Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 5 Oulton Broad to Beccles

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: **TM 42371 91170 GPX for SatNav** 10 Miles Updated: 2018

The Waveney Way walking guide is being re-written as a collection of circular walks each of which includes a part of the Waveney Way shown in blue on the map. The green track is the train route.

This walk can be done in one 10 mile leg using the train to complete the circular route.

Alternatively two walks without public transport are shown on the map.

These are written up as walk 5.1, 9.2 miles and walk 5.2, 10.3 miles.

Park at Beccles Quay. Walk 0.6 miles to the railway station and catch a train to Oulton Broad South.

From Oulton Broad South station, head east, up the steps to the road.

Turn left, north, and cross the railway. Turn left, west, down more steps, coming out in Marsh Road.

Bear right, west, along the smaller lane, hedge left.

When the lane bends right, north, head west into the holiday park.

Cross some access roads and continue west between the chalets.

Leave the holiday park and continue west, hedge right.

At the hotel, continue west, hedge right.

This path bends right, north, for a few paces, then left, west again.

Don't take the branch right, north.

Continue west then SW to the Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve car park.

Cross the car park, keeping right. At the exit, turn right, NW and head to the river.

The path bends a little, always heading roughly NW.

Where the gravel lane splits, head up onto the raised dyke between the two roads.

Head NW along the raised dyke.

At the river turn left, SW, and follow the path all the way to Beccles, river right.

Follow the meanders in the river, always keeping to the riverside path.

This leg is nearly 7 miles, a delight in good weather and a slog in bad!

At Beccles, cross under the A146 bypass bridge.

At the marina, turn left, SE, and head past the moored boats.

For the cafe and toilets, cross the footbridge, right, south.

For the car park, continue SE beside a narrower cut and moorings.

Turn left into the car park.

The walks without public transport are 9.2 miles for the eastern Carlton leg and 10.3 miles for the Beccles leg. The map shows several potential parking places and both routes include pubs for a meal or refreshments if you time it right.

The Beccles southern relief road will alter the route slightly and the leg from Oak Lane to Ellough Road is blocked while the construction work progresses. It's possible to divert along Cucumber lane to bypass this closure. See map.

