## Waveney Ramblers North Suffolk 11 Stradbroke and Wingfield

OS Map: X 221, 230 Track: **TM 22965 73620 GPX for SatNav** 9.92 Miles Updated: 2020-07-12

Park at the Stradbroke Pool. Head to the B1118 and turn left, north. Turn right, NE, onto the B1117, passing the church, the Spar shop and the White Hart. Turn left, north, into Draper's Hill, then first right, NE, onto a gravel track. Continue NE, allotments left. Turn left, north, and soon, under power lines, NE across an open field. Aim for the solitary tree and continue NE afterwards, water tower at 11 o'clock. Turn left, north. At the start of the hedgerow, turn right, NE, across an open field. Cross a bridge and continue NE, hedge right. Continue NE across an open field, later hedge right. The path bends left, NE, hedge right. Kink right and left across the ditch and continue NE and soon north, hedge both sides. At woodland kink right and left, woodland left and head east, then north, woodland left and hedge right. Cross a concrete bridge and immediately turn right, NE, over a bridge, hedge right. Turn left, north, trees right, water tower at 2 o'clock. Turn right, east, onto tarmac. Turn left, north, at North Lane Farm, Pixie Green. The track bends left, NW. Continue along La Rue Du Nord. Continue hedge left. At a gap continue hedge left. Continue along a woodland path. Continue trees left. Halfway across the field, at the sign post, turn right, NE, and aim for the tall Lombardy Poplar. Close to a solitary oak, cross a stile into woodland and head NE. Limbo dance to pass low branches. Cross a stile and kink left and right, NE, hedge right. Near the road, turn left, west. Don't cross the ditch. Go parallel with the road. Kink right and left, west, onto New Road for about 20 metres on tarmac.

Turn right, NW, hedge right, on a path. After a gap, continue NW across the open field. Continue down a bank into woodland. Continue trees right. Aim for the footbridge on the reinstated path or use the field perimeter. Head NW across the footbridge. Climb the steps. Head NW, across the open field, uphill. Go through the gap and turn left, SW, onto tarmac. At a field gap, left, turn right through a non-obvious hedge gap. Cross a sleeper bridge and stile into a meadow. Head diagonally across the field, NW, and aim for the second gate on the left boundary. Cross two stiles and head SW towards a third stile near the house. Turn right, NW, fence right. Keep right into Abbey Wood. Turn first left, SW, oil tank left, corrugated cylinder shed left. Kink left and right, SW, down a bank and pass an elevated shed, left. At an open field, turn right, NW, ditch and hedge right. Turn left, SW, ditch and hedge right. Bear left, south, hedge right. Near the southern field corner, turn right, west, over a sleeper bridge. The path bends left, SW, steep drop, left. At a ditch, turn right, NW, ditch left. At a finger post, turn left, SW, hedge right. Turn right, NW, over a sleeper bridge, hedge left. Turn left, west, into woodland and soon the cemetery of St. Andrew's Church, Wingfield. The De La Pole Arms is opposite the church.

At the pub, turn right, north onto tarmac. Turn left, west, along Vicarage Road. Turn left, SW, through a gate and head for the car park of the cafe and country supplies shop. Head SW to the exit gate. Go through and head SW through the hedge gap and across the open field. Aim SW, towards the clump of trees. Continue SW across the open field using the reinstated path or steer 243°. Cross the footbridge, then left, south, onto tarmac. If the bridge is overgrown with brambles, don't cross. Instead turn left, south, on the wide grass border parallel with the road, ditch and tarmac right. Turn left, SE, and after a few paces, left again, east, towards Wingfield college and barns. Follow the tarmac or continue on the wide grassy border, finally kinking right and left, east, onto tarmac, hedge left. Ignore a left turn into Church Road. Soon after the T junction, at the footpath sign, turn right, SE, across the open field. Aim for the hedgerow and ditch. Kink right and left across the unbridged nettle-filled ditch - ouch! Continue SE, hedge left. Kink left and right, SE, over the ditch. A few paces later, turn right, south, hedge right. Before the end of the hedge, turn left, south, and cross the open field. Aim for the larger trees, barns at 1 o'clock. Cross a farm track and continue south across another open field. Turn right, NW, onto busy tarmac. Ignore the concrete access road.

Turn left, west, off the B1118, signposted to Battlesea Green. A few steps SW after the T junction, turn left, SE, through a hedge gap, ditch and hedge left. Turn left, NE, hedge left. Turn right, SE, ditch left, fence right. The path bends right, south, ditch and hedge left. Turn left, NE, hedge left. Turn right, south, ditch left, then hedge left. Turn right, SW, hedge left. Turn left through a gap and head SE, hedge right. Kink right and left and continue SE, hedge left. At cross-paths, continue ahead, south, ditch and soon hedge left. Cross a footbridge and continue south, hedge left and fence right. Turn right, west, fence right, trees left. Turn left, south, across a footbridge, NOT on the wide track, hedge left. Turn left, east, along the B1117. Turn right, south, into Wilby Road, B1118. Turn right, west, into Stradbroke Pool.

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