Waveney Ramblers Harleston 14 Weybread Mendham Harleston

OS Map: X 230, 231 Track: **TM 24672 81584 GPX for SatNav** 10 Miles Updated: 2018

Head west across two roads, then NW on Watermill lane. Branch left on the tarmac, west. Ignore the first footpath. As the tarmac bends SW, take the wide avenue left, south towards Hill Farm. Before the top, turn left, east, through the gate and follow the field perimeter, woods left. Ignore a path to the left. Enter the woodland. Turn right, south, on one of two woodland paths. There are nurseries, left and open fields, right. Leave the woodland and turn left, south, along the field perimeter, hedge left. At the metalled road, continue south. Avoid the tarmac. Use permissive paths to the right of the road which bends left, SE. At the end of the permissive path, turn right, west, and skirt allotments. Turn left, south, still skirting. After 50 metres, turn right, west, hedge left, wind turbine ahead. By the turbine, turn left, south, hedge left. Keep left through a garden. At St Andrew's church, turn left, east, on gravel. At the tarmac, continue east. This is Church Road. Cross the B1116, east, into Middleton Farm Nurseries. Keep left, hedge left, polytunnels right. Go east into woodland. Keep left across more open land. Cross a footbridge. Go through the otter-proof gate. Turn left, north, lake right, fence left. Skirt the lake north. Don't cross the first bridge east. The track north now bends right, east, lake right. Leave the lakes by another otter gate. Head east along gravel. When the gravel bends south, continue east into woodland over a footbridge. Leave the wood across another bridge and head east across the open field. Steer 74 degrees if the path is missing. After 120 metres, turn left, north. Steer 355 degrees if the path is missing. At the north perimeter, turn right, east, hedge left. At the grass lane turn right, south and soon SE, hedge both sides. At the tarmac, turn left, east and soon NE. Before metal gates, kink left, north into the field and right, NE, hedge right. Sleeper bridge, NE, hedge right. Gap and broken stile, NE, hedge right. The path bends right, east, and drops down into the valley. Join the gravel drive and head east to the road, miniature railway left. Turn left, north, and join the B1123. Continue left, north towards Harleston. After the left bend, turn right, north, past Priory Barn. Kissing gate. Continue north. In wet winters, these meadows could flood. Before the gate north, turn right through the gate east. After the gate, follow the grassy track, fences both sides. The track bends right, east and soon north again. Use the footbridge and stile to enter the open meadow. Head NE across the meadow, no fences, towards another footbridge. Cross the gated bridge. Continue NE. Cross a bridge made of concrete sleepers, still NE. Cross another gated bridge, NE. Head for a five bar gate, NE. Close to the river, head for another five bar gate. Go through and turn right, east, ditch right. The field perimeter bends left, NE. Cross a gated bridge. Head left, north, fence right. Continue north over the open field towards a gate close to the church. Kissing gate. Continue north. Skirt the churchyard. At the church gate, turn right, east towards the Sir Alfred Munnings pub. Turn left onto The Street, pub right. Head north and soon west. Cross the Wavemey. After a smaller bridge, turn right over a stile, steps down and a sleper bridge and head NW, diagonally across the meadow. In the far corner, cross the stile and head right, north on the tarmac for 80 metres. Turn left, west, uphill, hedge right, Angles way. After a steady climb, turn right, NE, ditch right and head for Green Lane crossing an open field, no hedges. Continue NE, hedge right. At Green Lane, tarmac, cul-de-sac, turn left, west, past the well maintained USAAF war memorial. Continue west all the way to the centre of Harleston. Cross the A143. Go west down Jay's Green and into Straight Lane. At Broad Street, turn left, SW and then first right into Union Street. Cross The Thoroughfare and head right and first left past the Adnam's Store, NW into the East Of England Co-op car park. Keep left across the car park and back on a road, head west past the fire station. Turn left, south, into Weaver's Croft. Turn right, west, into Swan Lane past the police station. Go via the playing fields (shorter and nicer - see map) or continue west along a slightly busy Rushall Road for 700 metres. Take the footpath left, south. At the end of the field kink left and right over a sleeper bridge. Head south for 20 metres and then east across the open field. Follow the reinstated path or aim for the hedge corner power pole. At the power pole, head right, SE, hedge left. Go through the gap, SE, hedge left. Turn left, off the field, hedges both sides. Head south on tarmac. When the road bends left, continue south. The fenced path bends right, then left, SE. At Needham Road, turn left, east. Opposite number 28, turn right, south, hedge left, fence right. Cross the field, south, hedge left. After a stile and steps, cross the A134. Kink right and left down the slope and steps. Turn right and cross the tarmac to the field entrance. Go SW through a kissing gate and across the meadow. Cross the footbridge. Turn left, south, ditch left. Cross the footbridge south into Suffolk. Head past the mill. Bear left, SE. Continue SE along Watermill Lane, lakes both sides. Cross two bigger roads and return SE, then east to the car park.

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