

Waveney Ramblers Southwold 1 Southwold and Reydon

OS Map: Explorer 231 Track: [TM 51163 76697](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 5 Miles Updated: 2018-07

Meet and start from Southwold Pier with pay parking and toilets. There is limited free parking in the side roads.

This walk can also be started from the York Road water towers with plenty of free parking but no toilets.

PIER (Start point): From the pier, walk north across the car park and take the footpath, west, signposted just after the boating lake. Follow this path, west, along Buss Creek until you reach the road. Cross over the road and turn left, south, along Might's Road for about 300 yards. Turn right, west, into Blyth Road.

At the second footpath sign turn left, south, and follow the edge of the common almost to a road, where you turn right and follow along the inside of the fence towards the twin water towers, west.

WATER TOWERS (Alternative start point): Head west, passing the water towers to the left. Continue west over the golf course, later with the fence left. Pass tennis courts and the golf club-house to the left. Head west with gorse on both sides. Drop down and cross Palmer's Lane. Head west and soon right, NW, wetland meadows left and fire damaged gorse right. The path bends right, north, gorse both sides. Bear left through a kissing gate and head NW across a raised flood barrier bund. Ignore all the side paths. Pass small lakes with otter-proof fences on both sides. Head for a gorse bank, ahead, SW. There are good views of Walberswick on the left.

At the T-junction by the gorse bank, bear left, west, gorse bank right. Ignore the path off to the left after a few metres. Follow the broad track west, beside power lines. This track soon bends right, north, and later, left, west. At the T-junction, turn left, south. After only 20 metres, turn right, west, uphill, garden fence right, woodland left. The path kinks left and right, still uphill. There are fine views over the estuary before the path drops down again, NW. You can see Walberswick church to your left, and Blythburgh church, to your right. Keep following the meandering grassy track, NW, which is usually kept well cut. Ignore a footbridge to the left. Eventually you will bend right, east, and emerge at the driveway to St Felix School. Bear left to reach the Halesworth road A1095.

Turn right, east, along the road using the grass verge for 500 metres. Pass St Felix School on the right. Cross the road and go north up Keens Lane. Look for Crab Apple Cottage on your right. Pass this house, and the next one, and take the track immediately to the right, east, (signed Laurel Farm). Follow this path east, ignoring turnings to the right. At Wangford road, cross over and head east along Jermyns Road. At the far end turn right, SE, into Covert Road and follow this down to the junction with Lowestoft Road. You will pass architecturally interesting and picturesque almshouses on the right. At the main road cross over and turn left, NE. Almost immediately head right, east, passing 72 Sunnyside. Follow this through to the sea-front where you turn right and head south back to the pier.

This walk may be linked to Walk 4 at Keens Lane and walk 7 from the water towers.

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