

Rural Rambles Round Lowestoft

A circular black and white illustration of a large, multi-story building with several chimneys, surrounded by trees and a path leading towards it. The building has a central tower-like structure. The scene is framed by a circular border.

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OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 53142 93386](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) Various Miles Updated: 2018

Rural rambles Round Lowestoft includes 14 walks from four to ten miles.

These tracks were recorded using a handheld GPS receiver.

Please note the cautions for each walk.

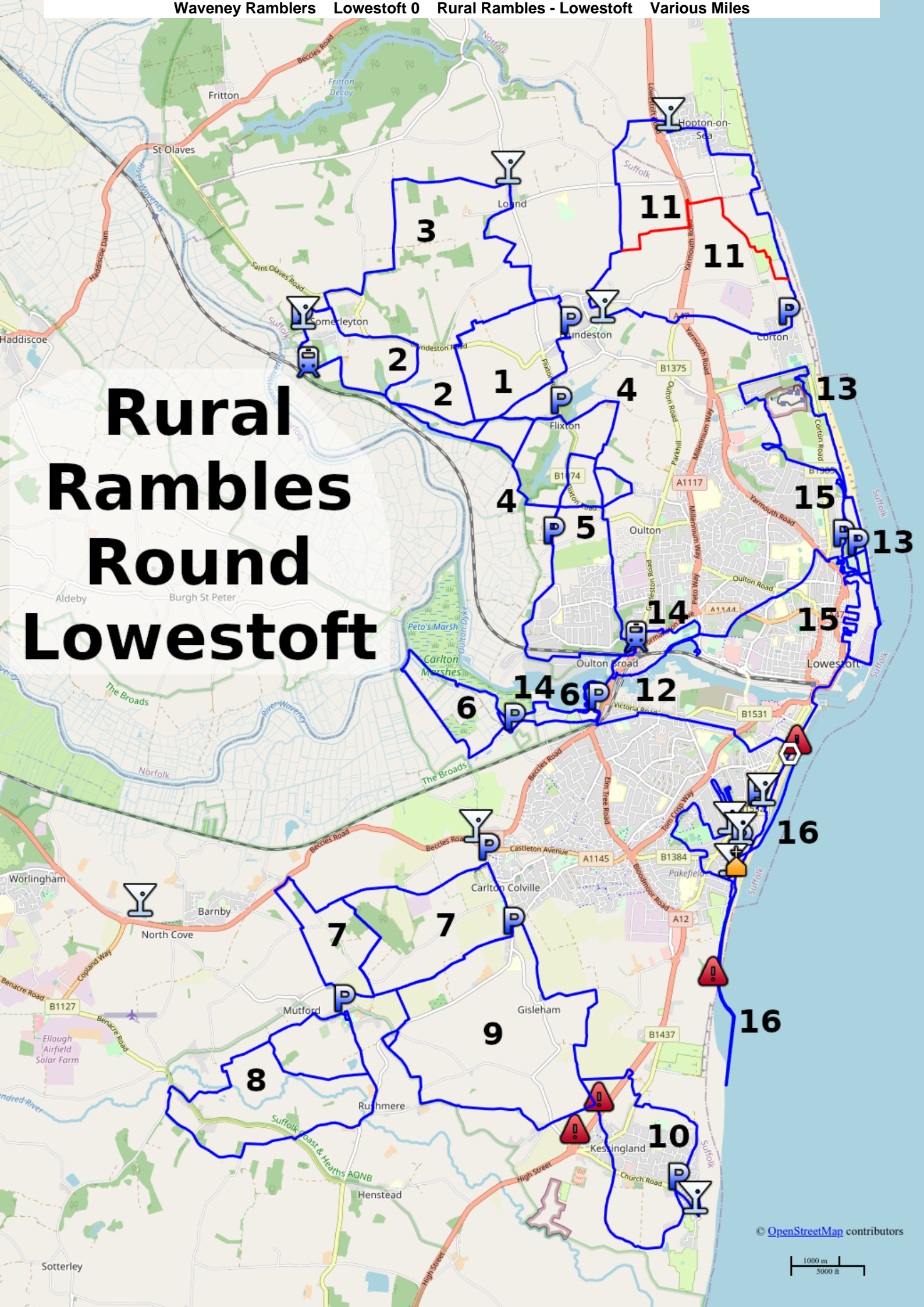
These list the more obvious hazards or potential problems.

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- 15 Red Herring Trail, All the Scores - 5 Miles - Lots of steep steps!
- 16 Pakefield Coast and Inland - 6.2 Miles, shorter and longer options.

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Rural Ramblers Round Lowestoft



Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 1 Blundeston

OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 51348 97214](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 3.4 Miles Updated: 2018

Note: Blundeston Marsh Lane and the footpath to the side of Holly Nurseries can, after heavy rain, be beset with deep puddles and mud, such that the walk is best left for dryer conditions.

Starting from a point outside Blundeston church, head west past the school and, after a short distance, take the footpath on your left between barriers, with a tall wooden fence on your right. When this fence ends, keep straight on until reaching a road. Turn right, pass by an access road on the left, and continue to Flixton Road. Cross over the dangerous 'T' junction with care and continue down Blundeston Marsh Lane slightly to the left of the road junction. At the junction with Waddling Lane, coming in from the left, bear right, pass another lane on the left and after a further 150m or so, turn right onto a field edge path through a narrow gate beside a larger one. After a while there is a good view of the walled estate of Somerleyton Hall showing the church and the lodge house at the entrance drive.

Descend into the dip and, without changing direction, join a track coming in from the right and follow it up the slope opposite. After about 150m, where the track turns sharp left to Home Farm, carry straight on, along a footpath to a stile. Cross this stile with care, as it juts directly onto the main Somerleyton Road, go through the gap on the other side of the road and turn right.

Follow the right hand edge of this field along the wall and turn left at the corner to follow a belt of trees. At the end of the belt, follow it round to the right to a hedge running eastwards at right angles to the trees. Keep the hedge on your right as you proceed down the field edge.

Follow this path as it turns left, right, right and left again until you emerge into an unmetalled lane. Turn right and, almost immediately, left to follow another field edge with the hedge on your right. At the corner turn left and, a few paces on, cross the wooden footbridge. Continue with the hedge now to your left until you reach the road opposite Holly Nurseries. Just to the left take the enclosed footpath opposite to reach another road. Turn right here round the corner and after about 100m take another enclosed path on the right. Bear slightly right across the cultivated field, either diagonally by one of the narrow footpaths or, if uncertain, right and then left around the field edge to a path roughly one third of the way (150m) down the right hand side of the field. Pass through the hedge and then, keeping it on your left, reach the short wide track leading directly ahead to your starting point.

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Blundeston

3.4 Miles - Lowestoft - 1

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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 2 Flixton and Somerleyton

OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 51254 96185](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 6.5 Miles Updated: 2018

Start from Flixton Marsh Lane leading to Decoy Farm. There is space for three or four cars.
Or start from the Dukes Head, Somerleyton. This has a large car park by agreement with the pub.
Rail access from Somerleyton station is possible too.

Head west along Flixton Marsh Lane.

At Warren Anne cottage, turn right along Waddling Lane and continue west all the way to Waveney Grange Farm.
Ignore a lane to the left and continue along the smaller Waddling Lane.

Pass the memorial placed in memory of the US airmen who lost their lives when their plane crashed in world war 2.
The Angles' Way merges from the left. Continue west.

After a wood and reed beds on both sides, at the Y junction, turn left and head west past Wadding Wood.

At Waveney Grange farm, turn left into Station Road and continue until the station car park comes into view.

Turn right heading away from the station into a wooded lane heading roughly north.

After 200 metres, avoid the main track when it bends right.

Instead, turn left (NW) and soon head through a gap into the boatyard.

If you miss the turning, you'll still arrive at the pub by a marginally less interesting route.

In the boatyard head north, then NE.

After the wooden gate, kink left and right into a lane with garages and houses. Head east.

Turn left and pass the Duke's Head public house (refreshments and a possible alternative starting point).

Head north from the pub and after the first house, turn right onto the footpath.

Follow the field perimeter heading roughly east.

At the field corner, ignore the path north and continue east for 20 metres.

Turn right and follow another field perimeter, south, until the path emerges onto a tarmac road.

Cross the road and enter the lane opposite.

Head SE and soon east. Leave the vehicular track and follow the path east with a brick wall to your left.

The path merges with the main road.

Cross over and head east along the wide verge with the brick wall still to your left.

Optionally visit the church using the lane to the left.

100 metres after the church, cross the road and head over a fairly well hidden stile.

Follow the field perimeter south. The path joins a larger farm track still heading south.

This track bends right (SW) and left again heading south where it rejoins Waddling Lane.

Turn left and head SE with reed beds on both sides.

The track enters a small wood. Turn right off the track onto a smaller path signed as the Angles' Way. Head SE.

This footpath has been much improved recently involving the Broads Authority whose insignia can be seen.

After 500 metres, the path kinks right and left over a watercourse.

There is a short section of board walk over the wetland.

The path crosses a sandy lane and continues east, soon bending SE again with wet woodlands on the right.

At a thatched cottage, turn left into Flixton Marsh Lane and head NE.

Back at Warren Anne cottage, turn right and retrace your steps back to the start.

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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 3 Somerleyton and Blundeston

OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 51254 96185](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 10 Miles Updated: 2018

Start the walk in Flixton Marsh Lane off the B1074 Somerleyton road and pass Decoy Farm. Turn right into Waddling Lane where Flixton Marsh Lane bends sharply left at Warren Cottage. Continue down Waddling Lane for about 1.5 km, passing Marsh Lane (coming in at an acute angle) and a memorial stone to American airmen lost returning from a WW2 mission, both on the right. Ignore all side tracks and paths. Just past the memorial the track descends into a dip, passing a footpath on the left and a track to the right. Some 600m further on the track turns sharply right and descends to merge with another track coming in from the left. A little way down this new track there is a circular cattle pond, a rarity characteristic of the area. The way ahead is uphill, until a farm is passed on the right just before a sharp bend on a metalled road. Turn left here. Soon the road descends steeply. Upon reaching a minor crossroads, turn right opposite the approach to Somerleyton station car park. Follow the track over an embankment and round to the right as it turns uphill. Ignore all tracks coming in from the left. Note the long-abandoned brickworks on the left, marked by a plaque. After a while the track ends at another metalled road. Turn left and pass the Dukes Head pub (possible alternative starting point; landlord usually happy for you to park there). Follow the road round to the right and take the footpath to the right immediately after passing a large setback property, also on the right. Keep to the field edge and turn left at another footpath to join the Herringfleet road.

Turn right to pass Whitehouse Farm, taking care on the busy road, and turn left onto the Ashby road, also busy. Continue for 300m and turn right onto the drive to Somerleyton Hall, The hall was built by Sir Morton Peto, a mid-19th century railway magnate, on the site of a much older manor house and is open to visitors at stated times. Walk down the drive for about 450 m then turn left to follow the footpath with the hedge on your right. Continue until reaching Ashby Church, which has another memorial to American WW2 airmen at the path-side. A few paces on, take the right hand track passing to the west of the church. Stay left of the hedge initially, switching to the right side at a field entrance and then keep straight ahead to the Village Maid in Lound. Turn right into the village street and right again at the end of the village into Earth Lane. Where the lane bends right, continue ahead down the track, keeping to the left of a row of 3 garages. Bear left on reaching the meadow at the bottom of the hill, following the path (past a map display on the left) towards the far end through trees to reach a flight of steps. Go up these and, half right, a second flight. At the top turn left at the 'T' junction. Ignore paths on the left, but turn left at another 'T' junction. Pass through a stile at the end of the wood. Keep the field edge on the right and, after about 100m, go through a field entrance. Facing the field, bear half left across it to reach Green Lane.

Go right for about 200m to Park Farm on the right. The farm has 3 entrances; at the third go through a field entrance opposite, marked with a footpath sign. Keep to the small wooded copse on the left, bending round to the right where it ends. Continue along the right hand side of the hedge ahead and after about 80m go through a gap and then forward across the field. The path is usually clear enough but, if not, aim for the large isolated tree in the middle of the field. Leave the field through the hedge gap onto the Flixton Road. Turn right onto the grass verge (where practical, otherwise watch out for traffic) and after about 500m take the footpath on the right opposite Holly Nurseries. Keep the hedge to the right initially then, after crossing a footbridge, continue with the hedge on the left. At the unmetalled track turn right and, almost immediately, left with a hedge now on the right. At the field corner turn right, and keeping the trees and bushes on your left. Pass round the end of a narrow sunken field. Follow the left hand edge of the field, turning right at the corner. On reaching the next corner at a field entrance, go to the right of the oak trees. Follow them round leftwards and continue straight ahead as far as the brick wall alongside the Blundeston road. Turn right along the wall to a gap and cross the road to the footpath opposite.

Go straight ahead with the hedge to the left, ignoring tracks where they come in from right and then left. The path ends at Waddling Lane. Turn left here and take the right hand fork where Marsh Lane joins Waddling Lane. Retrace the route past Warren Cottage back to the start.

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OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 51268 94478](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 4.5 Miles Updated: 2018

Start in Wood Lane near Holly Farm. Head in a northerly direction down the lane for about 500m, turning left up a steep bank (with remains 'of steps), and keeping the hedge on the left. At the far corner, follow the field edge round to the right. Shortly cross a footbridge on your left, and veer right into the wood. Where the left side of the wood ends, keep on between dykes on either side, taking care over the numerous exposed tree roots. Emerge onto the marsh over another footbridge and turn right along the field edge, alongside the remaining dyke, as far as Nebb Cottages.

Enter Flixton Marsh Lane but, after a few metres, take the field-edge path on the left and follow it as far as another lane. Turn right here up the lane until it ends at Waddling Lane. Follow Waddling Lane to the right, bearing right at a fork and then left past Warren Anne Cottage and Decoy Farm to reach the main road by a telephone box. Turn right for about 150m, watching out for traffic on the bend, and cross the road to enter the drive to Whitehouse Farm.

Where the drive bends to the right, the ROW passes into a gated field on the left. At the time of survey the ROW was impassable (if reinstated cross diagonally to the right and enter another field. Bear right some more and join a track around the north side of the farm buildings). Otherwise continue along the drive towards the farmhouse, turning left down a concrete track just beyond a telegraph post and some dilapidated railway vans. Follow this round to right and then left, keeping the farm buildings on the right except for the vans and an open barn. Turn right along a track to skirt the farm, keeping watch for a metal kissing gate on the right, about 100m on and half hidden in the hedge.

Go through the gate along a fence on the left and cross a stile into another field. Continue ahead past the field entrance keeping the hedge on the right and, at the next field entrance, continue ahead on the opposite side of the hedge. Pass a small wood on the left, turn sharp right and then left to reach the drive leading to Flixton Old Hall. Carry on up the track opposite, initially with a hedge on the left and switching sides at a gentle left hand bend and past the site of the abandoned St. Andrews Church. At the end of the track, cross the field bearing slightly right to emerge at a right-angled bend on the main Blundeston road.

Turn right down the road to the bottom of the hill and, just past the Flixton road sign, cross a footbridge on the left. Follow on to the left of the hedge reaching Wood Lane. Turn left up the hill to the start near Holly Farm.

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Flixton

4.5 Miles - Lowestoft - 4

Camps Heath, Wood Lane

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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 5 Oulton Broad and Flixton

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: [TM 52410 93156](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 5 Miles Updated: 2018

Start at Oulton Broad North Railway Station taking Commodore Road past the signal box. After 100m pass through the subway and take the narrow road straight ahead to the 'T' junction with Hall Road. Cross and turn left. After a few metres, take the footpath on your right through woodland to Sands Lane (#). Cross and take the footpath almost opposite. Follow the path in the same direction throughout via new houses, commercial premises on the right, 2 estate service roads and a school on the left. Continue ahead where the path becomes a track in open country to the B1074 Blundeston road. Turn left, then right at the 'T' junction and proceed to another sharp bend to the left (care needed due to busy traffic and blind corners).

Go through the gate at the bend and take the path half right alongside the hedge. Pass into the next field. Follow the path along the hedge to the bottom of the field and round to the opposite corner at the end of the wood. Continue forward with the wood on your left, followed by an open field, also on the left. Turn right on reaching a clear track, passing the site of St Andrew's Church, to the drive in front of Old Flixton Hall. Turn left into the drive and follow it down to the road. Cross and turn left for about 400m to join a clear track straight ahead where the road turns off to the left. Follow this track for its entire length to crossroads and follow the road straight ahead. Near the bottom of the hill, ignore a road to the right, but take a signposted track on the right where the road bends sharply left.

Follow this track to St Michael's Church, then take the footpath opposite the lychgate to Prospect Road. There turn right over the narrow railway bridge. Continue along Borrow (*) Road, ignoring a right fork into Romany Road (*) until a 'T' junction is reached. Turn left and shortly right to follow Caldecott Road, past Oulton Broad on your right (nice view), until you reach the station.

(#) If the footpath is temporarily closed off by engineering works, continue westwards to Chestnut Avenue. Go to the end of the Avenue and then turn right until you reach the opposite end of the blocked footpath.

(*) These roads are named after the author George Borrow, who wrote Romany Rye and Lavengro and lived for some time in his wife's house facing Oulton Broad.

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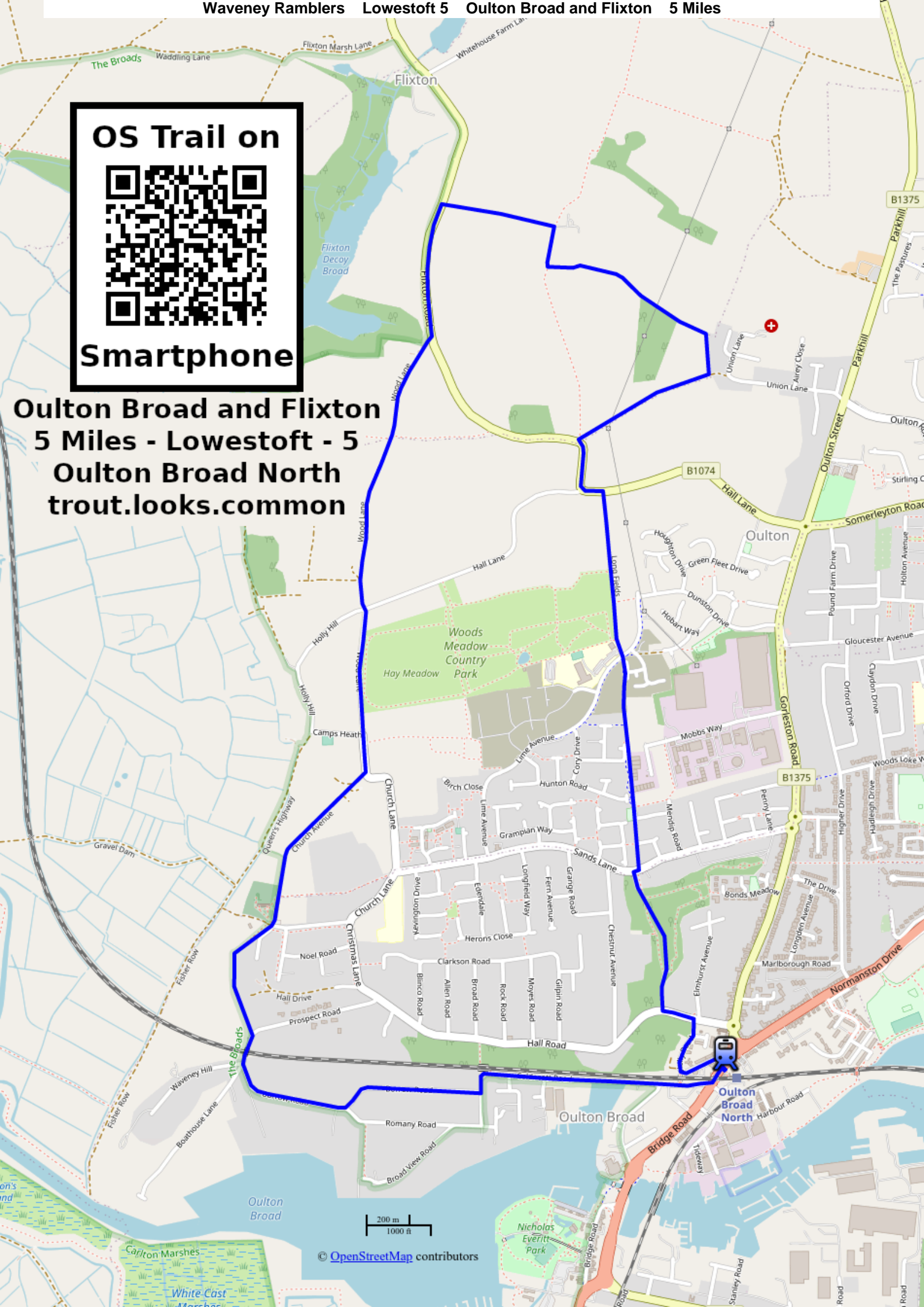
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**Oulton Broad and Flixton
5 Miles - Lowestoft - 5
Oulton Broad North
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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 6 Carlton Marsh

OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 50891 91912](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 4.5 Miles Updated: 2018

Start at Carlton Marshes (Suffolk Wildlife Trust) or the pay and display opposite St Mark's Church, Oulton Broad.

The walk starts at the car park (paid at all times of year) opposite St Mark's Church, Oulton Broad (walkers can also start from a free car park at Carlton Marsh Wildlife Centre; see below). However, with your back to the church, walk down the main path with Pet's Corner on your left at the bottom. The path swings to the right, but a few metres along, turn left through a gap in the low fence. Take the left fork at this point, cross the footbridge ahead and turn left again at a T-junction. Walk across a concreted area with boats moored to the right with good views across the Broad. Then take the narrow entrance to the footpath ahead. Carry on between hedges for about 300m until you reach the back entrance to Ivy Farm. Ignoring all paths to the left, take the right branch for about 2 km, marked for most of the way by wood-capped piles on the right. For a while the Wildlife Centre can be seen to the left.

Eventually the path comes to an abrupt end. Turn sharp left and descend to the track below. Turn right onto the track, leaving it as soon as practical to mount the flood defence embankment on the right. Follow the clear track along the top of the embankment and gain the river bank near a sign pointing right to 'River Crossing'. Instead, go left for about 250 m as far as the Share Mill remains. Leave the river bank immediately beyond the sluice, cross a wooden sleeper bridge and follow the straight wide track (often quite muddy) between dykes on either side.

Just over 1km the track turns sharp left and then right, to reach a crossroad of tracks. Turn left here or, if the path ahead is open, follow that round past the picturesque Spratt's Water, rejoining the left hand path 300 to 400m on. Take the right hand fork immediately beyond a kissing gate, to arrive at the Wildlife Centre (see note below). Continue ahead via the lower end of the Centre's car park onto a well-defined path, turning sharp right and then left after about 300m. On reaching the drive to Ivy Farm, cross the stile and then the one opposite to continue in the same direction. Carry on directly ahead through an area of holiday bungalows, crossing 2 service roads, until reaching a lane on a right-angled bend. Go left and cross over a wide concrete bridge. Turn right here and follow the outward route back to the car park (if starting from the Wildlife Centre, to shorten the walk, turn left here instead, missing out the short 'out and back' section to St. Mark's Church).

Notes. The Wildlife Centre is said to be planning major improvements, including a cafe, so it may be a more attractive starting point. To reach the centre's car park, take the narrow signposted lane on the right of Beccles Road, 300m past the Esso petrol station travelling towards Beccles, (TM 50874 92034). Otherwise the 'out and back' section from opposite St. Marks Church can easily be turned into a small loop by carrying straight on, instead of left, at the lane bend immediately east of the holiday bungalows to emerge by Oulton Broad south railway station. Turn left along the main road with St Mark's church on the opposite side of the road, and left again to Pet's corner as above.

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Carlton Marsh
4.5 Miles - Lowestoft - 6
Carlton Marshes
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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 7 Carlton and Mutford

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: [TM 50616 90304](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 7.5 Miles Updated: 2018

Start down Hedley Lane immediately to the north of the Transport Museum, passing cottages on your left. Enter the field keeping the wood on your right. Continue straight ahead across an open field and, after crossing a farm lane, continue straight ahead again, across another field, to reach the left hand edge of the hedge opposite. Go through the gap at the corner and, keeping the hedge on your left, continue along the headland for about 150m. Turn half right across the field aiming for the field gate roughly halfway down the far side. If the field crossing is unclear or obstructed by crops, continue along the wide field edge and round to the right as far as the field gate, to join a road on which you turn left: note that at the time of writing OS maps show exit from the field 100m further along the road and not at this (authorised) diversion.

Pass Wood Farm on the left and take the signed footpath on the left immediately before Mutford Wood Cottage. Go between the workshop and garage, through the garden, and then along the field edge with the hedge on the left. Turn right at the corner and, within a short distance, turn left over the footbridge into the wood. Follow the wide track straight ahead and cross another footbridge into a field. Maintain the same direction along the field edge and, after about 175m, turn right and follow another hedge on your right as far as the road. Turn left here along the permissive bridleway just inside the field to the top of the hill and cross straight over the road(*). Go left up the wide verge and, after a few paces, take the bridleway ahead, as the road curves round to the right, until facing a T-junction of paths. At this point turn left for the shorter walk (#) or right for the longer.

Continuing on the longer walk with the hedge on the left, go through a gate with the hedge now on the right, pass behind a barn and traverse the garden to reach a road. Turn right and, on reaching the church gate, walk through the churchyard and exit by the main gate. Cross the road and continue straight ahead, first along a field boundary and then across an open field. On reaching another road turn right and shortly left to follow a footpath to the A146 Lowestoft to Beccles road. Here turn right (a footpath across the road leads directly to the clearly visible Swan Inn where you can get lunch). Follow the A146 for about 300m and take the footpath to the right into the churchyard. Bear to the left of the church and then, at its northeast corner, join the path between a hedge and a fence with the graveyard on the right. Cross a footbridge and follow the field edge with the hedge to the left, and then soon another bridge to put the hedge on the right. Follow it to the road and turn left to Mutford Wood Cottage. Re-enter the footpath, now immediately beyond the cottage, and retrace the route to the T-junction of paths where the long and short walks diverge. (#) Both walks now follow the same path back to the start.

Turn left and follow the track, keeping straight ahead except for a short left and right zig-zag near Carlton Colville. On reaching Rushmere Road, turn left and continue in the same direction down Hall Road (where Rushmere Road turns sharp right). At the T-junction outside the school, keep straight ahead along the metalled footpath and on down Chapel Road to the start.

(*) The (fairly recent) permissive bridleway avoids a section of narrow road, with a blind bend at each end, shown on the original walk publication.

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**Carlton and Mutford
7.5 Miles - Lowestoft - 7
Carlton, Hedley Lane
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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 8 Mutford Hulver Rushmere

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 48839 88238](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 6 Miles Updated: 2018

N.B. The route, in its present state, may be unsuitable without good map reading ability and physical agility.

Start from the footpath 30 to 40m east of Mutford Village Hall. Continue forward bearing slightly right at a fork by the end of Holly Lane on the left, to reach open fields. Go straight ahead, first with a low hedge on the right, and then along a headland path. Cross over a farm track and continue until you reach a farm gate with Rushmere Hall clearly visible straight ahead. Go through the gate and turn right immediately along another track (note this is where you rejoin the route on the way back).

Follow the new track through 2 fields, keeping close to the hedge on the right until you come to a small wood. Take the path through the offset gap in the fence and follow it along the right edge of the wood and then down through hedges on either side to reach a field gate. Go through and follow the bushes and trees at the field edge round to the right, and past a cottage on the other side of the hedge, to enter the old bullock yard at Mutford Hall. Exit the yard at the opposite corner and follow the wide track past the hall, a fine old house, originally built in the late 15th century.

Continue on up the now metalled track round sharp bends to right and then left. Some 140m on from the latter, turn 90° left along the signposted path across a large open field; if the direction is unclear, aim for the prominent isolated tree at the far side. On reaching the tree cross the stile nearby, at the right-angled bend in the field boundary. Continue in the same direction along the right hand edge of the field, turning left at the corner. After 50m or so take the grassy track on the right running between hedges. Then, after another 150m, go left down another track between a hedge on the left and a shallow ditch on the right to a field entrance where you turn left alongside the hedge. After no more than 50m pass a dyke on your right and then turn right, to follow it to a footbridge over the Hundred River some 200m away.

Cross the bridge and turn right, aiming for a prominent oak tree. Go over the footbridge nearby and walk straight across the meadow to the gateway in the left hand corner. Go through, keeping the hedge on your left, until you come to a stile on the left. Turn right after crossing it and follow the hedge to a track, then turn left past the houses to the road.

Turn right down the road and after some 300m turn left onto the minor road signposted to Stoven. Walk uphill for about 350m, looking out for a wide track to the left. The track entrance is flanked by fir trees and there is a sign post, a little way in, with details of permissive paths round a neighbouring field. Take the wide track to the right of the field and continue on to a road. Carry on in the same direction, passing a wood on your left until you come to a right angled bend in the road. Leave the road here by turning left onto the bridleway and follow it to the end of the field. At this point go right down the hedged path between adjacent fields. After a while the path broadens into a track with open fields to the right. Where the track turns sharply left continue straight ahead along a wire fence to the roadside stile opposite Low Pasture Farm. Take care crossing this stile as it drops abruptly onto a busy fast-moving road with a partially hidden bend to the right. Cross over and take Tinkers Lane on the left immediately after passing the farm.

Follow the lane down past the Grange to a T-junction at another fairly busy road. Turn left, re-cross the Hundred River, and left again at the sign for North Lowestoft and Oulton Broad. After about 300m turn left into the entrance to Rushmere Hall (a well-preserved building dated from the late 16th century) and, a few paces on, bypass the hall by the track to the right. Carry on up the hill until you reach the gateway where the outward route diverges and then retrace your steps back to the start.

The map shows an alternative 5.2 mile route, starting out west along Mill Road instead of south on the footpath.

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Head west along the Fairhead Loke bridleway near the post box in Rushmere Road.
After the farm buildings and paddocks, the track kinks left and right and continues roughly SW, hedge left.
Cross a sandy track. Continue straight on, roughly SW, hedge left.
After power and telephone lines, at a small patch of woodland, turn left and head south, hedge left.
At Rushmere Road, turn right onto the tarmac and follow the road SW. Use the parallel bridleway if it's clear.
Avoid busy times as Rushmere Road carries significant traffic.
Turn left into Blower's Lane, SE, then right onto a footpath up the drive of the first house.
Head SW into the field without getting too close to the house.
The right of way skirts the field perimeter, hedge and fence, right. There may be a shorter diagonal path.
The round towered church will be on your right. Continue SW, hedge right.
(Optionally stay on Rushmere Road and pass north of the church. Turn left 80 metres after the churchyard.)
At the end for the field, turn left and head SE for 500 metres. No hedges. Wind turbines are in view ahead.
The path bends left, east, hedge left.
The path bends right, south, hedge right, soon passing woodland to the left.
Continue south on the tarmac crossing under power lines. There are mature trees on both sides.
Close to the Hollies Farm, turn left and head east along Black Street for 500 metres towards Lowestoft.
When the tarmac bends right, south, at Stone Cottage, continue east along Primrose Lane (Path and Track).
Go up the drive of Stone Cottage, bear left and take the right hand of two paths, uphill, close to the boundary fence.
At the corner of the garden, the path kinks right and left. Head east, uphill along Primrose Lane, hedge left.
The wind turbines are now ahead to the right.
The path joins a larger farm track. Continue east.
When the farm track bends left towards three small turbines, turn off and continue east on a much smaller path.
The path bends right after a hidden reservoir and heads SE into Sandy Lane and back to Black Street.
The big turbines are straight ahead.
At the tarmac, converted phone box and letter box, turn left and head NE along Black Street.
Head to the junction with a bus shelter. This is the half way point for a banana break.
Cross the road and head NE across the field, ditch right, no hedges, later hedge right. Converge with the busy A12.
After 600 metres there is a T junction in the path. Head NW, uphill, away from the A12, hedge left.
The path kinks left and right, hedge now on the right, Head NW.
Don't cross the wooden bridge. Continue roughly north, hedge right.
After a short woodland tunnel continue north. Cross a sleeper bridge.
Kink right and left and head north, ditch left across a field. The path was blocked by rapeseed when this was written.
At the farm perimeter track, turn right and head east for 150 metres.
Turn left and head north following the field perimeter, ditch right.
Cross a sleeper bridge, head NE, ditch left. The path bends north and continues ditch left all the way to Church Road.
At the tarmac, turn left onto Church Road and head west to another round towered church.
Just before the church, turn right into the churchyard and head a little west of north. The church will be on your left.
Follow the right perimeter of the cemetery.
Go through the gap and follow the field perimeter, hedge right, roughly north.
The path kinks right and left and continues roughly north, hedge left.
Cross three more fields in the same direction, aiming for a grey brick house with a grey roof. Cross two stiles.
At The Street, turn left and head SW for 130 metres.
Turn left into Rushmere Road and return, south, to the starting point.

The Carlton Crown, for refreshments, is a mile north of the start point.

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At the exit to Kessingland Beach car park turn right, follow the road to the beach and, immediately after the bus terminus, turn left onto the promenade. Climb the first set of public steps and go right along the cliff top. Follow the path where it turns sharp left inland. Continue to the metalled road (Green Lane) and turn right. Go straight ahead where, first, Green Lane becomes a track, followed by a further metalled section and then more track. Pass a tall white semi-detached property on the left, at the end of the built-up area, ignore a left fork and, very soon, take the clear path to the left through a small wooded area.

On leaving the wood, continue inland with a field on the left and soon a hedge to the right. Ignore all paths left and right. Eventually the path bends right and then left past a farm gate, followed soon by sharp turns left and right. Continue straight ahead through the hedge to reach the B1437 London Road and turn right. Continue past a 40mph sign for about 150m and cross the road at the footpath sign pointing half left. To access the footpath, go round the metal farm gate onto a wide grassy path.

Head towards a barn, but turn sharp right before reaching it. Keep on the track, now running between a hedge (right) and a ditch (left). Then turn left on reaching a wide concrete track. Pass under the A12 bypass and up the other side, turning right along the track at the top. This soon turns sharp right again, in front of a large open field. Instead go straight ahead across the field; if unclear aim for a tall isolated tree at the far side of the field. Cross the footbridge and turn left with the hedge on the left. Where the path starts to go downhill the path switches to the opposite side of the hedge. At the bottom of the slope, go straight ahead at a path T-junction, bearing slightly right across a small open field, up to the A12 dual carriageway.

Cross the A12 straight away taking particular care with dense fast-moving traffic. Avoid crossing if the central reservation is already full of walkers. Continue on the footpath directly opposite, up a short slope and then along a gravel path with new housing on the right. Turn right where the path ends at the short metalled service road, cross Kessingland High Street and then go down Church Road opposite. Follow the road round to the right, passing Catchpole Close on the left, as far as an angled cross junction.

Take the metalled lane with a footpath sign opposite (Cooper's Lane). Follow it downhill with 2 wind turbines to the right. Near the bottom of the hill the metalling ends and the lane bears round to the left. Continue forward, between low hedges either side, ignoring the signposted footpath on the right, and other minor paths to both sides. Also go straight ahead at a prominent crossing track. At the end of an open field to the right, pass through a pair of low concrete posts, turning left through an avenue of small trees and bushes. The route becomes a lane and passes a sewage works on the left and the entrance to Kessingland Marshes on the right (open to the public). Where the lane turns sharply right, go straight ahead behind newish houses and then up the bank to regain the car park.

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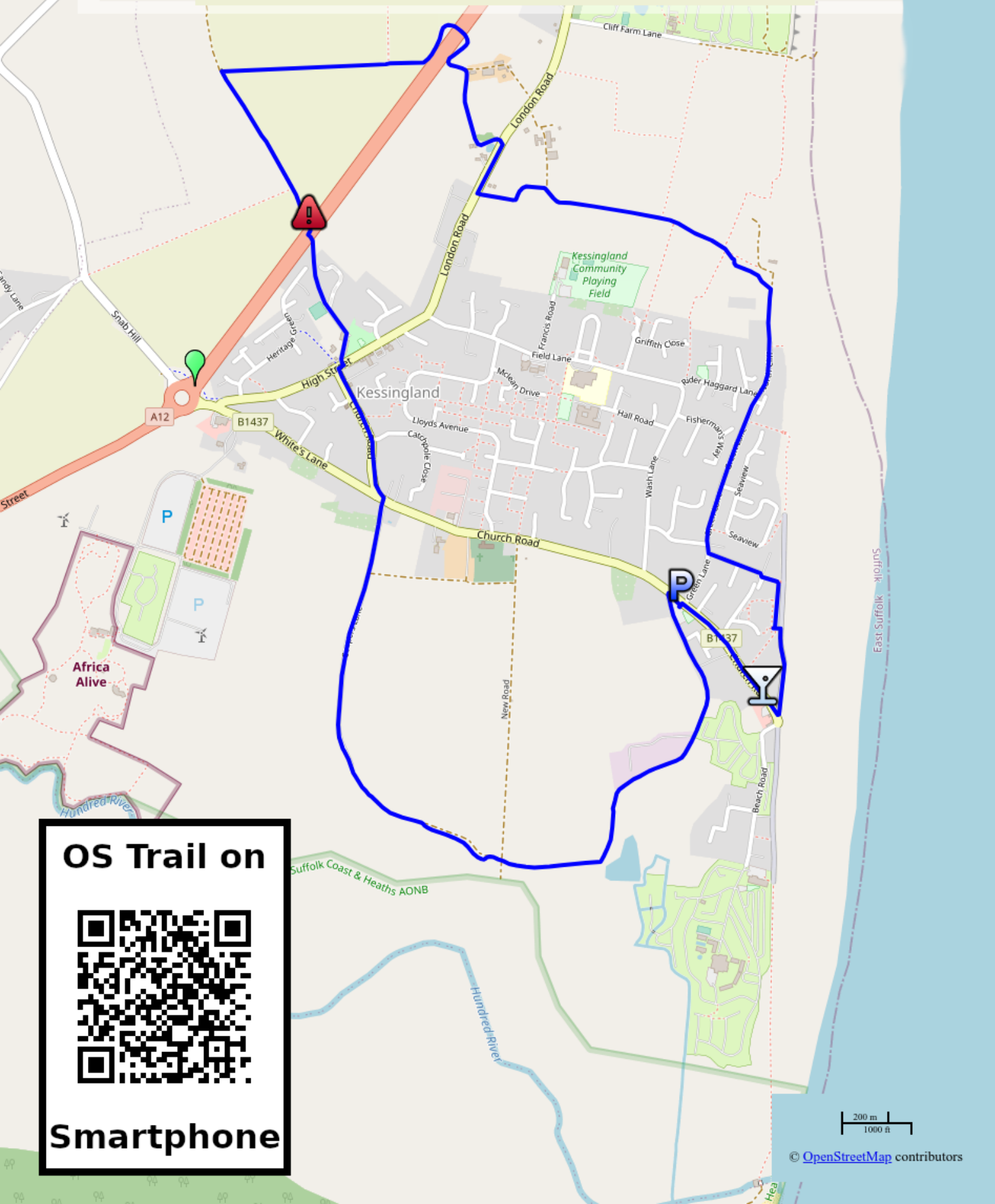
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Risks: Unstable cliffs and the busy A47. At the NE end of Station Road, close to the bus stop, head north along the alley. Emerge on Church Lane and turn left, NW. After the last house, turn right, NE. Head towards the cliffs. There is a "Path Closed"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

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

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

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

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

This walk may be linked with walk 1, Blundeston.

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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 12 Lowestoft and Ness Point

OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 53142 93386](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 8 Miles Updated: 2018

This walk has several gems and a few carbuncles for variety. Set out from the car park at Normanston Park. Optionally explore Leathes' Ham by heading south from the car park. Sadly you can't get all the way round the lake. Add 0.4 Miles.

The main walk sets out from the car park, SW, along the wooded perimeter track avoiding the road. Cross the railway by the steps and footbridge. There are fine views over lake Lothing from the footbridge. Head SW along the shore. This could be risky if the tide is exceptionally high or there is a storm surge. Head SW and later west through the boat yards. At one point the path kinks right and left. Use the tunnel to cross under the railway, swing bridge to the left. At Bridge Road head south past the roundabout. Keep left into Freshwater Way and use the underpass to cross under Bridge Road. Close to the Wherry Hotel, head south across the wooden lifting bridge and the lock. Oulton Broad is to the right and Lake Lothing to the left.

Now follow the waterside of Oulton Broad. Initially head SW and soon west past the thatched cafe and toilets. The waterside path bends south. Walk round the slipway and crane turning right twice. Head past the first group of moored boats. Head SE away from the broad over a wooden footbridge. The path bends east. Take the right hand branch towards the car park. Kink right and left and head towards St Mark's church. Cross over Bridge Street and head right, south. Use the footpath and bridge to cross the railway. Take the first left, east, into Dell Road. Follow this quiet street until you reach Dell Court. Opposite Dell Court, take the footpath, left, north. After a few paces the path heads right, east. Cross Colville Road and use the shared cycle and footpath. This soon diverges, right, away from the busy road.

Follow the cycle path east. Cross Kirkley Run and continue east. Cross Tom Crisp Way at the pedestrian traffic lights. Head south and soon SE towards park land and a children's play area. After the school on the left, turn left, east, into Beaconsfield Road. At the pharmacy and health centre bear right, SE, into Clifton Road. At London Road South, turn left, NE, towards the town centre. Take the first right, SE, towards the Marine Parade. Cross the road and head towards the harbour, NE, using the sea front path. Here there are pubs, cafes and toilets. At Royal Terrace, bear left, then right and cross the bascule bridge, north. For a shorter walk, 5.1 miles, head past the railway station and return to Normanston Park, left, west, along Denmark Road (not a very nice route though).

After the bascule bridge, turn right into Waveney Road and head east towards the fishing docks. Bear left, NE, into Battery Green Road. At the roundabout, turn right into Hamilton Road and head east towards the coast. Use the sea wall to head north to Ness Point. This is the most easterly point in the UK and probably counts as one of the carbuncles, featuring a sewage pumping plant.

Continue north along the sea wall. At the caravan park, turn left, west, along the footpath towards the lighthouse. Cross Whaplode Road and head up the hill and steps into parkland. Near the lighthouse, bear right and, always taking the highest path, head up to the Yarmouth Road. Turn right, cross Cart Score and re-enter the park. Keep right and head for the Naval Memorial. There is a tall pillar with a golden ship on top. There are cannons and a good sea view. Head NW to the elegant iron bridge and cross the Ravine. At North Parade, turn left, west, and head back to the Yarmouth Road. At the end, cross the Ravine and use the pedestrian traffic lights to cross the main road. Turn right and head NW along the Yarmouth Road as far as Station Road.

Opposite station Road, turn left, south, and head along the disused railway, cycle and footpath. The path gradually bends SW. Ignore all the side turnings and remain on the wider shared path. The path crosses under four roads where the original railway bridges still carry traffic. At the end of this path, at sturdy metal fencing, turn right, west, towards Normanston Park. Cross Peto Way at the traffic lights and re-enter the parkland. Return to your start point.

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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 13 Corton and Gunton

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The walk starts from the Sparrows Nest car park at the east end of The Ravine.

Head south on the footpath with the caravan park on the left. Turn left, east, and head for the sea wall. The caravans are still on the left. At the sea wall, head up the ramp and then north until you reach another car park at Links Road. Head west along Links Road and turn right, north, before it starts up the hill. Follow the sand dunes, north, keeping close to the cliff bottom. After 380 metres, there is a steep path, left, west, up the hill. At the top, cross Corton Road and enter the footpath called Hubbard's Loke. Follow Hubbard's Loke to the end. Bear right, NW, along a the "Woodland Path".

After 100 metres there is an option to head left, west on a path that meanders through the wood. After 200 metres the path bends NW, then north, then NE and finally east, doubling back on itself, rejoining "Woodland Path" not far from the its start. This adds 600 metres to the walk.

Continue NW along "Woodland Path". Cross Leisure Way and continue NW. After open land on the left, the path bends left, west, still skirting the open land. Briefly head NW again, then SW to Old Lane. Turn right, north, along Old Lane and head to Corton Long Lane. Turn right, east and walk back towards the coast. Near the coast at The Street, turn right and head south. After 100 metres, turn right, SW, back into the woodland. Follow the meandering path west for 200 metres and then bend left, south and more left, east. The path soon heads SE then south close to the perimeter of the Pleasurewood Hills park.

Eventually without rejoining the road, you emerge near a golf course. Before the car park, head left, east, back to Corton Road and cross over. Follow the track down to the beach. Turn right, south and head back towards the start. At Links Road, keep to the right of the car park and head along the bottom of the cliff towards the caravan park. (For better views but more traffic, use the higher Gunton Cliff road.) The footpath emerges back at the car park.

Gunton Cliff road bends right into North Parade. Cross the attractive iron bridge and drop down to the car park via the Navy Memorial and Sparrows Nest parkland.

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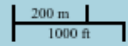
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Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 14 Oulton Broad and Lake Lothing

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

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

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

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

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OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 55053 94606](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 5 Miles Updated: 2022

Hazards:

Lots of steps. Uneven steps. Litter. Muddy slopes. Urban traffic. Kids. Pushchairs.

We parked in North Parade.

A nearby alternative is the free carpark in Whapload road opposite the Sparrows Nest park.

Head north and visit the unusual spring.

Head south along the seafront flood wall.

At the caravan park, head SW towards the park where there is a cafe and toilets.

Head through the park and back to the seafront flood wall.

At the harbour, head inland.

Near the roundabout, head right, north, towards the little church.

Zigzag up and down all the scores. Our group had the option to omit some scores if they got tired or ran out of time. The scores are unusual with strange decorative features.

Back at the park, optionally visit the memorial.

Return to your parking place, perhaps via the cafe in the park.

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Lowestoft Red Herring Trail
5 Miles
Lowestoft, North Parade
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200 m
1000 ft

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OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: [TM 54176 91232](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 6.2 Miles Updated: 2023-11-13

The walk starts at the SW corner of Kensington Gardens - Street Parking.
This walk can easily be shortened for poor weather or lack of daylight.
Head into the Kensington Gardens and go NE, tea rooms right. Head past the small lakes.
Emerge onto the upper level or the Marine Parade and head towards the pier.
At the pier, optionally head north around the Claremount Road Gardens.
If the tide is out, drop down to the beach and head SW under the pier.
Alternatively, use the lower level of the Marine Parade.
Head SW for one mile to Saint Margaret's Church, easily seen from the beach.
After the church, head NW along the Causeway. Turn right, NE, along Pakefield Street.
Turn left, NW, along All Saints Road, Pakefield Plaice fish and chips on the corner.
Turn second right, NE, along Morton Road.
Turn left, NW, along Kendal Road. Cross London Road South and enter the cemetery.
The long version of the walk zigzags up and down the cemetery footpaths.
Leave the cemetery via Kirkley Gardens. Head to The Avenue.
Turn left twice and head SE, along the Oiley Fields Footpath.
Head SW along the B1532, London Road South.
Opposite the Carlton pub, turn left and head SW along Acton Road.
Turn right, NW, along Walmer Road. Turn first left west, playing fields left.
Behind the houses, turn right, NW, along a footpath. Head to Blackheath Road and go left, SW.
Enter the woodland and head SW using either the main path or any of the smaller parallel paths.
After a quarter mile, turn left, SE, for another quarter mile.
Cross Silverwood Close and re-enter more woodland.
Head towards the water tower. The path bends right, south, and emerges on Stradbroke Road.
Head right, west, along Stradbroke Road. Turn left, south, along Nelson Road.
Cross London Road Pakefield. Head east along Saxon Road.
Turn first right, SE, along a footpath.
At Florence Road the 6.2 mile walk heads NE and passes the Oddfellow pub.
At Florence Road the longer walk heads south towards Kessingland along the beach.
This leg is as long as you'd like to make it.
Return along the beach and rejoin the short walk near the Oddfellows.
Follow the beach on the low path, passing many beach huts.
At the CEFAS building, head up the ramp to Kensington Road.
Return to the start point along Kensington Road or via the Garden Tea Rooms, recommended.

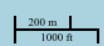


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6.2 Miles - Lowestoft - 16
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