

Waveney Ramblers Harleston 13 Brockdish and Needham

OS Map: Explorer 230 Track: [TM 21253 79604](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 6.3 or 7.7 Miles Updated: 2018

Meet at the little park opposite the village hall in Brocksish.

Head east along the main road and immediately right, SE, into Common Lane.

Bend left and right, SE, through the farm buildings.

Cross the Waveney into Suffolk and immediately turn left, east, through a small gate into the meadow.

At the end of the meadow, head NE for 1.3 miles.

Stay near the river. Don't climb the hill. Along this leg you will pass ...

- power lines, a stile, a path right over a stile and footbridge (ignore this),
- a stile, a picnic bench, a sleeper bridge, a woodland track, more meadow,
- a gate, another gate, yet another gate,
- a right, left kink into a much more open meadow after about 0.8 miles, Head NE, hedge left.
- marshy ground left, a gate and the final stile.

Cross the final stile onto the tarmac and head NE.

Ignore the gravel lane to "Instead Hall Farm".

Bear left, NW, towards the mill.

Cross the river and head north.

Ignore the path left, unless you want a shortcut to divert via the Red Lion.

Continue along Mill Lane, now NW.

At the old A143, the Red Lion is to the left (if you diverted). Head NW along Burnthouse Lane.

Cross the A143 Needham and Brockdish bypass. Continue NW along Upper Burnthouse Lane.

Turn left, SW along Upper Brook Lane.

Close to a transformer up a power pole, turn right, NW across the open field, no hedges. Follow the power poles.

The path bends a little left, still NW. Cross the sleeper bridge, and follow the power lines, ditch right.

Continue as before towards trees when the power lines head away left.

At the trees turn right for only 18 metres. Look for a hidden gap, left, and a tiny stile into a garden. Head through.

Go past the house and along the drive a little north of west, hedge both sides.

At the west end, a footpath sign confirms this is the right of way.

At Upper Tumbil Lane (tarmac) turn right, roughly north, hedge left.

Take the first left into Hogsty Lane, roughly west, hedge both sides, potholed tarmac.

At the T-junction, turn left, west, along Burnthouse Lane.

At the transformer up a power pole, turn left, south, hedge left, under the power lines.

Before a patch of woodland, kink left and right over a sleeper bridge, south.

At this point, you can follow the longer orange track adding 1.4 miles to the walk. See Harleston Walk 9.

Cross a sleeper bridge into woodland, south, keep right.

Cross a sleeper bridge to leave the woodland. Turn right, west, hedge left.

Ignore the first gap, left, into the field. At the next, turn left, south, at a T-junction. Ditch left.

The path bends left, east, no hedges. At the oak tree, turn right, south, hedge and ditch right.

At a barn on the left, kink right and left over the watercourse and follow the field perimeter, SW, hedge left.

At Grove Road (tarmac) turn left down the bank. Ignore the left branch through metal gates.

Head left, SE, under the A143. Ignore Hall Road, left. Head south along Grove Road back to the little park.

Pubs: Old King's Head (Italian) in Brockdish and the Red Lion in Needham a mile east.

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