## Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 1 Ness Point Oulton Broad

OS Map: OL 40 Track: **TM 53142 93386 GPX for SatNav** 11 Miles Updated: 2019-03-07

Park in Normanston Park. Head east towards the traffic lights, cafe, right. Cross Peto Way and head east along the cycle and footpath. After the playing field, turn right, south, towards North Quay retail park. Turn left up some steps and head diagonally SE across the car park passing Costa Coffee, right. Emerge onto Denmark Road from the SE corner of the car park. Take the second roundabout exit, east, towards the railway station. After the station, cross the A47 at the lights and kink right and left, east, into Waveney Road. Walk on the right for a better view of the harbour. Follow the road left, NE, into Battery Green Road. After the roundabout, turn right, east, along Hamilton Road. Head to the sea wall, harbour right. At the sea wall, go up the ramp and down steep steps. Turn left, north, along the lower sea wall. If it's stormy, opt for more shelter on the west side of the sea wall.

Head past the wind turbine (aka Gulliver) and bear right to the sewage outfall which marks the most easterly point in Britain. Note the compass rose with brass plates inscribed with distances to major landmarks. Continue north. Leave the lower sea wall up the zig-zag ramp. Pass the frozen food factory and the cliff-top lighthouse. At the static caravan park, there's a more sheltered parallel path slightly inland. Use this or stay on sea wall. At the Links Road car park, head diagonally inland, NW, to the car park exit. Go down the ramp and head north through the kissing gate into Gunton Warren Nature Reserve. Pass two pill boxes. The second is almost buried in wind blown sand. Just before the third pill box, beside a grove of Holm oaks, leave the Waveney Way, left, west, up the steep slope. This path is easily missed. At the top, cross Corton Road and head roughly west along Hubbards Loke. This is a tarmac footpath and it starts near a traffic calming island. At the end and turn left, SW, along Gunton Church Lane, a wide tree lined avenue, church right. Note choice of routes on map.

At the A47, turn left, SE, and cross the road at the traffic lights. Continue SE and turn right into Hollingsworth Road. After a few paces, take the alley first right, west, church right. At the end, turn right, NW, into Westhall Road. Follow the sweeping crescent round to the left, eventually SW. Turn right, NW, into Foxborough Road. Turn left, west, into Coniston Walk. At the traffic lights cross Millennium Way and head west for a few metres. Turn right, NW, into Oulton Road North. The road bends left, west. Cross Oulton Street and continue west along Union Lane. At Allington Smith Close, bear left, west, fence right, through a kissing gate into a meadow, SW, hedge left for two fields. Back on tarmac, bear right, west. This short leg is horrible. Note alternative route on map. Just after the risk of ice warning sign, turn left, west, over a ditch into a field, hedge left.

Head west uphill. At the end of the field, make a left, right kink across a wider farm access lane. Continue west along the narrow path, hedge left, fence right. The path drops down into woodland. Turn left, south, trees and watercourse right, now back on the Waveney Way. The path kinks right and left and continues south on a farm track, trees left, and it looks as though it floods in wet weather. There are good views over the marshes. When the wide lane veers left, kink right and left, through a kissing gate, south into a meadow, ditch left. Leave the meadow by another kissing gate. The path kinks left and right. Continue south on the tree lined path. Back on tarmac, turn right, roughly south, past houses. When the tarmac bends left, continue ahead, roughly south, signposted Angles Way. At a junction, take the left branch, SW.

Turn left, SE, on the wide track towards St. Michael's Church, Oulton. Close to the lychgate, turn right, SW, along a narrow footpath, hedge left (not the wider parallel lane). Back at tarmac, bear right, south, and cross the railway. Bear left, SE and soon east, along Borrow Road. At the Y-junction, bear left, NE, and soon east again staying on Borrow Road. Turn left into Caldecott Road and head north. Bear right, east, parallel with the railway lines. Turn right, SW, into Commodore Road and pass the Commodore pub. At the roundabout, head right, south, towards the Wherry and the wooden lifting bridge. The Waveney Way continues south of this bridge but today's route doubles back, left, east, and under Bridge Road using the underpass which floods during high tides. The path bends left, north, and re-joins Bridge Road. Turn right, SE, along a footpath which is in dire need of a tidy up. Cross under the railway. Head east through all the boatyards. There is a right, left kink. The path bends left, NE, and there are good views over Lake Lothing. This path floods during spring and storm tides. At the end of the beach, turn left, north, up the steps and over the railway. Turn right and follow the right-most path back to the car park. There are views, right, over Leathes Ham.

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