

Waveney Ramblers Sandlings Walks 14 Southwold

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 50305 76280](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 4.6 Miles Updated: 2018

Park near the water towers in York Road, Southwold.

November 2018: The bridge across the river Blyth was closed for repairs but has now re-opened.

Starting from the footpath sign east of the towers, head west and pass to the right of the towers.

Head west across the golf course and continue, fence left.

Continue west, gorse both sides. Cross another fairway and continue west, burned gorse both sides.

Cross Palmers Lane and head west, reeds left and burned gorse right, signposted to St Felix.

For a shorter walk, turn left, SW, along Palmers Lane and head to the river crossing.

The path bends right, NW, and later a little east of north, uphill.

At a bench seat, keep left and go through the kissing gate. Bear left, NW, and head across a raised causeway.

Before the end of the causeway, turn left, SW, through a gate and follow the path on the raised flood wall.

After a second gate, the Walberswick church tower is visible ahead.

The flood wall bends left, SE, and right, SW, again. Cross the dip eroded by crossing cattle.

Head past an inlet, right, to the main river. Bear left, south, to the footbridge.

The bridge was closed for repairs (November 2018). The ferry, nearer the coast runs 10 till 5pm on weekends (winter).

Head roughly south along the path, river right. The path bends left, SE.#

Head through Southwold Harbour passing: Harbour Inn, Southwold Sailing Club, Samantha K's wet fish, Harbourmaster's Office, Novoboats furniture from washed-up timber, Harbour Cafe, Harbour Marine Chandlery, Mr T's fish and chips, Southwold Smoke House, Sole Bay Fish Company, Voyager river and sea trips and finally the ferry to Walberswick.

Opposite the ferry landing stage, head left, up onto the concrete flood defence wall and head SE.

At the dog-poo bin, head left, NE, down a ramp and along the footpath, flood meadows left, raised flood wall right.

The Sandlings Walk ends at the Southwold end of this footpath. Ignore the misleading final waymark pointing right.

Head to the pier along the sea front or via the interesting streets in the centre of the town.

For the full experience, visit the end of the pier. There are toilets and a cafe.

If you time it right, you might see Tim Hunkin and Will Jackson's clock "perform".

After the pier, continue north.

After the model yacht pond, turn left, west, and head away from the sea.

At Mights Road to Southwold, turn left, south and cross over.

Turn right, west, along Blyth Road and head towards the common.

Take the first footpath left. This leads through allotments and gardens behind the houses.

In summer this is a delight.

Bear right and head through an unexpected turnstile.

Head towards the water towers and car parking.

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