

Waveney Ramblers 0 Dragon Buck Swan and Queen

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: [TM 33151 90085](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 12.4 Miles Updated: 2018

Park at Outney Common, close to the Bungay Golf Club. This is a good winter weekend walk because there are quiet tarmac roads and less mud than usual. With four pubs on the route, it's also a good summer route with cool pints in pub gardens! From the car park, head NE and pass south of the pond. At the gated entrance to the common, head towards Bungay and carefully cross the A143 at the roundabout. Take the first left into Nethergate Street and after 50 metres head SE, still along Nethergate Street. Turn right and head SW up Stone Alley towards the Green Dragon, the first of four pubs. At the pub, continue SW along Popson Street. Turn left into Chaucer Street and head SE. At Earsham Street, turn right, then left into the Castle Inn car park. In the car park, keep left and head south uphill towards the ruins of Bigod Castle. Head SE past the castle ruins. After the footpath, turn right, SW and soon south. The road bends left but head straight on, south, onto a footpath which joins Castle Lane. Use one of the alleys linking Castle Lane with Boyscott Lane and head south all the way to the B1062. Cross the B1062 with care and head SE along St Margaret's Road.

After 300 metres turn right onto a woodland path and head uphill, SW. This path is also a stream bed. Before it gets really wet, there is an option to climb out of the sunken path and use the parallel field perimeter. Head south all the way to the tarmac lane. Turn right and head SW. When the road turns south, head west through a wooded tunnel onto a farm access road. At the time of writing the footpath sign had been vandalised and the path to the west had not been reinstated. From the vandalised signpost, head west using the reinstated path or if there is no better alternative, head 130 metres south then 700 metres west when a concrete road should be visible. Head onto this and continue west. After 700 metres along the concrete road, head north through wooden gates into the garden of a sizable house. This is not signed as a footpath but it is the right of way. Head north and later NW leaving the garden through a similar wooden gate with video security. The dogs were not aggressive. Follow the lane west and then NW. This joins The Street (B1062).

Head SW to the Buck Inn and the Aircraft Museum. Take care as HGVs are routed here avoiding the Bungay weight limit. After the Buck, head SW and leave the main road at the bend heading SE along Church Road. Count six or seven houses on the right then turn right up steps into the narrow unsigned footpath and head SW. Secateurs might be needed here. There are lake views to the right. The path emerges onto a more open field. Head SW passing stables on your left. Continue SW, then south into woodland. Follow the woodland path which meanders south and SW round fallen trees. When the path emerges onto a field, head south passing farm buildings on your right. After the farm, continue SW, diagonally across a field or two. The path is rarely used and might not be obvious. Aim for the metal walkers' gates. The path emerges at Park Road. Turn right and head west. At some very obvious farm buildings turn right and head north. The track bends right and left continuing slightly west of north. At the quarry, turn left, signed for pedestrians. Head west with another attractive lake (ex quarry) on your right. Before the house use the signed footpath to head NW to join the B1062. Turn left and follow this busy road with care for 450 metres.

Turn left off the B1062 via the lay-by, heading SW, signposted to Homersfield. In the village, turn right and head NW to the Black Swan, closed in the afternoon. After the pub, head NW and at the Busy A143 turn right, head NE and cross the busy road with care. Head NE along Low Road, roughly parallel with and north of the A143. At Denton Road, turn right and head back towards the A143. Follow the cycle path and cross the main road joining the old road, converted for cycles and light local traffic. Follow the Old Harleston Road all the way to Earsham. At the first houses in Earsham, take the left hand busier road and head NE towards the Queens Head. After the pub, continue NE towards Bungay along The Street and later the Earsham Dam. On entering Bungay, turn left onto Outney Road and head NW. Cross the A143 using the footbridge. Head NE back to the car park near the Golf Club.

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