

Waveney Ramblers North Suffolk 15 Thorndon and Wickham Skeith

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HAZARD: This walk crosses the A140 twice. Avoid busy times.

Park near All Saints Church, Thorndon and head NW along The Street, through the village. Continue NW after the Black Horse. Turn left, west, towards Brockford. The signpost had faded close to white. At a T junction with a grassy triangle, keep right. Then cross the road into the woodland footpath. Head roughly west through the woods. Ignore a crossing path and continue west. Ignore a path left. Cross a sleeper bridge and continue west. Head SW, hedge right. Cross a footbridge right. Then turn left, SW, through the poplar wood. Continue SW, trees left, and later SW across an open field. Cross a footbridge and continue west, hedge left. Kink right and left and head west, hedge right. Turn right, NW, onto tarmac, soon bending left, SW. At a Y junction, continue ahead, SW, on tarmac.

HAZARD: Kink left and right across the A140.

Head west along Mill Lane on tarmac. At a parking and storage area, kink right and left and head west, hedge right. Kink right and left and continue west across an open field. Cross under the power lines. Head west down a bank, then turn right, NW, trees right and soon left, west, trees right. Continue west, hedge left. Near the church, turn right, NW, and cross a ford. Aim towards the church. An overgrown bridge is available if the ford is flooded. Turn left through a narrow gap into the cemetery of Saint Andrew's Church. Head west past the tower soon joining the access road to the church. Head west along this lane, soon bending left, SW. Drop down to a T junction, fancy gates left, and turn right, SW, towards the village.

In Wickham Skeith, turn right, north, towards Finningham. The road starts to bend left. Turn right, east, through a kissing gate. Merge with a wider track and continue roughly east. Turn right, SE, and head towards the church tower. After the church, return to the hedge gap east of the building. Turn left, NW, rejoining the track with the ford, uphill.

At the top, turn right, NE, down a long gentle slope. In the dip, cross the ditch and kink left and right to continue NE, power lines ahead. Turn left, north, hedge left. Very soon turn right, NE, hedge left. Very soon ignore the path ahead. Turn left through a gap and cross the sleeper bridge. Head NE, hedge left now parallel with the power lines. Bear slightly left, north, into a sunken woodland path. Bear slightly right, NE, trees both sides and ignore paths off. Go through a kissing gate and head to Water Lane. Turn right, east, river Dove left. Don't cross the footbridge. Head east between the houses. Ignore a path left. Climb a slight bank and turn left, NE, hedge left. Cross under the power lines. The path bends right, SE, hedge left, then left, east, hedge left.

HAZARD: Kink left and right across the A140.

Continue east on tarmac along Church Lane. Pass a concrete parking area left. At a right bend in the tarmac, turn left off the road and head east towards a gate. Kink left and right and head east, fence right, hedge left. The path bends left, NE. Cross the river Dove and continue NE, hedge left. Ignore a path, left. Bear right, east, fence right, hedge left. After the grazing, continue east, bank left. Turn right onto a crossing path and head south down to the river. Cross the bridge and turn left, over a stile into a meadow. Head SE, diagonally across the meadow to another stile and bridge. Turn left, east, hedge left. At a gate, turn right, south, uphill towards silos. After the silos, turn left, east, barn right. Turn right, south, barn right. After a pond, right, turn left, SE, hedge and ditch left. Kink right and left through the gap and continue SE, hedge and ditch left. At the poplar woods, bear right down a slope into the wood. Turn right, SW, along the woodland path. Turn left across the footbridge. Turn left again and head NE, woodland left. head NE into the woodland. The path soon bends right nearer to east. The path divides. Take the left branch east. Continue east at a crossing path. At tarmac, kink right and left and continue east on tarmac towards Debenham. Turn right, SE, along The Street. Pass the Black Horse and continue SE back to the church.

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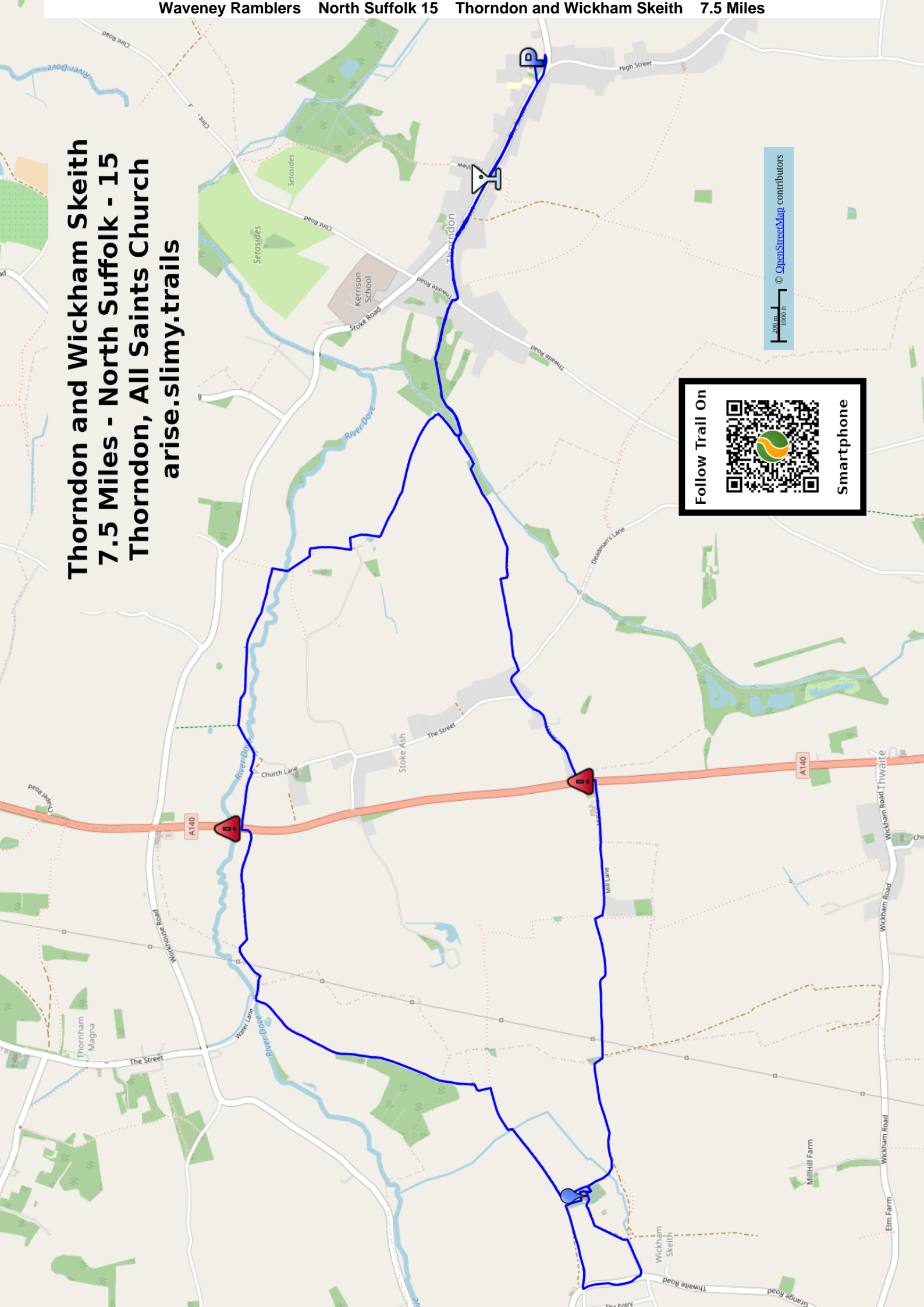
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