

Waveney Ramblers Beccles 12 Beccles Marsh Trail

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

Meet at the large Beccles Quay Car Park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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