

Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 5 Westhall

OS Map: Explorer 231 Track: [TM 40862 81741](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 4.1 Miles Updated:

Start the walk from Westhall village hall car park. Turn left out of the car park and walk along the main street. Pass Lock's Road (left) and, where road forks, bear left along Bacon's Green Road. Follow this quiet lane for about three-quarters of a mile, passing Beacon Farm (right). After the second cross-hedge on your left, turn left into a hedged bridleway, an attractive green lane (Sandy Lane).

Follow this for half-a-mile and, just after a barn and bungalow, turn right at a marked footpath sign onto a good track. When this bears left, go straight ahead on track between hedgerows. When you reach a converted barn (right), turn left through a copse and then right over a footbridge. If the copse is overgrown, skirt left round it and rejoin the path on the right. Continue on field-edge path to road. Ahead of you, in the trees, lies Westhall Church.

Turn right along the lane, pass Downing's House (left) and take footpath left. Keep on the right through the grounds (pond on right) and continue on good track towards the church. At the bottom of the slope, bear right, still on the track. If you wish to visit the church, one of the best in Suffolk for exploring a variety of architectural styles over many centuries, turn left over the large sleeper bridge.

Continue ahead on the grassy track (hedge/stream on left), which soon narrows to a field-edge path. Maintain the same direction as you pass along the left-hand edge of five fields.

When you reach a lane, cross over onto a path through a wood. Keep ahead and continue your direction onto a field-edge path (ignore bridleway to right). Bear right around a pond and continue to a lane. Turn right and, after about 250 yards, take the narrow, enclosed footpath (right) to the left of the sewage works. At the end of the fence keep ahead (hedge left) to reach a fork of footpaths at the end of the hedgerow.

Take the left-hand path, diagonally across an arable field, to some tall trees ahead. Turn right along a short field-edge path (hedge left) and pass through a gate to the left of some bungalows. Follow the tarmac path to the road and turn left along the main street and back to the village car park.

Refreshments: The Racehorse P.H. (check to see if it has re-opened) and at Tony's Stores just beyond the pub.

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