the visit to the church, saving a third of a mile. Turn left, heading NW.

To visit All Saints, Wheatacre, turn right along Church Road and left into the church yard. Inside there are remarkable hand sewn patterns and images. Even the cushions for kneeling are interesting. Retrace your steps back past the woodland path and NW along Church Road.

170 metres before the Walks, there is left turn into woodland. This could be spectacular at certain times of year and worth the diversion if you have time. There is a 500 metre circular route round the wood with other tracks, still to be explored.

Turn left and head south along The Walks. The falling terrain gives a fine view over Aldeby and the Waveney Valley. Cross the main road and turn right and immediately left along a footpath back into The Street. There is a path through a patch of woodland. Depending on your parking location this could make a pleasant alternative to the road.

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# Aldeby and Waveney 5 Miles - Beccles - 6 Aldby, The Green toddler.risks.motorist

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# Waveney Ramblers Beccles 7 Ringsfield and Weston

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 40893 87347](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4.5 Miles    Updated: 2018

Caution: About a mile of this walk is on Redisham Road. Avoid busy times.

## Parking:

By arrangement at Ringsfield village hall.

By arrangement at the Horseshoes Pub.

Roadside parking in School Road.

Start from the Ringsfield Crossroads, where School road meets Cromwell road. Head south towards Redisham.

Go down the hill and turn left (east) on the track after the Weston Car and Van works.

Pass the sewage farm (left).

Continue NE over the railway to the silt-filled pit on the left where the track bends right.

Take the footpath to the right with Walpole Hall on left and head south.

Go through the gate. Ignore the first field entrance (right). Bear right through the second gate.

Cross over the Hundred River and turn left.

Follow the stream for about 40 metres, then bear right, uphill with a drainage ditch and later the hedge to the left.

At the field corner, turn left and cross a sleeper bridge. Turn right immediately and continue SE (hedge right).

Go SE through the spinney and join King's Lane.

Turn right and head SW along King's Lane, passing cottages and Park House on the left.

When you reach houses on the right, turn left through a gate onto the concrete drive of a small caravan park.

Head a little east of south through the caravans and cross the footbridge into an arable field.

Go a little east of south over the field to join the track past Farm Cottage on the left.

Follow the track a little east of south, past more farm buildings to a grassy lane.

Before the bridge and gate at the valley bottom, turn right over a less obvious bridge and gate.

Head SW along the long meadow, (hedge right).

Cross the railway line.

Continue SW and converge with the ditch (left) and the field edge to the road.

Turn right and follow the Redisham Road, initially north, for over half a mile.

100 metres after Flint House, turn left and cross the stile into the pasture (hedge left) and head north.

At the end of the field, go through a hedge gap.

Continue north (ditch left) on the grassy track.

Cross the ditch using the wooden footbridge or the easier farm vehicle crossing about 15 metres ahead.

Continue north.

At the bottom of the dip, head NE and cross the Hundred River over the wooden footbridge.

Continue NE. Cross a field access track into a wooded sloping bank heading east.

Emergence into a garden meadow. Head NE, keeping to the left hedge.

Head NE through a narrow woodland belt into another garden meadow.

Follow the track north keeping to the right perimeter, close to the road.

At the entrance to Pound Farm turn onto Ringsfield Road and head north back the the village.

The Horseshoes Inn is close by. From the Ringfield Crossroads, head east along Cromwell Road for 440 metres.

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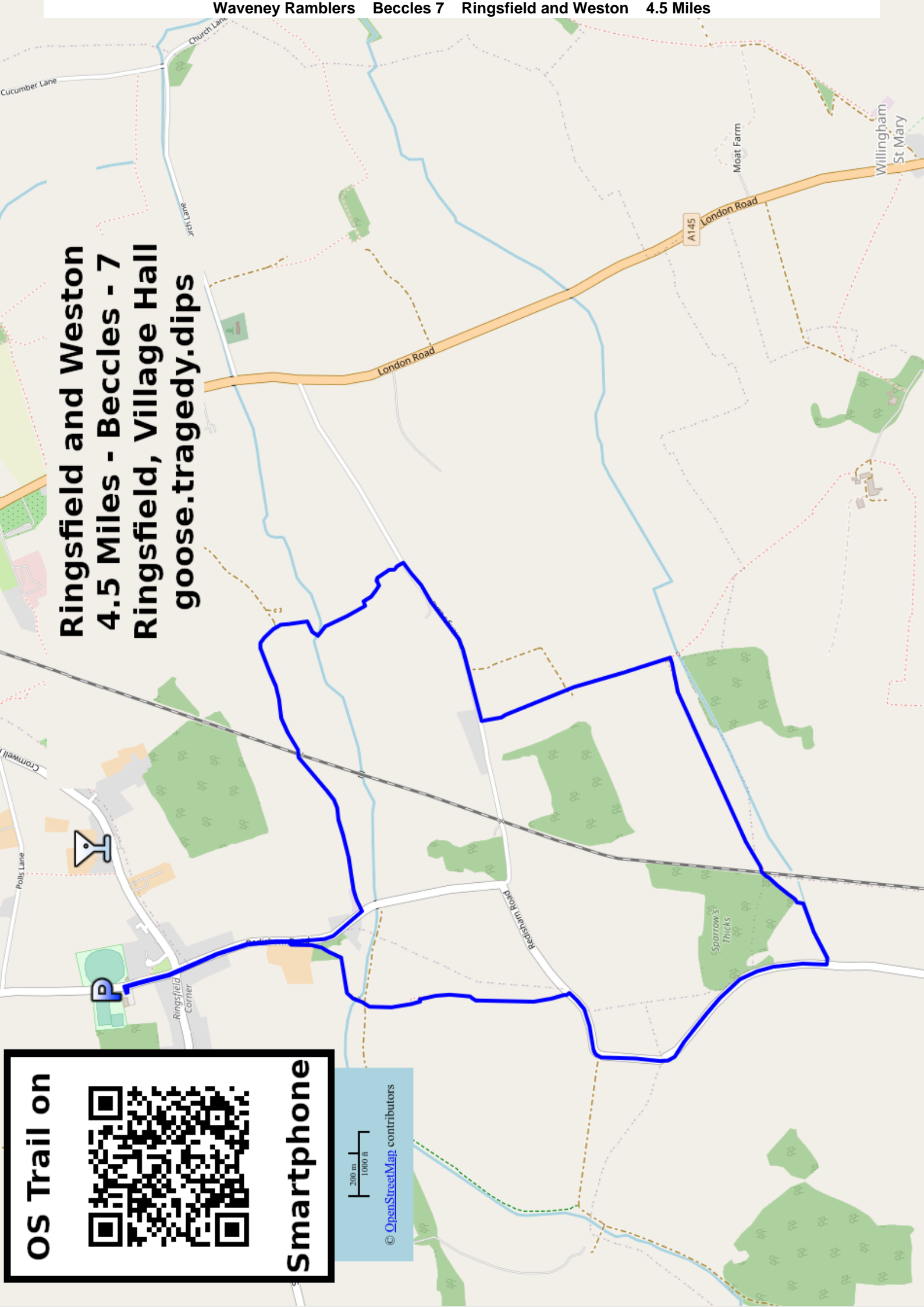
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# Waveney Ramblers Beccles 8 Walpole Hall

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 40893 87347](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5 Miles    Updated: Road Building

## Parking:

- By arrangement at Ringsfield village hall.
- By arrangement at the Horseshoes Pub.
- Roadside parking in School Road.

From Ringsfield crossroads head east along Cromwell Road, passing the Horseshoes pub on your left (refreshments). Turn right into Woodland Farm. The path goes to the left immediately after the farm gate. It heads east, pond left, diagonally to join another footpath (left) near a stile over the railway.

Cross the railway with care and continue east with the hedge on your left. Join a concrete road and head past the old Winterflora dried flower factory and the newer garden centre (refreshments). At the roundabout, turn left towards Beccles.

After 80 metres, take the bridleway on the right and head east, fence left, parallel with the Southern Relief Road. When the wire fence turns left, go over a ditch and turn left onto a footpath heading north. The parallel path to the left, close to the fence, is sometimes wet and muddy and less attractive. At the junction, turn right onto grassy track. Head east, to Cucumber Lane.

Shorter Walk: Don't go down Cucumber Lane. Instead, cross the Southern Relief Road and head south on the metalled road to Chenery's Farm towards a large barn. The road bends right, then left and becomes a footpath which also bends right and left.

Longer Walk: Continue east along Cucumber Lane. Cross the Southern Relief Road and go right/SE. Where the lane bends left, just before the single phase transformer on the 11 kilovolt pole, turn right along a bridleway between a double hedged entry to a field. Keep to the right-hand edge of the field and head west.

The path soon rejoins the shorter walk via Chenery's Farm. Head SW along the left perimeter of the woodland. Ignore the right turn and head along the leafy hedged Marlborough Lane back towards the main road.

At the A145, turn left. Head for the end of the wide grass verge of a landscaped garden. Turn right into the bridleway and head SW, towards Walpole Hall. Ignore the right turn into a private garden. Don't turn left into Walpole Hall Farm. Instead go straight on, through a gate, along a grassy track. (1)

Pass the hall on your left. Bear right past the pit, then left. Head west to the railway crossing, hedge both sides. Cross the tracks with care and continue SW, then west, hedge left. Pass the sewage farm on the right and the Weston Engineering Works and car dealership. Turn right at Redisham Road and walk back to the crossroads, taking extra care on the bend.

(1) To extend this walk by 2.8 miles, follow the directions for "Ringsfield and Weston (Beccles 7)".

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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 9    Redisham Park

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 41812 89984](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.25 Miles    Updated: 2018

Start from the Dell car park. This is near the town sign in Beccles at the east end of the Bungay Road. For larger groups, there is more parking in Ringsfield Road. If you'd like a pub stop later in the walk, try this route in reverse.

From the car park climb some decayed wooden steps and turn right onto the path, parallel with Ringsfield Road. Head east, then south. The path emerges where Nelson Way joins Ringsfield Road. Head south along Ringsfield Road passing the school and sports centre. At the second right-hand bend, continue south along Primrose Lane. Keep left, avoiding the road to the houses. The track dwindles to a bridleway. Continue south ignoring the path to the left which leads to Wash Lane. If the bridleway is very muddy, use the parallel field perimeter. At Cromwell Road the path ends. Turn right.

Head SW along Cromwell Road and take the first right into Polls Lane. Soon after Grove Farm on the right, turn left and head south on a footpath with the hedge on the left and power lines overhead. The path re-joins Cromwell Road. The Horseshoes is 80 metres to the left (refreshments). The walk heads away from the pub, west towards the Ringsfield Crossroads where you turn left. Go downhill and at Pound Farm (white gates) turn right and immediately left onto the grass track (hedge left). Head roughly SW through lawns and trees. Through a gap, cross another garden meadow keeping right. Bear right onto a sloping bank between hedges, soon crossing a bridge. Turn right and head west. Follow the field-edge bridleway (hedge right). Go through a gate into Redisham Park and follow the Hundred River on the right. Continue to another gate to the estate road. Continue SW.

Pass some farm buildings and where the track bends left into the wood, bear right along the bridleway staying close to the drainage channel. Continue on this track, which soon becomes hedged and fenced. Towards the end of the fencing the terrain opens out into fields. Ignore two paths to the left. Look for a wooden bridge and cross over the Hundred River. Head north through a black metal gate, then NW. Follow the right-hand hedge around the edge of the field (wood right) and, at the top right-hand corner of the field, turn left at the small, metal gate (don't go through it). Continue west (hedge right). Go through a large metal gate and follow the field-edge (hedge right). The path bends NW, then north. Head north through some woodland with orchids in spring. Emerge from the wood and turn left. Follow the field perimeter (woods left). In 300 metres turn right and head north. Cross a small bridge and continue north. After 50 metres the path bends NW. At the final field, head NW on the path re-instated through the crop, heading for the house in the distance. Exit the field through the gap in the hedge and turn left along the Ringsfield Road.

Continue NW past the Becks Green junction and, where several roads meet, bear right along Took's Common Lane. After about 350 yards look out for the Access Land symbol on the right, at the start of Peardyke Common. Go over a small footbridge and follow the path north, staying close to the road. Continue onto Little Common and emerge into Banter's Lane near Queen Anne cottage. At the west end of Banter's Lane, there is a pond and seat, nice for a break. The walk route heads right along the winding lane to the Ringsfield Hall entrance. After the hall, turn right onto a wide track heading NE all the way to Ringsfield Church. Don't bend right into the farm buildings. Use the smaller track, ahead.

At the tarmac, turn left and soon right onto another wide track/bridleway (hedge left) and head NE. At a concrete bridge (right), cross the stream and continue NE with the stream on the left. Follow the stream, then bear right following the field perimeter, still NE. You soon join Cut Throat Lane, heading uphill. Follow this track all the way to Ringsfield Road. Stay off the tarmac, turn left and head north along Hangmans Lane. This is a leafy sunken path, sometimes with a flowing stream. About 100 yards before the Bungay Road, bear right on a well-used path up a hill into the Dell. Go past the back of some houses, keeping parallel with the road all the way back to the Dell car park.

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# Redisham Park

## 9.25 Miles - Beccles - 9

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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 10    Ellough and Shadingfield

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 42371 88768](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7.2 Miles    Updated: 2018

Start from the south end of Derby Road, Beccles with street parking. Bend left into the footpath heading SE. The path bends left. After 40 metres turn right and head SE. Use the right track of two parallel paths if it's dry and not overgrown. Head SE, fence right until the paths re-join. Ignore the path to the right and cross the Southern Relief Road.

Continue SE. At the T-junction, turn left. After 60 metres, turn right across an open field heading SE. This path has never been reinstated in recent years. Aim for a point half way between the church tower and the two chimneys peeking over the ridge. Later the finger post should come into view. At the hedge, bend left, then right, south. After 150 metres, at the farm gate, turn left and head east towards Cucumber Lane. Turn right and head south for 80 metres. Cross the Hundred River.

Turn left into Church Lane and head SE for 300 metres until the road bends left. Leave the tarmac and continue SE through the gate into the field. Stay between the river and the barbed wire fence. At the end of the field, cross the bridge. Aim SE diagonally across the field, towards a hedge gap and a mature tree 100 metres north/left of the church. Head south along Church Road past the church. The road bends left and crosses a stream.

Leave the tarmac, turning right, SW, and follow two field perimeters, stream right. These paths are not used much and may be barely visible. In the second field, at the first opportunity, cross the stream and continue SW, ditch left. When the path bends south, the right of way kinks left and right with the hedge, right. The wrong side of the hedge works just as well and is used by horse riders. At a wedge of woodland, keep left and pass, wood right. After the pumping station join the A145, London Road. Fox Inn: refreshments.

From the inn, head north, 40 metres. Turn left onto a field. Head NW, hedge right to the end of the field. You may need to kink left and right. Sometimes the diagonal right of way is useable. Turn left, SW, to Moat Farm and Mill Lane. Turn right, NW, along Mill Lane on tarmac and later concrete. At the farm, keep right. Take the small gate into a meadow. Head NW, hedge left.

Go left, gate, bridge, gate, right. Head NW, hedge right. After one more gate hit the Bermuda Triangle. Look for a gate, hidden in the hedge. Beware of two easier tracks heading left or right, luring you to your doom. Head NW, downhill. Aim between two mature oaks, the gap and the gate right of the gap. Through the gate and over the bridge head along the leafy lane, NNW. Ignore a gate and bridge left. When the lane bends right at Farm Cottage, continue NNW over the field. Head over a bridge and through the caravan park. Turn right along King's Lane for 500 metres.

After large barns, turn left into a spinney. Head NW. Emerge into a field and continue, hedge left. Kink left and right over a sleeper bridge and head NW, hedge right. At the Hundred River, bend left. After 30 metres, cross the river and bend right. Head towards Walpole Hall, hedge left, through gates. Turn right. Head NE, hall right, through a gate. Head NE all the way to the A145.

Turn left, NW, along the A145 towards Beccles using the wide verge. After 240 metres, turn right into Marlborough Lane and head NE for 400 metres. Turn left. Head NW, retracing your outward walk. Re-cross the Southern Relief Road. Kink right and left and head NW along the other parallel path, for a change. The path turns left and after 60 metres, right again. Head north all the way back to Derby Road.

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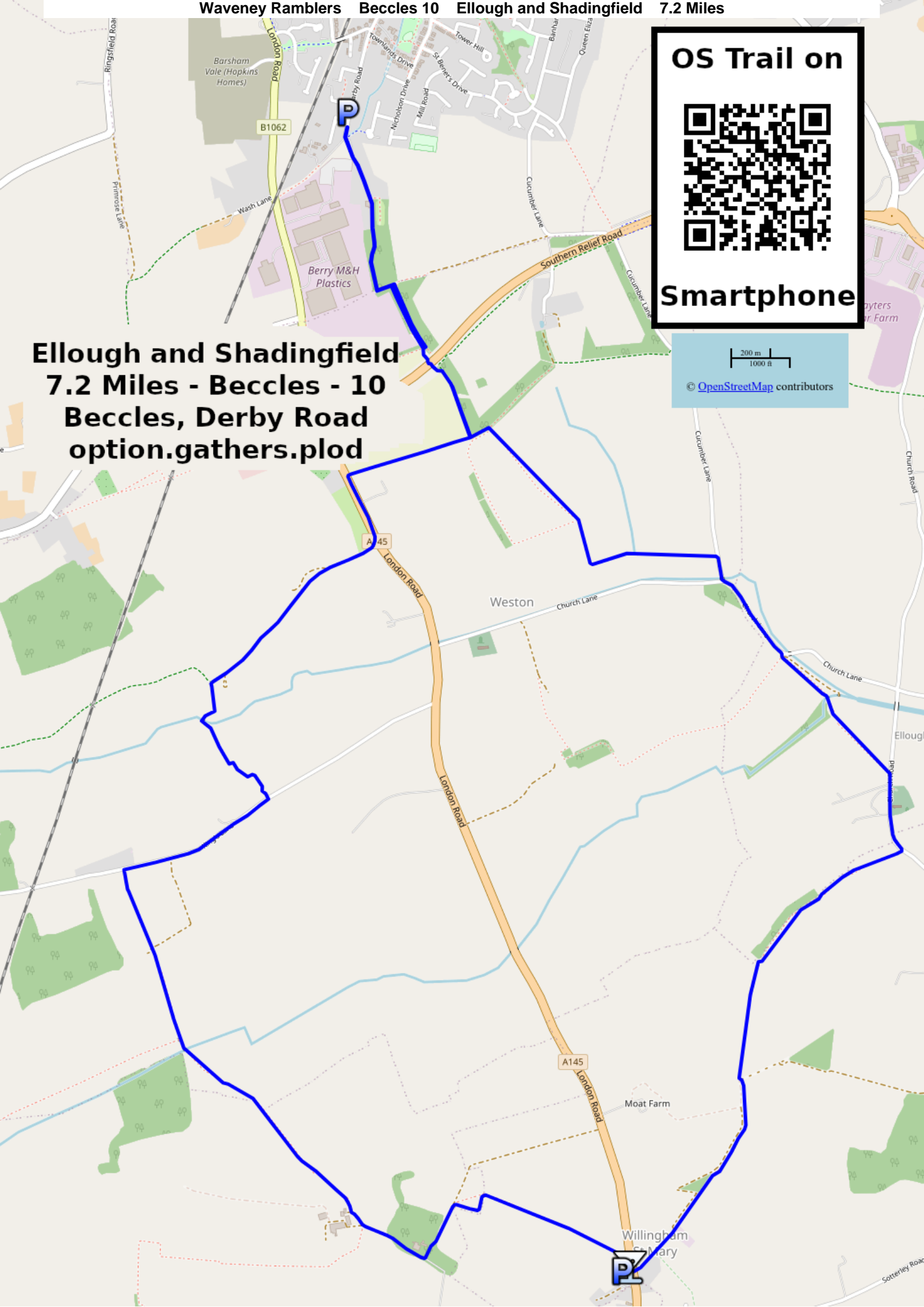


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7.2 Miles - Beccles - 10  
Beccles, Derby Road  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 11    Roger Moore Memorial Walk

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 46119 89343](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5 Miles    Updated: 2018

Park on the old road outside Saint Botolph's, North Cove next to the Three Horseshoes.

The bus from Norwich and Beccles to Lowestoft, Service X2, passes the starting point at The Three Horseshoes.

From the pub, walk east past the thatched church (which has some medieval wall paintings).

Keep to the shared foot and cycle path all the way to North Cove village.

Continue east on The Street. Go past a post box and a telephone box.

Turn left down Mill Lane a few yards before the Methodist Church and head north.

After 300 metres turn left onto a footpath between two cottages and head NW.

The path bends right and leads to two fields.

Head north keeping the hedge on your left. This path leads towards the moated Wade Hall (on the right).

After the second field, rejoin the tarmac and head briefly north, then west and then north again crossing the railway.

Just before the railway crossing there is a small car park serving the nature reserve.

This leg is often muddy.

Note the turning left into the nature reserve. This is worth a visit. There are hides for bird watchers.

Our track heads roughly north towards the river through woods and later fields.

Before the river, the path kinks left and right through gates and then up onto the raised river bank.

Turn left and follow the river heading west towards Beccles.

After 450 metres, at Cove Staithe, there is a vehicle track used by fishermen.

This is the shorter 3.5 mile route heading south, back to the village.

This becomes a lane and joins the road where a signpost points the way back to North Cove.

The longer route continues west along the river bank for another mile.

Turn off by a small mooring staithe onto a straight hedgeless track heading SW.

Cross the railway into Marsh Lane and continue SW.

The lane bends south and later SE.

Just before the roundabout turn left into the old Lowestoft Road, avoiding the busy new road.

Head SE along the old Lowestoft Road for about three quarters of a mile back to the starting point.

It's possible to extend this walk to six miles, all the way to Beccles via the river bank.

Catch the X2 bus back. There is a bus stop close to Beccles Quay where Fen Lane meets Ravensmere.

Or reverse the route and catch the bus to Beccles.

A similar extended walk east, is possible, using the bus to the Carlton Crown.

Head back to the riverside walk via the golf course.

The Three Horseshoes is ideally placed for refreshments and meals.

The Barnby Swan is about a mile to the east of the starting point.

Roger's memorial is documented in this newsletter ...

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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 12    Beccles Marsh Trail

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42371 91170](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5 Miles    Updated: 2018

Meet at the large Beccles Quay Car Park.

In recent years the Beccles Town Council nature trail walks have become very popular with local walkers. There are maps on the quay and at the trail entrance points. Several variations can be made which shorten this full five-mile version.

The walk described here starts at the large Beccles Quay Car Park and the nasty A146 road crossing is avoided.

From the car park head towards the quay past moored boats. Don't cross the footbridge unless you want to visit the useful cafe and facilities. Walk round the basin where broads cruisers are moored. Keep the children's playground on your right. At the main river, follow the bankside footpath to the right towards, and passing underneath, the bypass road bridge. Keep on this riverside path, noting at about one-and-a-half miles the old railway swingbridge buttresses in the river to your left. If you are agile you can clamber onto the nearside bridge parapet but beware, the river is deep and the currents strong at this point.

Continue along the riverside path for about half-a-mile until you see a signposted path to your right, leaving the river. This is known locally as the Worlingham Wall. You walk along this fairly uneven path for about half-a-mile following the meandering path of a tributary stream. When the path leaves the stream, head NW to a larger track. Turn left. This track bends right and heads due west past some large barns. At the barns, continue due west until your track joins another. Turn left and head towards the bypass. Here, the brave or foolhardy can cross the main road and head back to the Quay Car Park.

Sometimes the road is so busy, the crossing is quite unsafe. In this case, turn right and walk parallel with the A146 back towards the river. At the river, turn left and retrace your steps back to the car park going under the bypass where it crosses the river.

There are many possible variations to this route, including catching a train to Oulton Broad South and walking back to Beccles along the river (9 or 10 miles).

**Beccles Marsh Trail**  
**5 Miles - Beccles - 12**  
**Beccles, Quay**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 13    Circumnavigating Beccles Area

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42371 91170](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2018

Start from the large car park at Beccles Quay. This guide takes you clockwise round the loop.

Head south, then east, moorings left.

Don't cross the footbridge unless you want to visit the useful cafe and facilities.

Head east, mooring basin, left.

Turn north and follow the riverside path under the A164 Beccled bypass. Continue for 3.1 miles.

After the path briefly bends due south, at a left hand bend, there is a mooring staithe with Marsh lane to the right.

Head SW along Marsh Lane all the way to the A146 Lowestoft road.

Just before the roundabout. turn left and head SE on the old road, avoiding all the busy traffic.

After 0.4 miles

To visit the Three Horseshoes and historic church continue SE for another 0.4 miles.

Return 0.4 miles to this point and cross the busy A146 with care.

Skipping the refreshments and culture, cross the busy A146 with care.

Head SW along the footpath, ditch right.

At the tarmac Sandpit Lane turn right and head NW for 0.2 miles.

Turn left along Manor Close for 160 metres. Turn left into College Lane and head SW, then south.

At the main Ellough/Benacre Road turn left for 160 metres.

After the roundabout, head west along the metalled byway parallel with and south of the Southern Relief Road.

At Cucumber Lane, cross the relief road and continue west along Cucumber lane for 200 metres.

When Cucumber lane bends right, continue west on the footpath.

Ignore the left turn. A few paces later, turn right.

Use the right hand of two parallel paths or the other if you prefer water, mud and wire fences.

At the south end of Derby Road (potential alternative start point) turn left along Wash Lane and head SW.

At the A145, cross the road and railway and continue left, SW, along Wash Lane.

Pass some farm buildings on the left. At the T\_junction, turn right into the bridleway leading to Primrose Lane.

Head north along Primrose Lane. Join the Ringsfield Road and continue north.

At the sharp right bend, continue north along the leafy sunken path, Hangmans Lane. Sometimes this is a stream bed.

About 100 metres from the main Bungay road, turn right and head up the hill, east along the secluded Dell path.

If gradients are a problem, head to the main road and head east along the verge.

There is a choice of routes with several sets of steps linking the alternatives.

Puddingmoor and Meadow -

West of the Beccles town sign, head NW into a meadow (keep right) and down to Puddingmoor.

Head NE. After 200 metres there is an option to cross the "Meadow" to visit the seats. Good river view.

Ballygate, Museum and Views -

At the town sign, turn NE and follow Ballygate past Beccles museum.

There is a walled section with a steep drop down to Puddingmoor. Here there are excellent views over the valley.

Continue to St. Michael's church. Head north along Saltgate, Northgate and Fen Lane back to the Quay.

After the cafe and facilities, cross the footbridge back to the car park.

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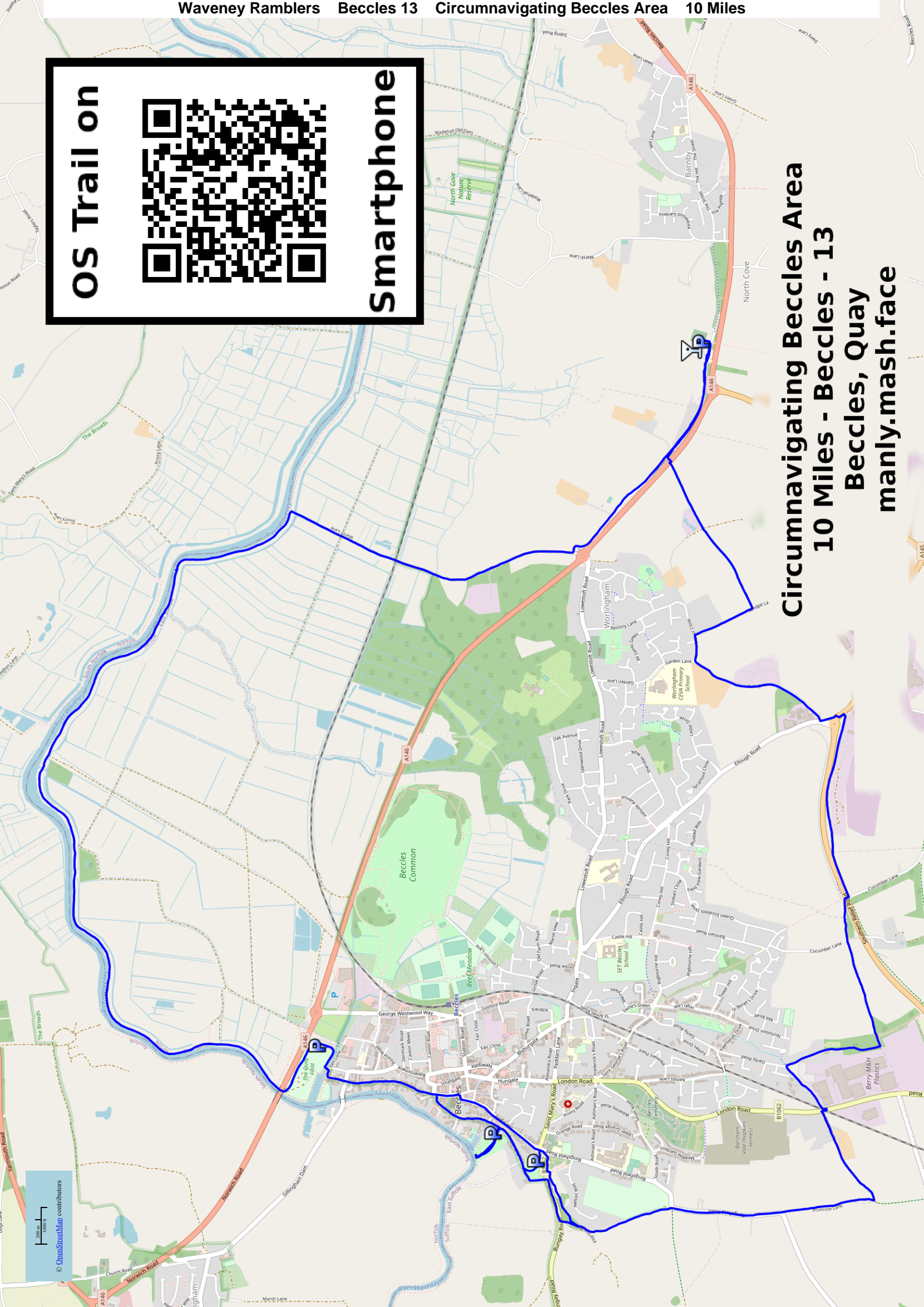
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# Circumnavigating Beccles Area

## 10 Miles - Beccles - 13

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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 14    Oak and Cucumber

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42669 89435](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.6 Miles    Updated: 2018

Park near Rigbourne Hill and the Co-op Foodstore.  
Meet on the green opposite the Co-op.

Head SE along Rigbourne Hill Lane.

This is a footpath between Rigbourne Hill and High Leas.

At the top, turn right and left, SE, along Oak Lane.

This turns from a road to a footpath. Continue SE.

At the Southern Relief Road, cross over, turn left and head east on the metalled byway, parallel with the new road.

Turn right into the somewhat busy Benacre Road and head east for 160 metres.

Turn right and head south along Church Road.

After 460 metres, turn left onto a footpath leading to the disused airfield.

Head east across the field and onto the footpath to the left of the concrete runway.

After 540 metres, turn right, cross the runway and continue south past buildings, right.

After 320 metres, turn left between fields of photovoltaic panels.

Head east between the panels and soon right, south.

At Hulver Road, turn right and head west.

At Church Road, go straight ahead, west. This becomes Church Lane.

At Cucumber lane, turn right, cross the Hundred River and head north for 80 metres.

Turn left on a field track, west, towards Church Farm.

At the metal gate, turn right and head north, hedge left.

When the hedge ends, head NW across the field.

This path is rarely reinstated. Aim for a hedge gap 70 metres east of the NW field corner.

Turn right along the woodland path for 300 metres.

At the footpath junction turn left and head north towards Chenery's Farm.

Continue north and cross the Southern Relief Road.

Head north along Cucumber Lane.

Re-join Oak Lane.

Retrace your steps back the north end of Rigbourne Hill Lane.

The Butcher's Arms is 700 metres west.

There are many more pubs and cafes in Beccles.

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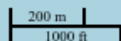
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 15    Ringsfield

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 40334 88486](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.3 Miles    Updated: 2018

Park in the meadow opposite Ringsfield Church (by arrangement) or nearby on the roadside.

From the church, head NW to the first junction.

Turn left, SW, along the tarmac lane. This soon turns to a gravel farm track and gradually bends more west.

Just under a mile, turn right, north, along Hall Road.

After 460 metres, when the tarmac bends right, turn off onto the footpath and head roughly SW, hedge right.

Continue SW over an open field. Then hedge right gain.

When the perimeter hedge bends 45 degrees right, west, turn right and head NW through the hedge gap.

Cross the field and head towards the farm buildings, NW and north.

At the large barn, bear left, west, out onto Clarke's Lane. Turn right, north for only 10 metres.

Turn right, off Clarke's Lane and head NE along a farm track.

When this track bends right, east, turn off, left, west, hedge right, for only 30 metres.

Turn right, a little east of north, hedge right.

Before a small clump of trees, kink right and left and continue as before now hedge left.

Follow this path to Clarke's Lane. Turn right, east, along Clarke's Lane for 730 metres. The road bends left, NE.

Look for footpaths on both sides of the road. There is a transformer up a power pole close to these junctions.

Turn right, SE, through the gap and continue hedge right.

The right of way kinks right and left into a sunken path, often very wet.

This is often choked with nettles and branches so consider the field perimeter path instead.

The path drops down to a watercourse. Turn right, south, and after a few paces cross the footbridge, SE.

Turn right and follow the field perimeter, SW, hedge right.

The perimeter path bends left, SE. Look for a gap, right, and head through, roughly south for only 15 metres.

Turn left, SE, and head past the houses to the right.

Emergence onto Hall Road and turn right, roughly SE, passing barns.

When Hall Road bends right, SW, turn left, through a kissing gate into a paddock. Head NE, hedge right.

At the end of the field, kink right and left, over a stile, into the next field.

Continue NE, hedge right. Use the leafy path to the right of the stables.

Turn right, SE, onto the metalled road.

After 80 metres, turn left, NE, and head past the houses (left) of Barsham City.

At Church Road, turn left, north, for 140 metres.

Turn right, NE, along a woodland path, coming out onto Lodge Farm Lane.

Turn right, roughly south.

At the large barn, turn left, SE, and drop down to Cut-throat Lane. In the dip, turn right, south.

Follow this wide farm track south and later SW back to Church Road.

Turn left, south, along Church Road.

Bear left, SE, just before the church.

Return to your parking place.

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**Ringsfield**  
**5.3 Miles - Beccles - 15**  
**Ringsfield, Church Car Park**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 16    Wheatacre

OS Map: OL 40    Track: [TM 46329 93645](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7.9 Miles    Updated: 2018-08

The shorter walk starts from the White lion, Wheatacre. The longer one starts from the church at Aldeby.

LONG WALK: Park by the church in St Mary's Road, Aldeby. Head east through the churchyard towards the silos. Head east through the farmyard, silos right, then past animal sheds. The dip could be very wet with run-off from the animals. There might be a drier route through the farmyard.

Turn right, south, trees right. Go through the accordian gate and turn left, east.

Cross a lane and continue east under power lines. Continue east, hedge right.

Over the crest, ignore the footpath, left (sometimes overgrown). Head for the tall poplars, east.

Merge with Lily Lane (tarmac) and continue east. Cross Dun Cow Road and head NE along Common Road.

At the maion road, turn right, east, and first left, NW. Head for the White Lion, Wheatacre.

BOTH WALKS: Park at the pub or on the roadside verge.

Head NW along White Lion Road. Bear left, west, towards Haddiscoe along Church Road.

Continue past All Saints Church (well worth looking inside).

Church road bends right, NW. Ignore the left turn along The Walks.

Church road bends right, north. Ignore the left turn along Burrows Green.

At the T-junction, turn left along Station Road, NW.

After farm buildings, turn right, NE, along a wide farm track.

After a large house, bear right, east through a metal gate along the main farm track.

Head through the farmyard and bear right, SE, still on the wide farm track.

Continue SE, then east, across cattle grids. Drop down a slope and turn right, south, off the main farm track.

Head into woodland with the flood meadows on the left. The path bends right, SW, and emerges at a standing stone.

Turn left, east, along Burgh Road.

After one field, kink right and left and follow the field perimeter, hedge left, parallel with the road.

At the end of the field, turn right, SW, hedge left.

Follow the path round the perimeter of a garden. Continue south.

At the tarmac (Church Lane), turn left and head east.

At the T-junction, turn right, south, along Pit Road.

SHORT WALK: Turn right, west, along Crimp Cramp Lane. The path bends left, south and right, west again.

At White Lion Road, turn left, SE, and return to the pub.

LONG WALK: Continue south along Pit Road. Cross Beccles Road and continue south along Mill Road.

Turn right, SW, along Taylor's Road. At the T-junction, bear left, SW, crossing under power lines.

Ignore the right turn opposite the land-fill site. Continue SW along Common Road.

At the T-junction, turn right, west, along St Mary's Road.

Ignore the right turn along Lily Road. Continue NW.

Ignore the track, left, to Priory Cottage unless you want to extend your route to include the Aldeby river route.

Continue NW back to St Mary's Church.

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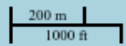
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**Wheatacre**  
**7.9 Miles - Beccles - 16**  
**Wheatacre, White Lion**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 17    Ilketshall St Andrew Seven Commons

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 37816 86977](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.6 Miles    Updated: 2018

The walk starts from St Andrew's village hall where there is limited street parking and plenty more by arrangement with the hall. There are a couple of parking places opposite the Methodist Chapel - see map.

This route visits seven commons in the Ilketshall St. Andrew area. A local trust is maintaining this open-access land and mowing the perimeter paths - award a gold star!

The commons are:

- \* Great Common
- \* Holden's Common also known as Godfrey's Common
- \* Took's Common
- \* Little Common
- \* Peardyke Common
- \* Blacksmith's Common
- \* Shipmeadow common - the route passes but does not enter.

This is a good beginner's walk as it can be shortened quite easily.



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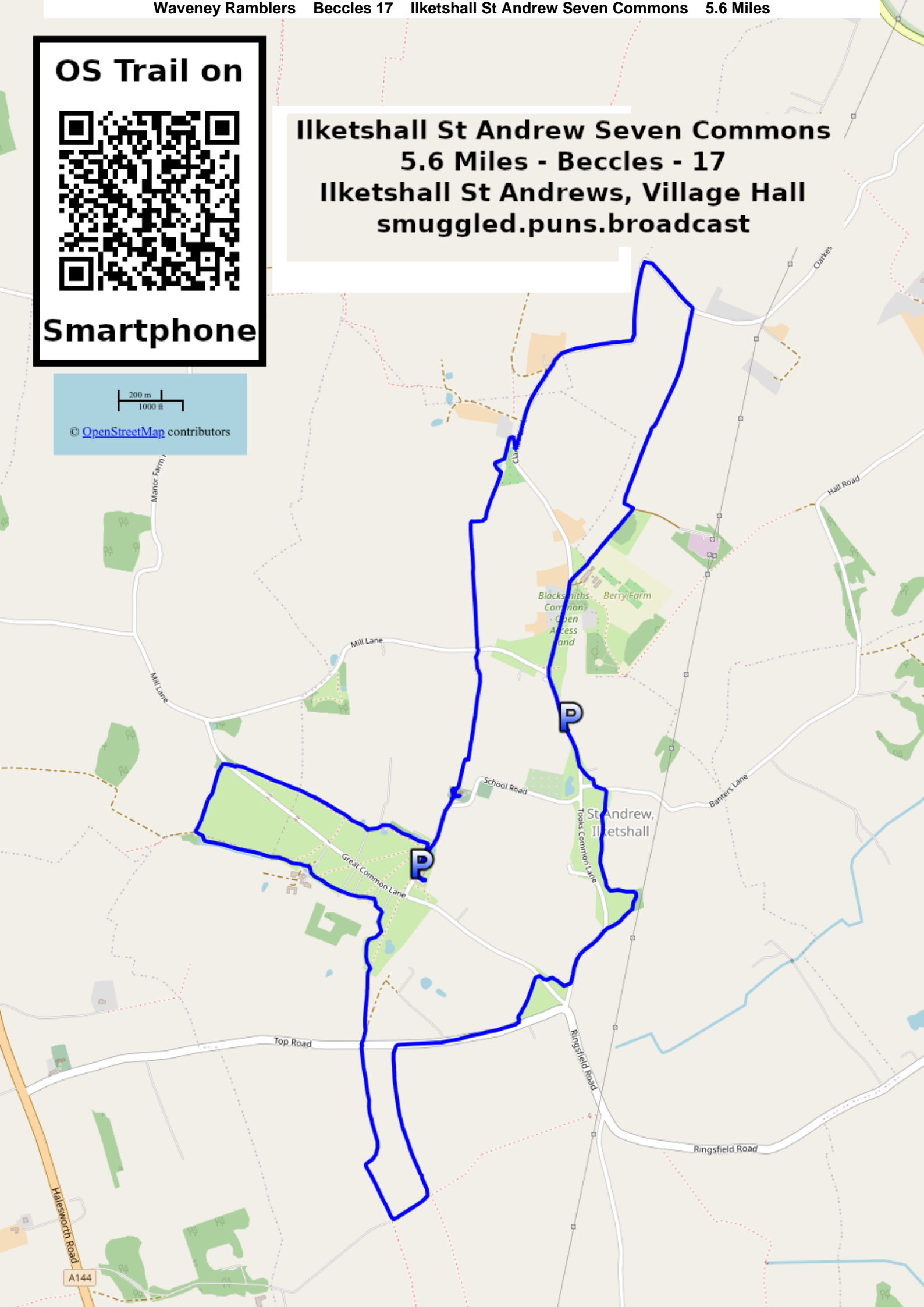


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**Ilketshall St Andrew Seven Commons**  
**5.6 Miles - Beccles - 17**  
**Ilketshall St Andrews, Village Hall**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 18    Beccles Southern Relief Road

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42266 87731](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4.8 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-31

In 2018 the Beccles Southern Relief Road was completed.

This walk follows the road, end to end, using the foot and cycle paths and parallel bridleways.

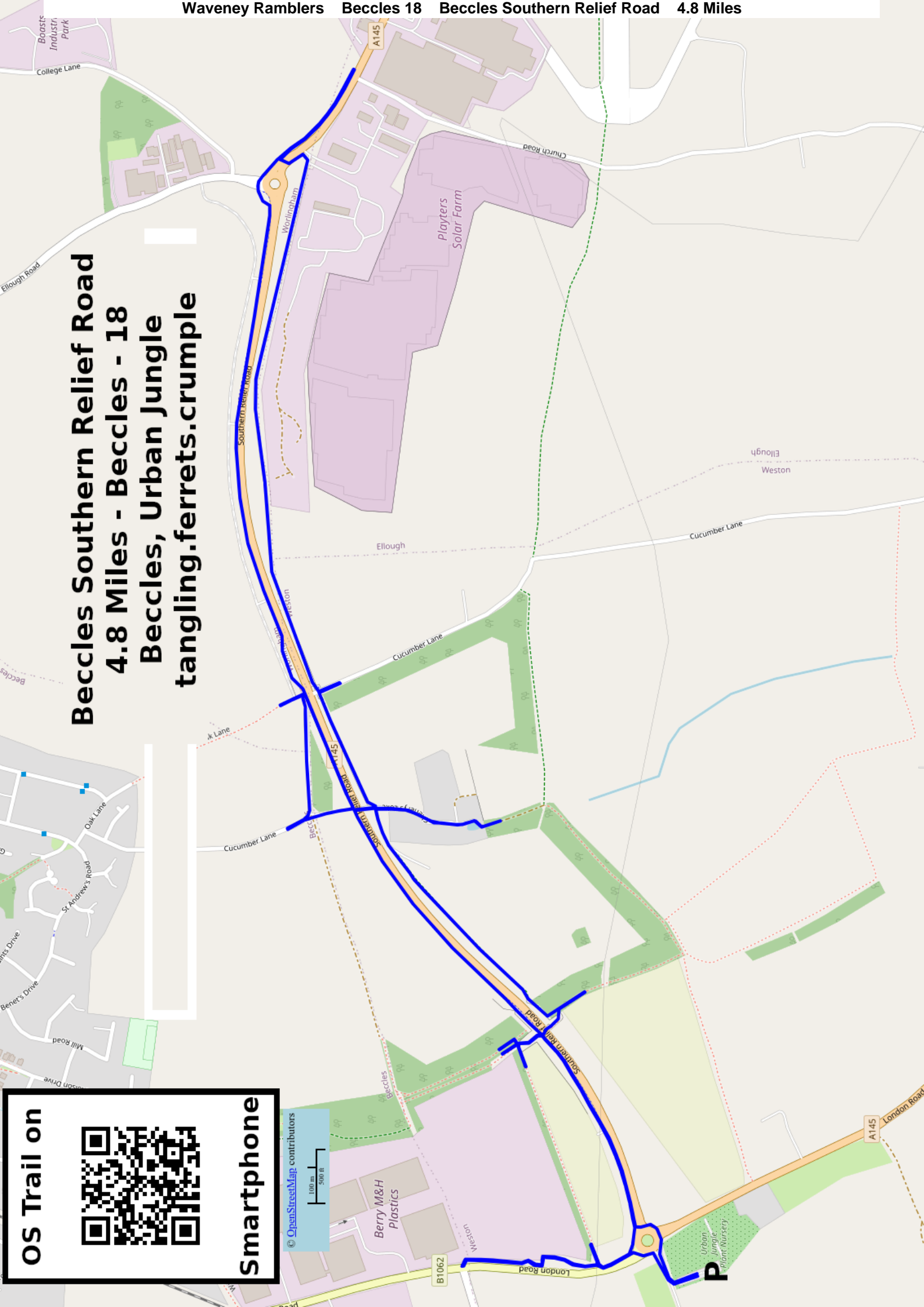
The paths off have been followed and their locations logged and mapped.

**Beccles Southern Relief Road**  
**4.8 Miles - Beccles - 18**  
**Beccles, Urban Jungle**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 19    Ringsfield and Redisham

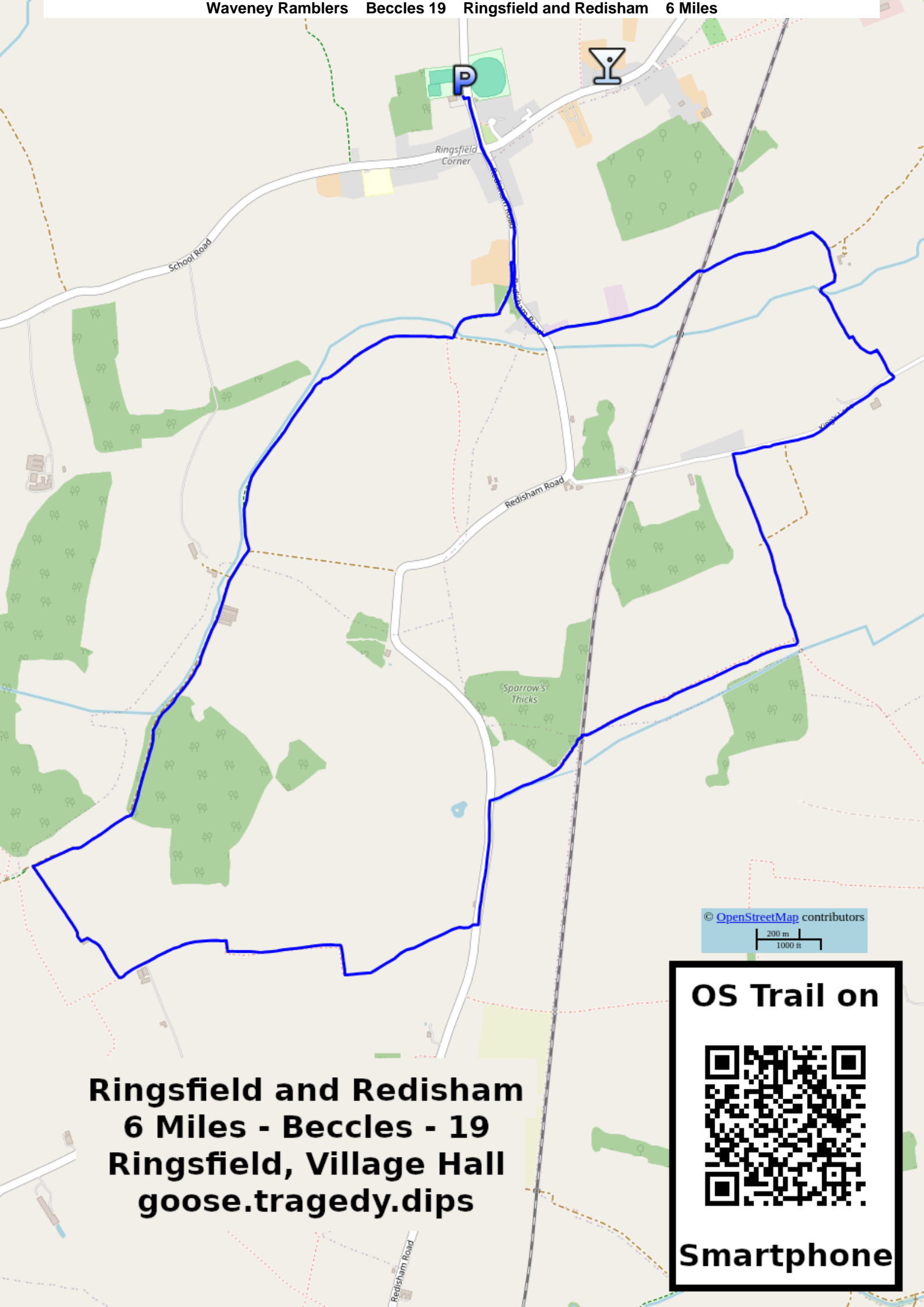
OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 40893 87347](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6 Miles    Updated: 2024

Arrange parking at Ringsfield Village Hall.

From the village hall, head south along Redisham Road.  
Go ahead, south, at the crossroads still on Redisham Road.  
At Pound Farm, kink right and left and walk south, parallel with the road.  
This path diverges SW from the road and drops down to a stream.  
Cross the stream and turn right, west, hedge right.  
Follow the stream and cross a meadow towards Redisham Hall.  
After the hall buildings, continue SW, still close to the stream.  
At Gorse Thick, go SW, still close to the stream.  
Turn left, SE, to Wood Farm.  
After the farm, turn left, NE, soon east passing more buildings.  
Go right, then left, east, across an open field.  
Cross a second field, east. Mid field, turn right, south and soon left, east.  
Pick up a hedge right, and go to Mills Farm.  
Turn left, north along the Redisham Road.  
After 380 metres, turn right, NE, and cross the railway. Continue NE.  
Turn left, NW, near South End Farm.  
Head NW across an open field, then through a caravan park.  
Turn right, east, along King's Lane.  
Soon after Old Farm, turn left, NW, into woodland.  
Kink left and right, NW, over a footbridge.  
Drop down and cross the stream.  
Turn right, then veer left, north, past Walpole Hall.  
Veer left, NW, soon west.  
Cross the railway again and continue SW to Redisham Road.  
Turn right, uphill, and head north back to the village hall.

By arrangement, an alternative start point is the Ringsfield Tavern.  
They can offer lunches too.





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**Ringsfield and Redisham  
6 Miles - Beccles - 19  
Ringsfield, Village Hall  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 20    Halesworth to Beccles

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42611 90504](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    11 Miles    Updated: 2017

Park in Beccles. The Quay pay and display is 1km, 15 to 20 minutes, from the station.

Catch a train to Halesworth.

Head east out of Halesworth station onto Bramblewood Road.

Head SE, later east, along Bramblewood Road.

At a footpath, turn right, south for 35 metres.

Turn left, NE, along Loam Pit Lane for 300 metres.

Turn right, east, off the lane.

Head east bending gently left, soon NE, along a footpath.

Turn right along Bungay Road for 20 metres.

Turn left, NE, later north, along a grassy track. Turn left, NW, along Sparrowhawk Road.

After 290 metres, turn right, north, along a narrower road.

Follow the road left, west, at farm buildings. Turn right, north, into Butt's Road.

Cross the railway and continue north along Butt's Road.

At a crossroads, go ahead, north, still on Butt's Road. Head past two silos.

Turn right, east, into Wangford Road.

100 metres after a right bend, turn left, NE, onto a footpath.

Follow this path NE and north, between fields to more farm buildings.

Head roughly north through the farm buildings.

Ignore a lane off to the right and continue north. Turn left, NW, hedge left.

Continue NW across an open field, then boundary right, to Halesworth Road.

Cross Halesworth Road and head NW, hedge right.

The path kinks right and left, NW, hedge now left.

Turn left, SW, hedge left, and after 70 metres, right, NW, hedge left.

Mid field, kink left and right, north, across a ditch.

Before a stream, turn right, NE for a few paces.

Turn left and right, NE, meadow and stream left.

Follow this path NE to the Redisham Hall grounds.

When the access road bends right, continue ahead, north, through a gate into grazing, stream left.

Follow the stream to another gate. Leave the meadow and continue NE, later east, hedge left.

After one field, turn left, NE, into woodland and cross the stream.

Follow this path to Pound Farm. Turn right and left, north, onto Redisham Road.

At the village crossroads, turn right, NE, along Cromwell Road to the Horseshoes (refreshments).

600 metres after the pub, turn left, north, onto a footpath.

Ignore a right turn and head north into Primrose Lane.

Continue north when the lane merges with Ringsfield Road.

At a right bend in the road, continue ahead, north, into Hangmans Lane.

Head downhill and before Bungay Road, turn right into The Dell avoiding the tarmac.

At the Dell car park, head 30 metres east along Bungay road, then sharp left, NW, into a meadow.

Keep right across the meadow, downhill and turn right, NE, along Puddingmoor to Saint Michael's Church.

From the church, head back to your parking place.

To return to the quay, head north along The Walk, Saltgate, Northgate and finally Fen Lane.

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**Halesworth to Beccles**  
**11 Miles - Beccles - 20**  
**Beccles, Railway Station**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 21    Loddon to Beccles

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42157 90581](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2017

The map shows two routes. The river path is described here.  
The alternative shows the blocked path and a route via Geldeston Locks Inn.

Catch a bus from Beccles, Old Market to Loddon, Church Plain.  
Head SE towards the Holy Trinity church.  
Close to the church, turn right, south, on a footpath to Beccles Road.  
Follow Beccles Road, SE, for 180 metres.  
Turn right, south, onto a footpath.  
Follow the path and stream to the A146.  
With a left right kink, cross the A146 and continue south on a footpath.  
At Transport Lane, turn left, east, for a few paces.  
Turn first right, SE, soon south, onto a farm track.  
Turn left, SE, into an avenue of mature trees leading to Hales Hall.  
Pass the historic buildings and follow the lane right, south, then left, SE to Litchmere Lane.  
Turn right, SW, along Litchmere Lane.  
At a junction, go left, roughly south.  
Turn first left, roughly east.  
Kink left and right, east, to avoid passing through farm buildings.  
Turn right, south, along Wash Lane.  
Turn left, east, into Honeyput Lane.  
Before the lane bends right, south, turn left, north, farm buildings left.  
After stables, turn right, stable and paddock right, SE, soon east.  
At a wider track, turn right, south, to Bungay Road.  
Turn left, east, along Bungay Road.  
Turn first right, south, bungalow right.  
Bend left, SE, and converge with the A143.  
Cross the A143 and head SE, woodland left.  
Turn right, south. The path ahead has been overgrown for years.  
The alternative is to turn left, SE and head to Stockton Road.  
Turn right, SW, along Stockton Road.  
Turn right, west, along Old Yarmouth Road.  
Turn first left, SW, along Geldeston Hill.  
Turn left, SE, along The Street.  
Turn right, SE, into Big Row.  
Just before Big Row bends left, north, turn right, south and head for the cut.  
Follow the canalside path, SE, water right.  
When the cut joins the River Waveney, turn left, NE, and follow the Waveney, river right.  
Follow the river, meandering all the way to Beccles.  
At Gillingham Dam, turn right and cross the bridge.  
Turn right, south into Northgate.  
Follow this road back to the Old Market bus stops.



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**Loddon to Beccles  
10 Miles - Beccles - 21  
Beccles, Old Market  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Beccles 22    Oulton Broad to Beccles

OS Map: X 231, OL 40    Track: [TM 42611 90504](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.5 Miles    Updated: 2018

Park at Beccles Quay pay and display.

Walk 0.6 miles to the railway station and catch a train to Oulton Broad South.

From Oulton Broad South station, head east, up the steps to the road.

Turn left, north, and cross the railway.

Turn left, west, down more steps, coming out in Marsh Road.

Bear right, west, along the smaller lane, hedge left.

When the lane bends right, north, go ahead, west, into the holiday park.

Cross some access roads and continue west between the chalets.

Leave the holiday park and continue west, hedge right.

At the hotel, continue west, hedge right.

The path bends right, north, for a few paces, then left, west again.

Don't take the branch right, north.

Continue west then SW to the Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve car park.

Cross the car park, keeping right. At the exit, turn right, NW and head to the river.

The path bends a little, always heading roughly NW.

At the river turn left, SW, and follow the path all the way to Beccles, river right.

This is a delight in fine weather but a slog if conditions are foul.

Follow the meanders in the river, always keeping to the riverside path.

This leg is nearly 7 miles.

At Beccles, cross under the A146 bypass bridge.

At the marina, turn left, SE, and head past the moored boats.

For the cafe and toilets, cross the footbridge, right, south.

For the car park, continue SE along a narrower cut and moorings.

Turn left into the car park.

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