

Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 15 Walberswick

OS Map: Explorer 231 Track: [TM 48370 74459](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 6 Miles Updated: 2018

Park at Hoist Covert. Or pay to park in Walberswick.

From Hoist Covert, leave the car park and turn right twice to head SW along the tarmac, car park right. Head down Lodge Road for a third of a mile and turn right through the gate into the open access land. Head west on the left of two paths. The path bends right, north, woodland left. The north path ends. Bear right NE. Cross under power lines and go through the gate. Head NE across the field to the road. Turn right, east, along the B1387 for 70 metres. Turn left, NE, through the gate, power lines right. In a shallow dip, multiple paths converge. On the left is a missing bridge from the disused railway. Go through the gate.

SHORTCUT: Continue NE along the disused railway line. This is the middle of three paths.

Cross the bridge which uses the foundations of the original railway bridge.

Turn right. SE, river right, and head back to the ferry. Get the ferry across the river (1 Pound).

After hours, in winter or in bad weather, the ferry does not run. Re-cross the bridge and head SE, river left.

Head SW along Ferry Road to the village green.

LONGER WAY: Use the right hand path, SE, of the three. In a few paces, ignore a fourth path south.

Pass a children's play area, left. Ignore paths left.

With tarmac in view ...

either head right south along Church Lane to the church and village amenities, east along The Street.

or before the tarmac, bear left, east, under power lines. This is a more rural route.

At tarmac, turn left, north, and immediately right, NE, on a wide gravel path.

Turn right, east, at the first footpath. Continue SE where a track crosses to stables.

At tarmac, turn left, roughly NE along Leverett's Lane to the village green.

Head NE along Ferry Road to the river and ferry a few paces left, NW, along the river bank.

Get the ferry across the river (1 Pound). After hours, in winter or in bad weather, the ferry does not run.

Head NW beside the river. On the Southwold side there is wet fish, fish and chips, chandlery, a pub and more.

Cross the bridge which uses the foundations of the original railway bridge.

Head SE beside the river, back to Walberswick.

Depending on the ferry, do this as a loop clockwise or anti-clockwise or there and back on the SW bank.

BOTH ROUTES: Beside the village green there are tea rooms, a gift shop, toilets and the Bell Inn. Head SW to the thatched shelter and toilets. Anchor pub right. Go west through the village hall car park. Turn left, south, on the track, allotments left. Go up and down steps over a flood defence. Head right, SW, hedge right, meadow left. After a right left kink, turn left, south, trees left, good views of Sole Bay and Sizewell power station. Ignore a path left. Bear right, roughly west, hedge left. Ignore the main boardwalk path left. Continue west, hedge left, on the smaller path. Continue west, reeds left. At the T-junction, turn left, south, derelict barn left.

At a junction, bear right, SW, hedge right, reed bed left. Head through a leafy tunnel. Bear right, NW, uphill. Good Views. Pass a pillbox, right. At a T-junction, turn left, roughly west. Ignore a path to the left. Enter woodland. Pass a pillbox, right. The path meanders NE then NW again. The path bends left, SW. Leave the woodland and cross the reed bed on a boardwalk, roughly west. Six paces after the end of the boardwalk, turn right, west, trees left, reeds right. This path might be hidden in reeds. If you miss the turning don't worry. The route still works. Turn right, NW, on a wider gravel path. Head NW through open woodland. Turn right, north. Cross a footbridge. Head north through woodland, initially wet and reedy. Cross a boardwalk. Continue north ignoring the joining path. Back at tarmac, kink right and left back into the car park.

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