

# Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 10 Saint Margaret and James

OS Map: Explorer 231 Track: [TM 31483 83922](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.6 Miles Updated: 2018

Park near the church of St Margaret of Antioch, South Elmham. Head east along the footpath opposite the entrance to the churchyard, hedge left and soon no hedge. Cross the field. Turn left, north, ditch right. At tarmac, continue north and cross The Beck. At a the third house, turn left, SW. The path kinks right and left twice. Switch from hedge right to hedge left and soon cross the open field, ditch left. Drop down to the valley botton. Turn left, south, no hedges. Aim for the right corner of the woodland ahead. Enter the woodland, trees mostly left. Continue south hedge both sides. Head south through a gate into a meadow, then right, west with The Beck, left, all the way to the church.

Near the church, don't follow the lane. Stay near The Beck and cross the footbridge, south. Go through the kissing gate. Bear right, uphill and head to the tarmac road. Head south uphill. At the Y-junction, bear left and head towards Halesworth and St Margaret. At the next Y-junction, bear right, SE, into Hall Lane towards St James. In the dip bear left, east, staying on the tarmac. The track, south, in the valley bottom works but is not a right of way. Climb the hill. At the top, at concrete hard standing, turn right, SW, along a woodland path back down the hill. Cross the watercourse over a sleeper bridge and turn left, SE, through the kissing gate and cross the long narrow meadow. Go through the gap, SE, and cross the next meadow. Ignore a gate and path, right. Aim for the largest oak, right. Just after the oak, turn right, SW, through a kissing gate into the grounds of the minster ruins.

Explore the minster and leave the site heading SE. Turn left, NE, woods left and head through the gate. Turn right, through a kising gate, over a footbridge. Turn left through another gate avoiding the fenced off historic specimen tree. Head south across the meadow. At the end, turn left over a footbridge. Ignore the narrow gate ahead. Turn right, south, through a wide gate past a pond, left. Head roughly south between two large oaks then towards farm building ruins. Leave the field by the SE kissing gate. Cross the sleeper bridge and turn right, SE, hedge and ponds left. Bear left, NE, past the ponds and go through the hedge gap. Turn right, SE, hedge right. Cross a sleeper bridge, through the gap. Turn right, SW, ditch right. In the valley botton, turn left, SE, ditch right, no hedges and later hedge right then tall fence right. After the sewage works, turn left, NE, under the power lines. At the tarmac, turn right, SE. At the T-junction, turn right, SW to the village hall. an alternative start point.

From the village hall, take The Street heading NE. Ignore the drive into a house. Take the next right, east, along the tree-lined path. At the church, continue east, then turn left, north, church left. Or take the shortcut through the churchyard. At tarmac, cross and head north over a footbridge, into a meadow, hedge left. Ignore a crossing path and sleeper bridge. Continue NW. The path NW ends. Cross a sleeper bridge. Turn right, NE, hedge right past oaks, ditch right. Go through a gate into a meadow and follow the perimeter, hedge left, bending left, soon west of north. Head north through the Eel's Foot farmyard, soon onto tarmac. At the T-junction, turn left, west. Turn right, NW, into Old Hall Farm and South Elmham Lakes. Continue NW as the track narrows.

Head through the gate, down to the lakes. Head NW between the lakes. Head NW through a gate, leaving the fishing area, then NW, trees left. Before the end of the field, turn left through a gate into an area of mown lawn. Cross diagonally. Leave by the gate and footbridge. Turn right, NW, along the tarmac then right, NE at the T-junction along Hall Lane. The tarmac bends left, north. A few paces later, turn right, NE, along a leafy lane. Bear left, NE, pond left, at the footpath sign into a meadow. In the meadow, keep right and aim for the gap opposite. Drop down and go through the gate. Cross the meadow, NE, towards the church. Head east through the churchyard of St Margaret of Antioch back to the paking area.

Under three miles away, for refreshments, the Rumburgh Buck and the Black Swan are available.

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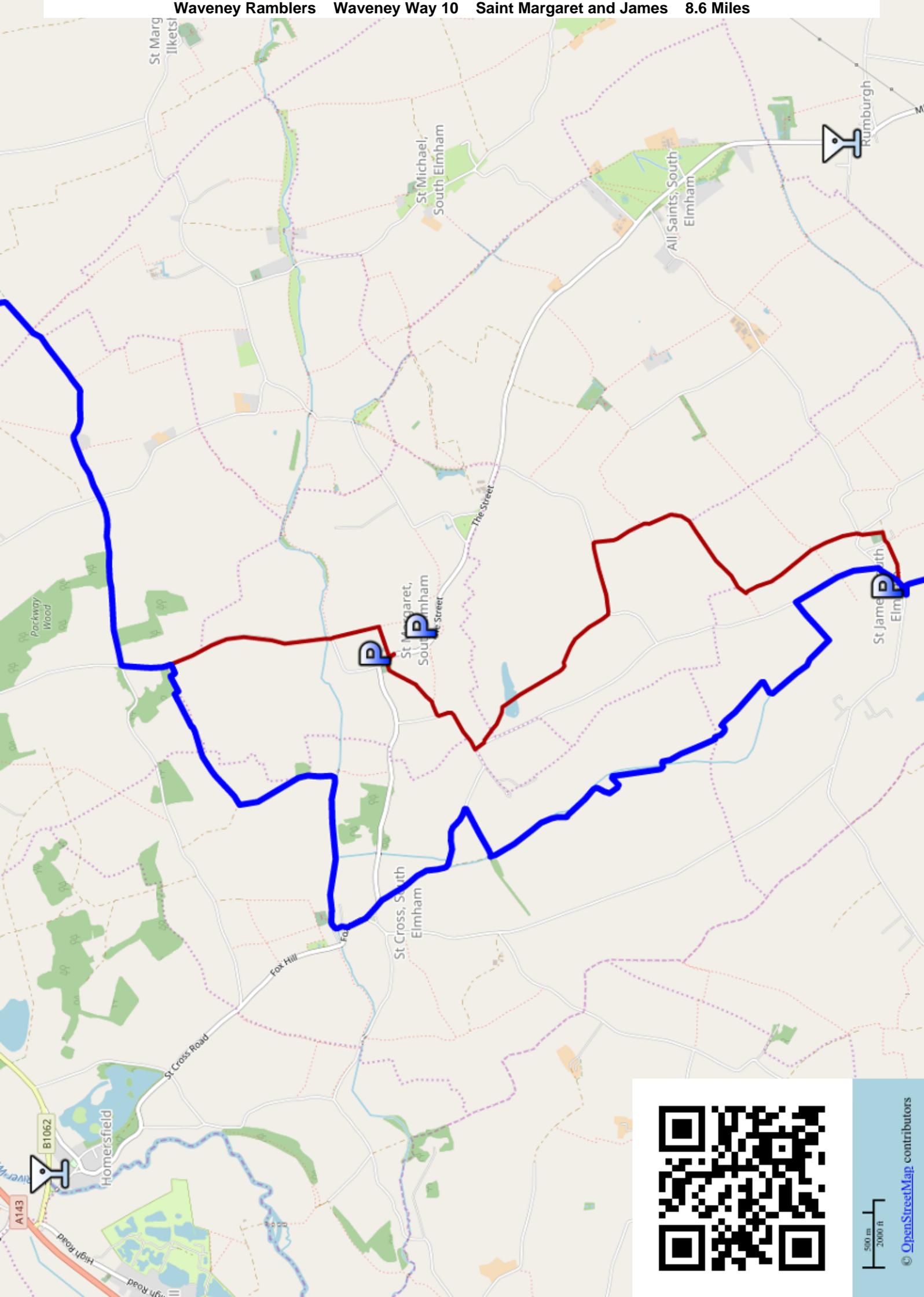
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