Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 20 Lowestoft and Ness Point

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: TM 53927 90601 GPX for SatNav 8.8 Miles Updated: 2018

Park at the south end of All Saints Road. The Pakefield Plaice fish and chip shop is a good landmark. Head south out of the car park, then NE along the cliff (top or bottom) path. The two paths merge at the first pier.

At the harbour, add about half a mile if you head east to the end of the harbour wall. This gives the best views of the port and you can visit the historic boats. Next, head north across the bascule bridge. The railway station comes into view. Turn right, east, along Waveney Road. Keep right for better harbour views. Bear left, NE, along Battery Green Road. At the roundabout, turn right, SE, along Hamilton Road. At the sea wall, go up the ramp, down steep steps, and head left, north. If it's stormy, use the safer west side of the sea wall. At Ness Point there are compass points and distances to well known places. 101 miles to Ostende. London 106 miles. Standing here, Brexit makes less sense.

At the caravan park, turn left, west, down the ramp and head to the lighthouse. Cross Whapload Road and head west up Lighthouse Score. Head up the steps into the parkland. Keep going uphill to the Yarmouth Road. Turn right, NW. Cross Cart Score and bear right, NE to the Naval memorial. Head NW to the bridge over the ravine. Cross the bridge, then left, west, along North Parade. At the Yarmouth Road, turn right, NW, for about 220 metres. Cross the road at the pelican crossing.

Head SW, then south, along the Great Eastern Linear Park. This converted railway line gradually bends right, SW, and crosses under four roads. At an ornate sculptural signpost, turn right, west, towards Oulton Broad. Ignore the left turn to the retail park. Cross Princes Walk. Continue west. Cross Peto Way at the lights and head west into Normanston Park.

At the first opportunity, bear left, south, towards Leathes Ham. Add 0.4 miles if you head south then SE round the lakeside dead end path. The main walk, heads roughly west along the woodland path, car parking right, Lake left. Cross the railway using the footbridge and steps. There are good views over Lake Lothing from this bridge. Head SW along the shoreline. During storm or surge tides, parts of this leg might go under water. Head SW through the boatyards. The path kinks right and left. Continue west through more boatyards. Cross under the railway. At Bridge Road, turn left and keep left. Head along Saltwater Way and cross the river. There are good views of the railway swing bridge, Lake Lothing, left. Divert right over the road for toilets and a cafe in the Nicholas Everitt Park.

At the roundabout bear left along the B1531 toards Lowestoft. Head east along Victoria Road and re-cross the railway. Opposite number 147, turn right, south, along the alley and soon left, east. Cross Colville Road and continue east along the foot and cycle path. Bear right, SE, along Kirkley Run, no longer on the cycle route. Cross the Tom Crisp Way. Head south along Blackheath Road, then left, SE, into Kirkley Gardens. Continue SE into the cemetary towards the chapels of rest. With a left right kink, head SE to the exit lychgate. Cross London Road South. Head SE along Kendal Road. At the junction, bear right, south, along Rochester Road. Turn left, east, along St. Georges Road. Turn right, south, towards the Jolly Sailor. Head SW along the clifftop path, back to the car park.

The Trowell and Hammer is close by.

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