

Waveney Ramblers Southwold 5 Walberswick Southwold Tinkers Marsh

OS Map: Explorer 231 Track: [TM 50332 76299](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 9.4 or 5.8 Miles Updated: 2018

The 9.4 mile version of this walk starts near Southwold water tower. The 5.8 mile walk starts from Hoist Covert. Both routes include the esturay path, beautiful on a fine day but perhaps best avoided in foul conditions.

LONGER: Start from the car park before the water tower. Head west on a grassy path, passing north of the tower. Continue west past the club house, left, soon through fire damaged gorse. Cross Palmer's Lane and head west, then NW. The path bends right, then left, NW again. At a dyke turn left, SW, dyke right. Follow this SW, SE and SW again, all the way to the old railway bridge. Turn right over the bridge.

SHORTER: Start from the Hoist Covert car park. Head east out of the car park. Cross the tarmac, south. Head south, then SW along the woodland path. Turn left, SE, through more trees. At crosspaths, turn left, NE. The path bends right, east. At the T-junction turn left, north. The path crosses a reed bed, then meanders north, NE and east. At a T junction continue NE. At the second T junction, turn right, SE to stay nearer the reed beds. This path bends left, uphill NE. Turn right, east. The path bends left, north. Turn right a second time, east, soon NE, and head for the village centre near the toilets. Walberswick has parking, a pub, tea rooms and toilets. Head NE along Ferry Road to the river. Head NW along the river bank to the converted railway bridge.

BOTH ROUTES: At the SW end of the railway bridge turn west along the riverside path and follow this for nearly two miles. The riverside path ends. Head east, through gates, across a sometimes damp meadow, to a ruined house. Turn right, south along a farm track. At the T-junction turn right, east, along more farm track. When the track bends NE, continue east into the open access land where the two routes divide.

LONGER: Head SE across this wide meadow keeping close to the left, east, perimeter. Cross the dismantled railway where there used to be a bridge. Turn left, east and soon SE towards Church Lane. Divert via the church if this takes your fancy. Otherwise head east then NE along the footpath. Cross Palmer's Lane, NE. The path soon bends SE. Turn left into Leverett's Lane, NE. Follow this to the village centre. Walberswick has parking, a pub, tea rooms and toilets. Head NE along Ferry Road to the river. If the ferry is running, you can pay a pound and save 1.3 miles. Otherwise, head NW along the river bank back to the converted railway bridge. Cross the river and head SE on the other bank. Before the caravan park, turn left, NE, along a footpath and head to Southwold. At the town head for the Promenade (or go via the town amenities in the High Street). A small diversion via the pier is recommended. There are some unusual attractions. After the pier, head NE for 300 metres. Turn left, west. The footpath bends NW, then SW and finally west again. At Might's Road, head left, south. At Blyth Road, turn right, east. Turn left, south onto the grassy common land and head back to the car park near the water tower.

SHORTER: Head SW across the wide open-access meadow keeping close to the right, west, perimeter. Later bend left, south and cross the disused railway. Continue a little east of south to the B1387. Turn right, west for 65 metres. Turn left, a little east of south across an open field. At the end, turn left, east, for a few paces, then right, south and right again, west, back into Hoist Covert car park.

These two walks are based on one, similar, led by Norwich Ramblers. Thank you Norwich Group!

Please support rambling and the countryside.

Disclaimers and Copyrights © 2018

Sketch maps, not to scale

OpenStreetMap

Corrections

Please mail nbauers@btinternet.com or Facebook/Twitter

Join the Ramblers at

Waveney and District Ramblers Group

Crown Copyright

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.0/>

<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/>

<http://waveneyramblers.org.uk/>

<http://waveneyramblers.org.uk/>

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/>

@WaveneyRamblers

