

# **Rural Rambles Round Southwold**

A black and white line drawing of a lighthouse situated on a rocky island. The lighthouse is a tall, cylindrical tower with a lantern room at the top. To the left of the lighthouse is a small building with a gabled roof. To the right is a larger building with a sign that reads 'SOLE B'. The island is surrounded by water, and there are some small boats or structures in the distance.

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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 0 Rural Rambles - Southwold

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 50305 76280](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) Various Miles Updated: 2018

Rural rambles Round Southwold includes 11 walks from three to ten miles.

These tracks were recorded using a handheld GPS receiver.

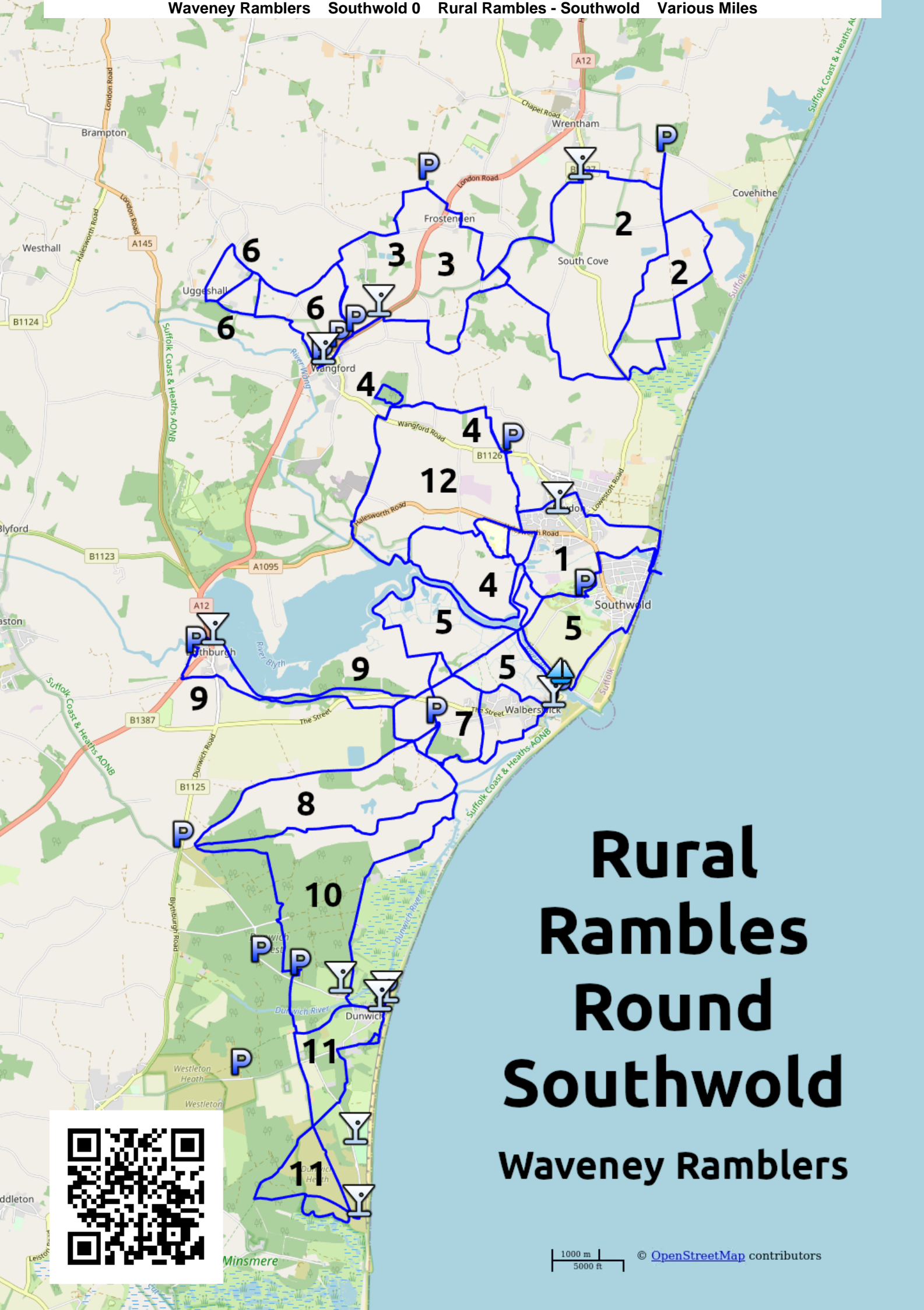
Please note the cautions for each walk.

These list the more obvious hazards or potential problems.

## THE WALKS:

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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 1 Southwold and Reydon

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 51185 76775](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5 Miles    Updated: 2018-07

Meet and start from Southwold Pier with pay parking and toilets. There is limited free parking in the side roads.

This walk can also be started from the York Road water towers with plenty of free parking but no toilets.

**PIER (Start point):** From the pier, walk north across the car park and take the footpath, west, signposted just after the boating lake. Follow this path, west, along Buss Creek until you reach the road. Cross over the road and turn left, south, along Might's Road for about 300 yards. Turn right, west, into Blyth Road.

At the second footpath sign turn left, south, and follow the edge of the common almost to a road, where you turn right and follow along the inside of the fence towards the twin water towers, west.

**WATER TOWERS (Alternative start point):** Head west, passing the water towers to the left. Continue west over the golf course, later with the fence left. Pass tennis courts and the golf club-house to the left. Head west with gorse on both sides. Drop down and cross Palmer's Lane. Head west and soon right, NW, wetland meadows left and fire damaged gorse right. The path bends right, north, gorse both sides. Bear left through a kissing gate and head NW across a raised flood barrier bund. Ignore all the side paths. Pass small lakes with otter-proof fences on both sides. Head for a gorse bank, ahead, SW. There are good views of Walberswick on the left.

At the T-junction by the gorse bank, bear left, west, gorse bank right. Ignore the path off to the left after a few metres. Follow the broad track west, beside power lines. This track soon bends right, north, and later, left, west. At the T-junction, turn left, south. After only 20 metres, turn right, west, uphill, garden fence right, woodland left. The path kinks left and right, still uphill. There are fine views over the estuary before the path drops down again, NW. You can see Walberswick church to your left, and Blythburgh church, to your right. Keep following the meandering grassy track, NW, which is usually kept well cut. Ignore a footbridge to the left. Eventually you will bend right, east, and emerge at the driveway to St Felix School. Bear left to reach the Halesworth road A1095.

Turn right, east, along the road using the grass verge for 500 metres. Pass St Felix School on the right. Cross the road and go north up Keens Lane. Look for Crab Apple Cottage on your right. Pass this house, and the next one, and take the track immediately to the right, east, (signed Laurel Farm). Follow this path east, ignoring turnings to the right. At Wangford road, cross over and head east along Jermyns Road. At the far end turn right, SE, into Covert Road and follow this down to the junction with Lowestoft Road. You will pass architecturally interesting and picturesque almshouses on the right. At the main road cross over and turn left, NE. Almost immediately head right, east, passing 72 Sunnyside. Follow this through to the sea-front where you turn right and head south back to the pier.

This walk may be linked to Walk 4 at Keens Lane and walk 7 from the water towers.

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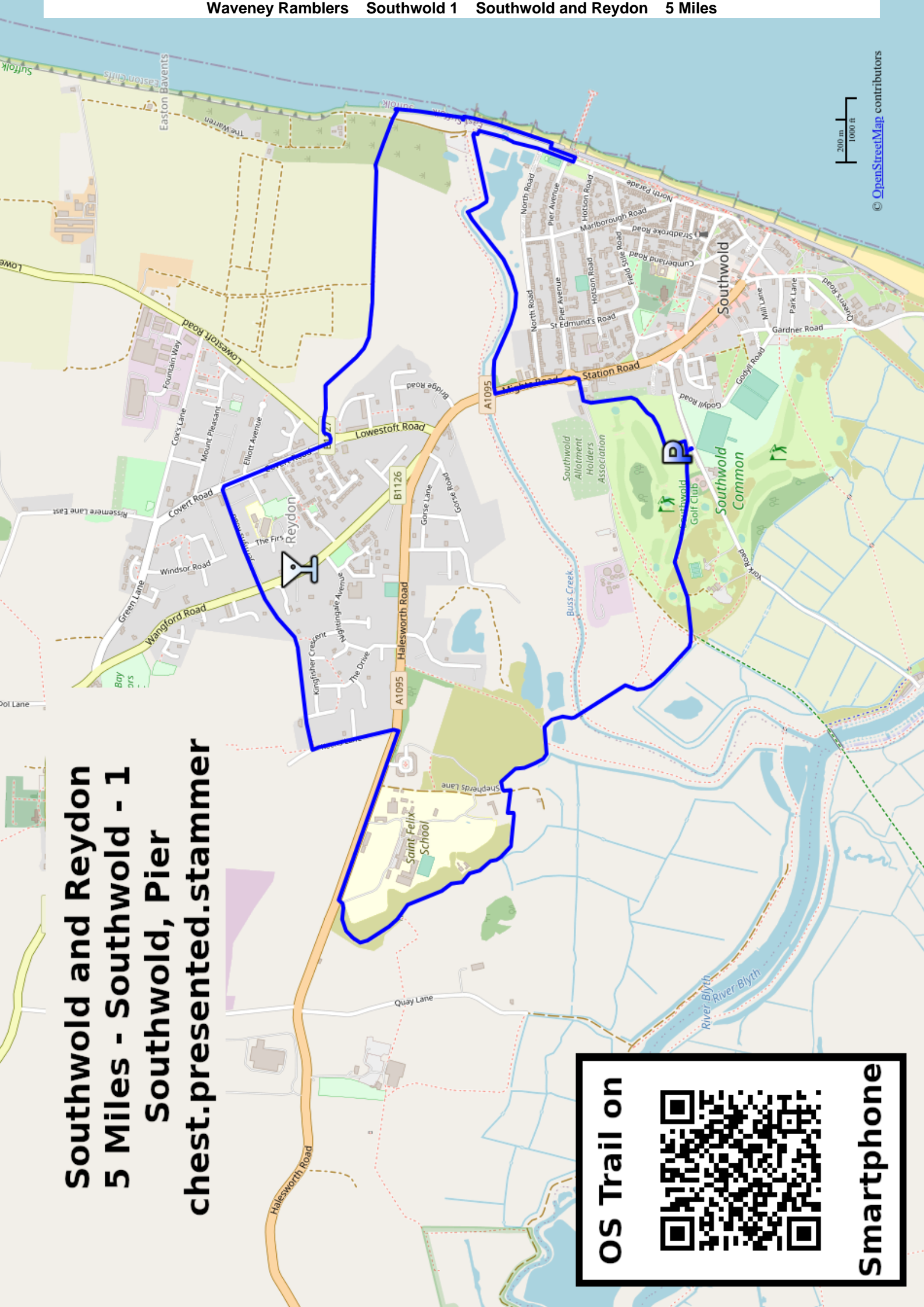
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 2 Potters Bridge Wrentham Frostenden

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 51072 82282](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6.4 Miles    Updated: 2018

This walk crosses a reed bed that could be wet after heavy or prolonged rain.  
The original route went via a board walk, now unsafe, at Potter's Bridge.  
The diversion is 380 metres along the B1127 which should be avoided at busy times.  
The start has been changed to Green Lane because the lay-by near Potter's Bridge is too small for safe parking.

Start from the north end of Green Lane where it meets Mill Lane.

Head south along Green Lane. Ignore the turning, right, to farm buildings.  
Before a barn, ahead, turn right, west.  
Ignore the track, right, leading to farm buildings.  
When the wide track bends right, follow the field perimeter north then west, hedge left.  
Turn left, south, along the B1127.

Divert via the Five Bells if you need refreshments. By agreement with the pub, the walk could start here.

Just after the pub, turn right, west, onto a signed track passing a sewage works on the right.  
The track bends left, SE, then south, and joins a tarmac lane.  
Turn right, west, woodland left.  
Ignore a footpath to the right. Cross a stream.  
Bear left onto the road signed to Wangford and Blythburgh heading SW.  
Pass some woodland on the left and take the marked path, left, SE, heading through the wood for 200 metres.  
Bear right when the path narrows and go through metal gate, south, into a pasture.  
In the open meadow, head towards three mature oak trees. At the second oak, turn left, SE.  
Head through the gate and over a bridge into reedy marsh land, often very wet.  
Cross another gated bridge, SE. Climb a bank and enter an open field.  
Continue SE across the field towards a power pole with a diagonal guy line.  
At the power pole, continue SE along the farm track.  
At the tarmac, turn right, south, and follow this pleasant country lane all the way to the B1127.  
The lane winds, eventually heading east.  
On this leg, look out for marsh harriers gliding over Smear Marshes to your right.

If the board walk across Potters Bridge Marshes has been repaired, use this. (not documented here).

Route via the B1127.

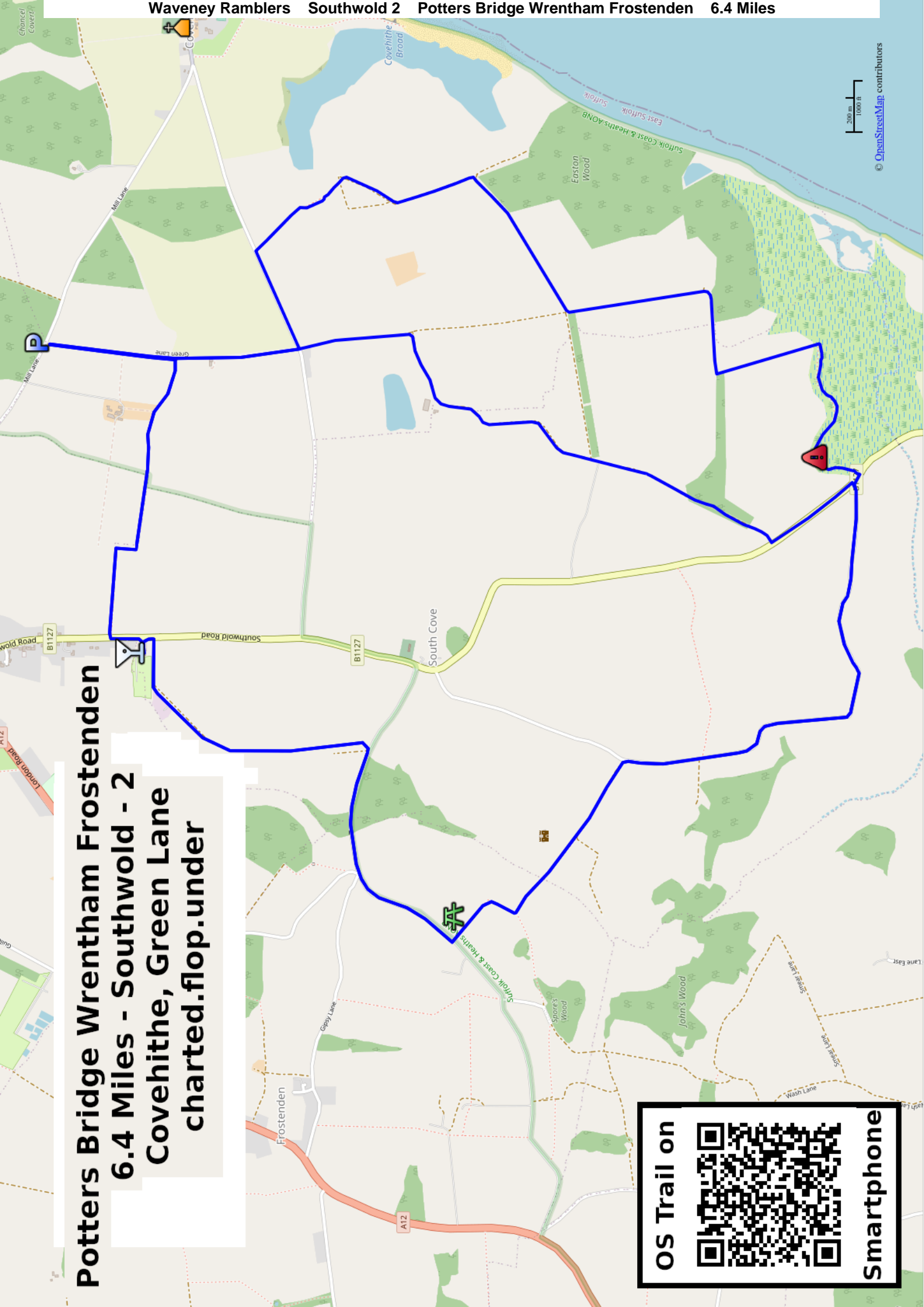
At the B1127, turn left, NW, for 380 metres of unsafe purgatory.  
Turn right, NE, onto the byway, re-entering heaven.  
Follow this leafy lane NE with occasional bends north.  
At a T-junction, turn left, north.  
Cross the tarmac lane to Covehithe and continue north, back to Mill lane and the start of the walk.

# Potters Bridge Wrentham Frostenden 6.4 Miles - Southwold - 2 Covehithe, Green Lane charted.flop.under

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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 3 Frostenden

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 47908 81744](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6.3 Miles    Updated: 2018

There is limited parking near the 13th-century church in Frostenden.  
Or start in Wangford near the Angel Inn (add 0.8 miles).

In Norman times Frostenden was a port, the brook was a navigable stream. From the church, head south along the tarmac to the A12. Turn right, south, pavement right, for 80 metres. Cross the A12 and head east towards Valley Farm on the track. After 220 metres, close to a house, turn right at a footpath sign, hedge and pumping station right. (Don't follow GreenLane.) At a minor road turn left, east. After 320 metres, turn right, south, along a little-used, signed footpath, hedge right. At the end of the field, go through a gap and walk diagonally left, SE, to the house with a conifer hedge. Follow the perimeter south, hedge left, to a minor road at Frostenden Corner.

Turn left, NE, signposted Wrentham. After 270 metres, turn right, SE, into woodland. After 220 metres, the track narrows and bears right. Go through a metal gate and head SW across the meadow. Pass close to three mature oaks and bend right, SW, towards a copse. Pass the copse, trees right and, on the same heading, head towards a power pole. Close to the pole, leave the meadow through a metal gate into a woodland path and head SW to the hamlet of Frostenden Cove.

At the tarmac, turn left, SW, buildings right. Ignore a footpath, right. Head SW woodland left. Ignore a crossing farm track. The path bends left, south. Ignore a track, left, into woodland. At open fields, continue south, hedge, left. At the end of the field, bear left, roughly south past woodland, right, into the next field. Follow the perimeter south, hedge left. The perimeter path bends right, eventually west and drops into a sunken path which obviously doubles as a stream bed in wet weather. If it's too wet, the field perimeter, hedge left, should work as an alternative. Head NW to the tarmac lane and emerge at the concrete hard-standing on the corner.

Turn right, north, along the tarmac for 270 metres (one field). Before animal sheds and silos, turn left, west, hedge right, now aiming for the Plough, Wangford, not in sight though. Go through a gap and continue west, no hedges. Cross an overgrown stile and head west across the meadow. Close to the house, leave the meadow via electric fences, easily unhooked and climb the padlocked gate, more of a problem. The author was too fat to squeeze the gateside gap! At the tarmac, turn right, north, to the A12. Turn left, SW, and follow the footpath on either side of the A12. Optionally divert via the Plough for refreshments. Follow the A12 for 450 metres, to the old Police house (Homeland).

If you started in Wangford head NE along Blacksmith Close to this point. Half way down the lay-by, close to the house, head NW, hedge left. At a small wood and the first hedge gap, kink left and right and continue NW, hedge right. The perimeter path bends right, north, then NE. At a kink in the field boundary, cross into the right hand field and continue hedge left across the final field before Wash Lane. These footpaths had not been maintained so it might be more convenient to follow this hedgerow on the wrong side depending on planting and ploughing.

At the lowest point, turn right, NE, and follow the sunken path, Wash Lane, for 90 metres or use the field perimeter if it's too wet or overgrown. At the end of the sunken path, turn left, NW, towards Brick Kiln Farm and the barn conversion. At the road turn right, NE. Ignore the right turn, cycle route N31. At the Y-junction bear right, east, for 400 metres, passing ancient oaks. Just before the end of the 30 mph limit signs, turn left, north, sign-posted, into woodland. Turn right across a footbridge. Head NE across the open field towards a large pale barn with three doors. Half way across the field, the path bends north towards the hedge. At the hedge, turn right east, and head towards the church, hedge left. Back on tarmac, turn left, north, back to the church.

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## Frostenden

6.3 Miles - Southwold - 3

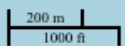
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 4 Reydon

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Start from Reydon Church car park. Please leave the parking places nearer the church clear.

This walk is best in good weather and at high tide, or low if you like to watch waders feeding.

Head west into the churchyard. Follow the footpath beside the church past the southern entrance. Walk round the Church, right, and take the footpath that leads diagonally across a large field heading NW and later north. Follow this path to the hedgerow gap and then turn left, west, and soon right, north, to Rissemere Lane East (tarmac).

At the road, turn left and walk west for half a mile. Bear right, where the Reydon Lane joins. After about 200 metres, follow the leafy tunnel byway to the left, west, signed "Reydon Wood" by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. A few metres before the path bends left, SW, you can make a 0.6 mile circular detour through the wood to see the bluebells in May, or in any season, just because it's a lovely wood. Alternatively head SW until you reach the busy Wangford Road, B1126. Turn right and head west for 130 metres along the Wangford Road.

Turn first left, south, by a group of houses, into Mardle Road. Walk a mile down Mardle Road to the A1095, Halesworth Road. Pass "Toad Hall", "Reydon Grange" and "Wangford Farm". At a fork in Mardle Road, take the right hand branch, SW, towards Blythburgh. As Mardle Road dips down, 40 metres before it meets the Halesworth Road, turn right into the car park of the Suffolk Wildlife trust "Hen Reedbeds".

30 metres into the car park turn left, south, onto a footpath past reedbeds, parallel with and usefully avoiding the busy road. Turn left over a footbridge and cross over the main road with extra care. Turn right, south, and follow another roadside path to steps up to a flood barrier bank. Go through the gate and head SE, estuary right, on the footpath by the side of the Blyth Estuary. Walk 1.7 miles towards Southwold. Pass two bird hides belonging to the Suffolk Wildlife trust, situated on the left as you walk mostly SE with a few wiggles in the path. If the footpath is overgrown, the track below may be better and more sheltered. In late July there is a good sea lavender display.

Continue on the estuary bank path, past the disused mill. Soon you will meet a low concrete wall. Follow this to a gate where the concrete is replaced by metal sheet piling. Go through the gate, left, north, until you reach another gate at a gorse bank. Turn right, east, gorse bank left. After 30 metres, take the first path left, NE, shrubbery both sides. Merge left onto another path, a little east of north. Soon you will have the School playing fields on your left and a housing estate on your right. At the A1095 Halesworth Road, turn left, west, for 200 metres.

Turn right, north, into "Keen's Lane". Head north to "Gorse Lodge". Ignore lanes to the right. Veer off, slightly to the right, north, along the footpath, garden fence left and hedge right. Follow this path, hedge left, all the way back to Reydon Church. There is a gap in the fence into the churchyard allowing you to return to the car park without walking along the road.

This walk may be linked with Walk 1 at Keen's Lane giving around 11 miles.

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# Reydon

## 6.7 Miles - Southwold - 4

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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 5 Walberswick Southwold Tinkers Marsh

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This 10.4 mile walk can be divided into two, meeting at the River Blythe footbridge.

**SOUTHWOLD 4.6 MILES:** Start from the parking near the Water towers, York Road. Head NE across the common to the A1095. Head north to Bus Creek. Turn right, east beside Bus Creek, water left. Head to the coast. At the coast, head right, south to Southwold pier. The pier games and clock by inventor, Tim Hunkin, are well worth a look and a cut above the usual amusement arcade trash.

Continue south to the river Blythe. In fair weather the beach route is pleasant. A shorter and more sheltered option is via Queen's Road and the footpath that passes behind the caravan and chalet park. At the river, head NW to the Harbour Inn and footbridge. To do the longer Walberswick walk, cross the bridge. The shorter walk continues on the flood wall after the footbridge. At an inlet and sluice, head NE along the Buss Creek flood bank for half a mile. Turn right, SE, and head towards the water towers. After 150 metres, head right, SW, on a gorse lined path. Cross Palmer's Lane and continue on the footpath through gorse. Cross the golf course with care and return to the water towers and car park.

**WALBERSWICK 5.75 MILES:** Start from the Pay and Display car park nearest the river. Head north to the river flood wall and go NW to the footbridge, river right. The two walks meet at this footbridge. Ignore the old railway path and continue NW along the flood wall, river right. This Tinker's Marsh leg is nearly two miles. The path leaves the river and goes left, east, across meadows for 230 metres. Turn right, south, and pass the ruined Tinker's House. Follow the farm track south for 400 metres. Turn left, east, between fields and head to the open access common.

Head south across the common staying near the right hand perimeter. Cross the old railway track footpath (Sandlings Walk) and continue roughly south to the the B1397. Turn right, west along the road for 60 metres. Turn left, SE, between fields towards Hoist Covert. Cross Lodge Road and continue SW into the woodland. After 450 metres, turn left, SE, still in woodland. After 250 metres, turn left, north, along a board walk through reeds and marshland. Continue on the woodland path roughly east but with many meanders. Head towards Walberswick on the higher ground staying near but avoiding the reed beds. The path bends left, north, field left, for 100 metres. Turn right, east, and head towards allotments, the village hall and toilets. In the village centre there are two pubs, tea rooms and a shop. Head NE along the main street back to the car park.

There is a foot ferry as an alternative to the footbridge.



**Walberswick Southwold Tinkers Marsh  
10.4 Miles - Southwold - 5  
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 6 Wangford and Uggeshall

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 46555 79184](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4.2 Miles    Updated: 2018

This walk had paths, not reinstated and two broken stiles requiring above average agility. Wangford Road carries significant traffic so take extra care and avoid it if there is an event at Henham Hall like the Steam Rally or Latitude Festival.

Park and meet near the church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Wangford. This is close to the pub. There is more parking in Blacksmith Close and in a lay-by on the north bound A12.

From the church head NE along the High Street. Cross Norfolk Road and head NE along Blacksmith Close. Avoid Elms Lane. Converge with the A12 and use the roadside footpath, NE, along this busy road. Cross over close to the lay-by on the north-bound side. Half way along the lay-by, take the track left, NW, hedge left along the field perimeter track. The perimeter path kinks left and right about 2/3rds of the way along this leg. In the second field, the path had not been reinstated so if necessary, follow tractor tracks. The right of way on the OS maps starts hedge left, then hedge right and finally hedge left again. As neither side had been reinstated, follow the path of least resistance all the way to Wash Lane.

At Wash Lane, turn left, SW, and follow the perimeter, hedge right. There may be a sunken path here or perhaps it's a stream bed. If the path is clear, follow it. Otherwise, stick to the field perimeters. At the first hedge gap, continue SW along the sunken path. If this is overgrown, kink right and left to follow the field perimeter, hedge left. Wash lane comes out onto Wangford Road. Turn right and head roughly west.

After 550 metres, there is a track, left, south. Take this for the 3.2 mile shorter walk or continue NW for the longer routes. At the thatched church, there is a lane left, SW, to Westhall and Halesworth. Take this for the 3.7 mile route or continue NW for the longer route. At the T-junction take the main route left towards Stoven and Beccles. After only 35 metres, turn left, SW, and follow the field perimeter, hedge right. Use tractor tracks if the path has not been reinstated.

The path bends left, south, towards woodland, fence both sides. Head under the power lines and, at the tarmac, turn left, east. Soon the route splits three ways and the middle distance walk re-joins. Take the most southerly branch, SE, into the woodland. Drop down and cross a footbridge into a low lying meadow. Continue east. Climb a bank and head east, hedge left. Next head east over an open field. At the end of the field, the shortest route rejoins. Head right, south for a few paces, then left, east, hedge left. If the path has not been reinstated, use tractor tracks. At the NE field corner, close to a bungalow, there is a collapsed stile and broken metal gate, also choked with nettles. Fight your way through.

In the next meadow, there is no hint where the correct path is. Head east, uphill, passing tall poplar trees to your right. Merge with the hedge near a mature oak tree. Here there is a barrier that might once have been a stile or gate. There was a footpath sign lying on the ground. Fight your way through this barrier, possibly also electrified but not on this day. Head SW, trees right. This path soon bends left, SE, and continues hedge right. At a pumping station, bend right, south, hedge right. Follow the field perimeter, woodland right. Close to the A12, the path bends left, NE. Soon there is a gate down to the A12.

Cross the A12 via the gap in the crash barrier. On the Wangford side, head SE along the alley back towards the church and pub. Cross a drive to a house and follow the remaining alleyway, still SE. At the High Street, turn right, SW, to return to the church and Angel Inn.

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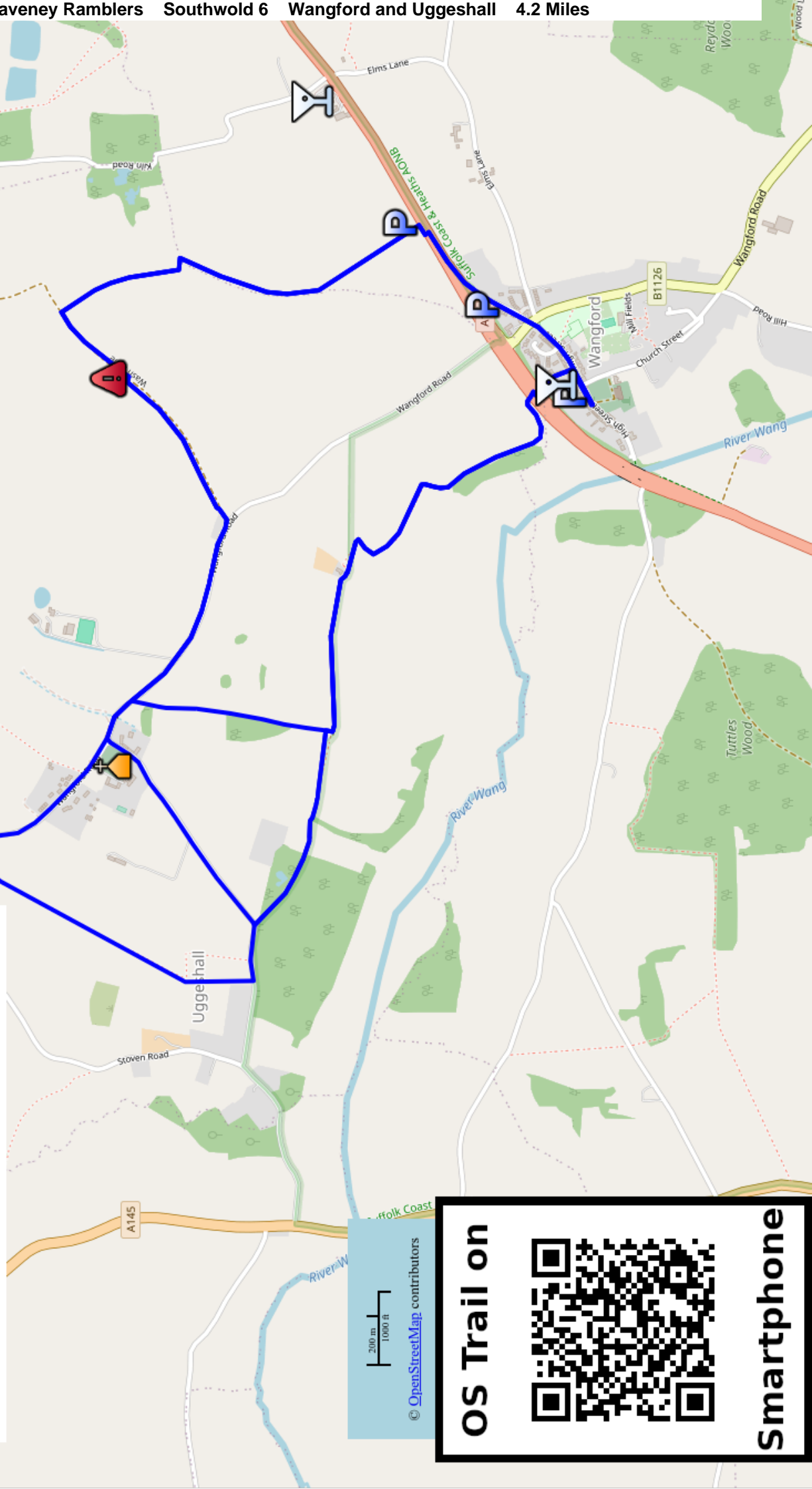
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4.2 Miles - Southwold - 6  
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 7 Southwold and Walberswick

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Park near the Water Tower. 100 metres before the water tower, at the footpath sign, go diagonally right, west, across the common and golf course. Pass through two clumps of bushes and, at the footpath sign, turn, SW, left along a metalled track towards Walberswick Church in the distance. Cross over the River Blyth at the iron bridge, SW. Continue along the road, SW, until you see a small car park/turning place and a seat on either side of the track. At this point, leave the road and go right along the old railway track, SW. Continue SW until you reach the wooden gate, go through and forward until you reach another gate at the road. Turn right, west, on the road and proceed along it for about 100 metres, past Eastwood Lodge Farm.

Turn left, SW, off the road onto a signposted path crossing farmland diagonally toward a wooden gate. Enter the open access land. Continue 100 metres, SW, and turn left, south, at the wooden gate and sign for the Sandlings Walk. Follow the track (wood on right), which bends to left, east, and eventually comes out at a gate onto a metalled road. Cross this road and head SE. After 110 metres, the path bends to the right towards a wooden gate. Immediately before the gate turn left. Continue straight, SE, ignoring the footpath to the left, and at a small clearing just before the marshes take the path straight on. At the beginning of the marshes a waymark post points to the left. Take this path and, after a few metres, a further sign is found at beginning of the board walk. Take the board walk path, roughly NE.

At the end of the board walk head roughly east on the meandering path. Pass a wartime bunker and ignore paths to the left and right. Forty metres before the open field, just after a right turn, the path forks. Take the right hand fork, SE.

The path soon passes another bunker then meanders. Walk along the path following a field edge and at the far side, ignore the track to the right that leads to the marshes and river. Instead, take the track to the left, north, and, after about 150 metres, turn right, east, after an old shed. Follow the footpath between rough grassland on the left and marshes on the right. Follow the field boundary. At the far end it turns left, north, uphill. At the top of the hill, just past a seat on the right, take the right turn, east, following a path for 200 metres, which eventually forks. Take the left-hand fork, NE, up and down some steps over the sea wall. This path comes out near the village hall and toilets.

The road through the village, NE, passes refreshment places, a play area on the green and the Bell public house, set back on the right. Carry on down towards the river and take the signed footpath to the left, north, just before the car park, leading to the river bank. Head NW alongside the river. At the iron bridge, which you crossed earlier, re-cross the bridge, NE, and retrace your steps across the golf course and common to the water tower at Southwold.

Southwold has many attractions, facilities, shops and an interesting pier.



**Southwold and Walberswick  
5.6 Miles - Southwold - 7  
Southwold Common, near Water Towers  
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 8 Westwood Marshes

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The Hoist Covert car park has closed. Try the fiveways car park instead.

In wet weather the southern woodland path can be very muddy and even blocked.

From the fiveways car park, head east, soon NE along Lodge Road.

After a mile, pass Westwood Lodge on your left. Continue east.

Pass the Old Covert woodland on your right. Continue east.

Lodge road takes you to Hoist Covert with the closed car park.

From Hoist covert, cross the road and head SW along the woodland bridleway to the Nature Reserve.

Keep straight ahead, SW, ignoring two paths off to the right.

Turn left at the T-junction, SE, following the footpath through a wooded area.

Head straight on, SE, at the cross-junction to open marshes.

Ignore a footpath to the left.

Continue SE, then south, past a derelict wind pump on your right.

Ignore another footpath to the left. Continue SW and later west.

Bear right onto grassy path (signed "No horses or cycle please").

Follow the path between reed beds to reach a bank between gates with "no entry" signs.

Go over the bank, where the path continues, with more reed beds on either side.

The path meanders south and mostly west.

Enter a wooded area crossing duckboards in Fen covert.

As you come out of woods you will see the car park ahead.

This walk has a common boundary with Walk 10.

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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 9 Blythburgh and Walberswick

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 45089 75236](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7 Miles    Updated: 2018

Walk the Blyth estuary, heathland and marsh including the disused railway.

Start at the Blythburgh church car park, leaving by the entrance to walk left, north, along the road. Take the footpath on the left just beyond the church (near the village sign) and follow it west towards the river. Just before the river bank turn right, NE, along a track that leads to the A12. Cross with care and take the track opposite (left of the White Hart Inn) a little east of north. At the end, turn right, east, onto the river bank path, signed "National Nature Reserve".

You are now on the course of the old Southwold-Halesworth railway line, closed in 1929. Stay on this route for nearly two miles, keeping straight ahead and ignoring all right turns. The disused line heads SE and later east. Follow the track with a fence on left and eventually leave the old line, bearing right, and go through a wooden gate to reach the Walberswick road. Turn left, east, along the roadside verge.

Pass Eastwood Lodge Farm. Take the marked bridleway through a gate on the left, NE. Follow this to reach another gate. Pass through and take the track on the right, SE, of three facing you. Ignore any further turns to left and right. Pass beside the children's play area on your left and go through a small disused car park. Bear right, south, into Church Lane. Pass the church, left, and cross the road into a byway by a telephone box. Follow this track south. Cross the minor Lodge Road into a track opposite and continue south. Leave the track where it turns left and continue south along a grassy track heading towards the sea.

At the end of the field, bear right, SW, ignoring two paths off to the left. The path soon narrows and becomes enclosed between trees. Pass an old pillbox, right, then drop down to a boardwalk across a reed bed. Head roughly SW. At the end of the boardwalk turn right, west, to reach a small clearing. At the junction turn right, NW, and continue NW to reach the minor Lodge Road. Take the bridleway opposite, signed Sandlings walk, through a gate. Bear left, west, and then right, north, with pine trees on the left. At the end of the trees turn left, west, on to a clear track. Ignore the bend to the left and gates and continue west, trees, left. Follow this path, west, for about a third-of-a-mile, then leave it and take a less distinct path to your right, NW, and head for a wooden gate in the pine trees. Go through the gate, cross the B1387 and pick up the bridleway opposite, signed to-Blythburgh (1.2 miles).

Head west along the grassy track. Ignore all right and left turns. The track bends NW and reaches the B1125, Cross over and take the bridleway opposite, west, past some cottages. Continue west to the busy A12. Turn right along the pavement for 35 metres, then cross the road and take the footpath opposite, NW, and immediately NE. Follow the path alongside a fenced pasture. After about 200 metres kink left and immediately right along a track with cottages on the left. After a further 200 metres turn right into the car park and back to the starting point.

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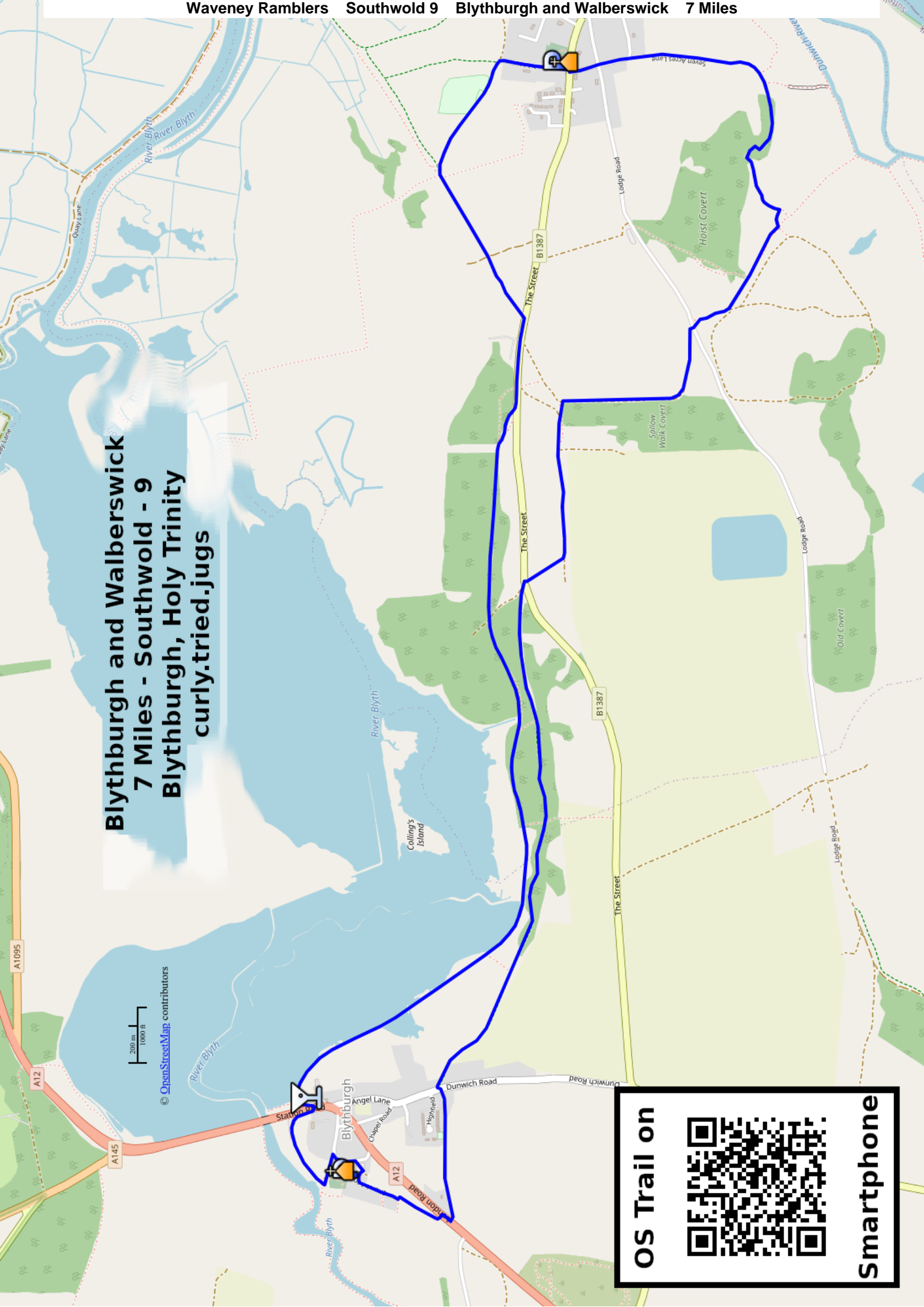
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 10 Dunwich West

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 47915 70778](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    8.5 Miles    Updated: 2018

The walk starts from Dunwich Beach car park.

Leave the car park, south, and walk back to the road. Head west past the Ship Inn to the church and at the junction cross over into Sandy Lane, a track. Walk west and SW just over half-a-mile, passing a pair of cottages on your left, and take the footpath to right, north, just before Sandy Lane Farm. Follow the fenced path over a bridge and onto a boardwalk. Cross two more bridges and go up a hill, north, keeping in the same direction to the road. Cross over and take a narrow path through brambles, turning right, east, after 50 yards at a block of conifers. Walk through the car park and turn left, north, at the Dunwich Forest St. Helena Trail Information board. (Parts of the walk now follow the orange marker signs of this trail.) Go through a metal gate and turn left, west, along a wide, grassy track (fence left). At the next gate turn right, north, and follow the orange signs ahead to reach another gate and a minor road.

At the road turn right, east, for 50 metres, then left, north, by a house onto a track. Pass through a gate, then take the path ahead to the right of two Nissen huts. Bear left, west, off the main track through two more gates and continue north, going up a slope then down the other side. Ignore all side tracks, and at the bottom of the next slope, at T-junction, turn left, west, with conifers on your left and deciduous trees on your right. Follow the orange marker signs once more (fence right). Go over a small cattle grid and follow the path ahead through some access land. When you reach a T-junction turn sharp right at the corner of the fence.

Head mostly east along this path for the next two-and-a-quarter miles, firstly through trees and along a lengthy boardwalk and then through open marshes (Westwood Marshes). Look out for soaring marsh harriers along this stretch. Turn left along a bank between two gates marked "No entry", then immediately right, east, through more open marshes. When you reach a cross-track with finger post turn right, SE, onto the main track which soon bends south. You are now on the Suffolk Coastal Path, with its distinctive blue and yellow waymarkers which you can follow all the way back to Dunwich.

Turn right, SW, and take the path around Little Dingle Hill. Take the path to the left, SW, signed "Dunwich" which takes you round Great Dingle Farm and onto a good track. Here turn left and follow the track SW for about a mile and three-quarters, keeping ahead all the way, passing houses on either side of the track, to reach the Dunwich road at farm buildings (converted to holiday homes). Here there are the Dingle Hill Tearooms (formally Bridge Nurseries tearooms) off to the right, a very welcome stopping point.

On the road turn left, SE, towards the church and bear left, east, through the village and back to the Dunwich Beach car park. Further refreshments can be found at the Ship Inn or the cafe in the car park. This walk has common boundaries with Walks 8 and 11.

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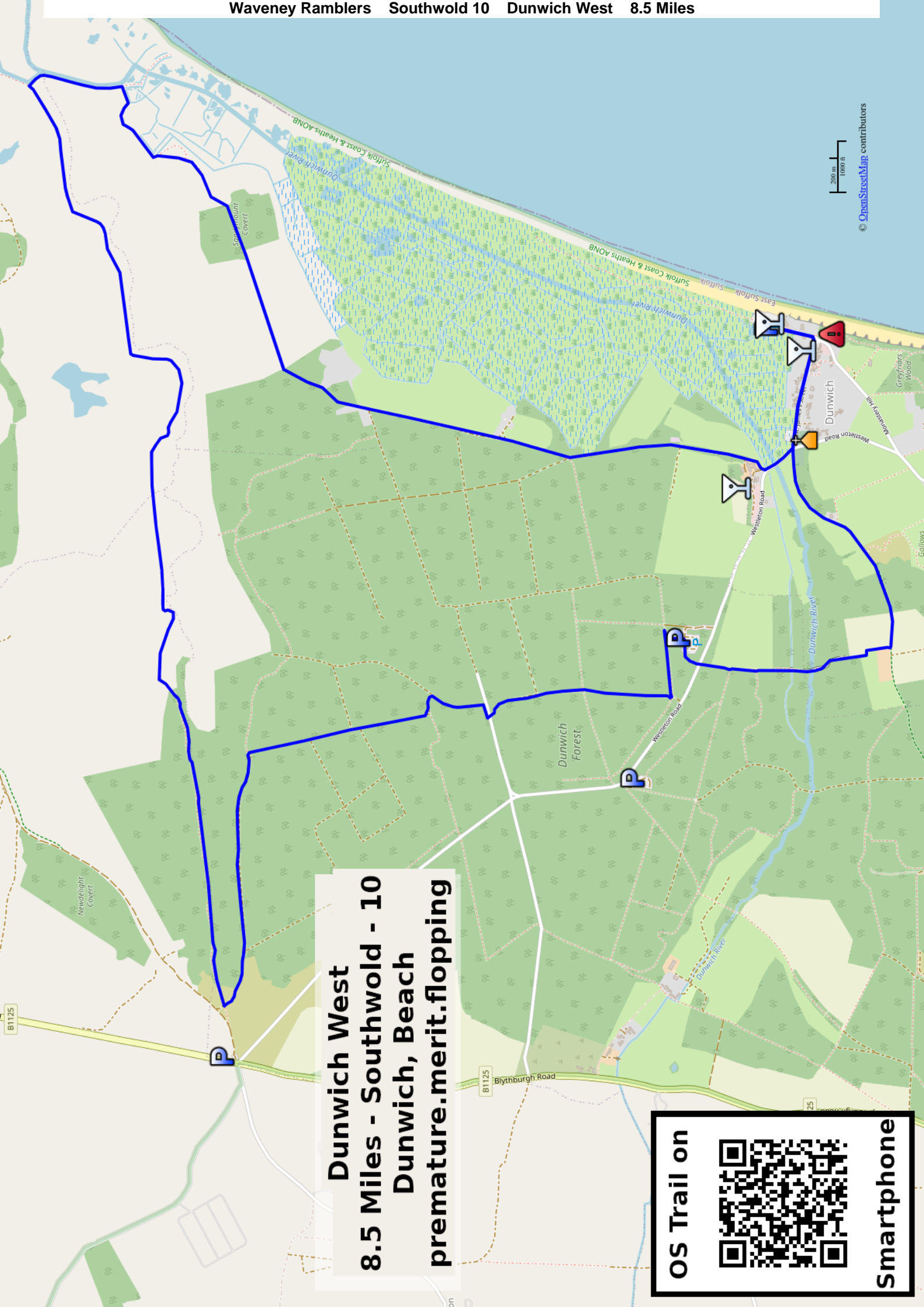
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 11 Dunwich South

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 47915 70778](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6 Miles    Updated: 2018

From the Dunwich Beach car park walk south back towards the village.  
Turn right, west, along the main street to the church.  
Where the road bends to the right cross over to Sandy Lane and walk west just over half-a-mile to the farm, right.  
Turn left, south, onto the grassy lane opposite the farm. Walk up to the Dunwich and Westleton Road.  
Cross over and head roughly south until you reach a cross-junction of paths.  
Turn right here and follow the path, SW, ignoring a footpath on left just before a gate.  
Continue through the gate and head SW for about 15 minutes.  
Just after another next gate, at the Sandlings Walk sign, turn left, east.  
The path rises. then drops down to a kissing gate. Go up some steps onto Dunwich Heath and continue east.

## ALTERNATIVE:

After the kissing gate, turn right, south.  
Skirt the Minsmere marshes keeping as far south as possible while heading roughly east.  
This path rejoins the main route near the toilet block at the Minsmere National Trust car park.

At the T-junction bear right, still on Sandlings Walk, and head SE and very soon east again.  
Ignore paths to left and right and aim for the Coastguard Cottages and WCs.  
This is an ideal place for a break. Refreshments may be obtained from the Coastguard Cottages tearooms.

From the shop and tea-rooms, retrace your steps past the toilets.  
Head NW 30 degrees right of the path you came in on, waymarked Sandlings Walk.  
Follow the Sandlings waymarks, eventually returning to the cross junction, from earlier in the walk.  
Turn right, NE, and follow the path to Minsmere Road.  
Cross over and follow the well-marked path through woods, NE.  
The path bends north and joins a driveway to houses.  
At the Dunwich to Westleton Road, turn right, east. Watch for traffic on this short stretch.  
When the main road bends left continue straight on, east, onto a gated lane to houses (High Street).  
As you enter the woods the footpath branches NE or east. Follow either branch.  
The two options rejoin near the unstable cliffs so take extra care here.  
Head north past the Friary ruins, staying close to the sea.  
The path comes out onto the road in Dunwich. Walk right, north, back to the Dunwich Beach car park.

For a 13 mile walk, combine this route with Walk 10.



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6 Miles - Southwold - 11  
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# Waveney Ramblers Southwold 12 Reydon

OS Map: X 231    Track: [TM 49206 78184](#)    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5.5 Miles    Updated: 2022-06-08

Park at Reydon, Saint Margaret's Church. Donation please.

Please park away from the church leaving spaces clear for church visitors.

Head west through the churchyard.

Leave the churchyard and head NW across an open field.

Near woodland, bend right, north, towards Rissemere Lane East.

Enter the next field and turn left, west, hedge left.

Turn right, north, hedge left, to Rissemere Lane East.

Turn left, west, along Rissemere Lane East.

At the T junction, turn right, NW, still on Rissemere Lane East.

At the right bend, enter Wood Lane and Reydon Wood and head west.

In the bluebell season, it's well worth diverting through more of this woodland.

Follow Wood Lane as it bends left, SW.

Turn right, west, along the slightly busy Wangford Road, B1126.

After 130 metres, turn left off the B1126 and head south along Mardle Road.

At the Hen Reedbeds turn right into the carpark.

In the carpark, turn left, south, on a path parallel with the A1095, avoiding the road.

Cross the A1095 and head SE along the flood wall, tidal water right.

The flood wall bends left and soon right, SE.

After yet another bend, left, NE, turn off the flood wall and head north.

Follow this path north, then NE and finally east to a cafe and other amenities.

Continue east from the cafe and cross Quay Lane.

Continue east.

At woodland, turn right, SE, and soon left, NE, woodland left.

Cross a footbridge and turn right, east, soon SE.

Follow this path to Shepherds Lane, Saint Felix School left.

Turn left, north, along Shepherds Lane.

Turn right, east, along the A1095 towards Southwold.

Turn first left, north, along Keens Lane.

Before the last house, branch right, north, off the road onto a small footpath.

The path bends right, NE, and soon left, north, again.

Continue north back to the carpark at Reydon Saint Margaret's church.

There are several kinks in the path as it follows the field perimeter.

Follow these, hedge left.

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