Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 2 Trimley to Derby Road

Track: TM 18325 43918 GPX for SatNav 11 Miles Updated: 2022-04-01

Risks: Road walking. A14 crossing. Railway line crossing. Wet water meadow.

Head to Trimley Saint Mary train station.
There is parking near the station 500m beyond the level crossing.
This leg is walked in the "wrong" direction because parking in Ipswich is less easy.

From the station and get a train to Derby Road.
Head south along Derby Road. Turn left, SE, along Felixstowe road.
At the roundabout take the second exit along Bucklesham Road.
Turn first left, NE. Use the footpath, not the road, St. Augustine's Community hub, left.
The path turns right, SE, and later NE.
Head east across Bixley Heath nature reserve. Turn right, south and return to Bucklesham Road.
Continue roughly east along Bucklesham Road.
Turn left, east, into Purdis Farm Lane, signposted Golf Club.
Follow the lane through houses, woodland and into agricultural land.
At Poppies Farm / Purdis Hall, turn right, roughly south.
At Bucklesham Road, cross over and continue south, Suffolk Showground right.
At the A1156, turn left, east and very soon, right, south on the signposted footpath.
Cross the railway line and head SE across an open field.
Cross the A14 with extreme care. Continue SE across an open field.
Aim for the woodland and follow the woodland track east to The Street.
Cross The Street and continue east, woodland left. Continue when the road bends right, south.
Follow the road through woodland, east, passing Manor Ponds.
Head SE across a very soggy meadow. It's possible to keep to drier ground uphill left.
Near the end of the meadow, head south into drier terrain.
Head SE across boardwalks and bridges. At Bridge Road, turn left, NE.
Turn right, SE, through the Scotts research centre grounds.
Follow this lane when it bends right, roughly south passing Bridge Farm and Levington Hall.
Turn left, east, along Strattonhall Drift.
Turn right, south, and follow the power lines towards woodland.
Turn first left, east, to Morston Hall.
Turn right, SW, along Morston Hall Road and continue SE when the road bends.
Turn right, SW, then first left, SE, trees left.
After the trees, the track bends right, south to Alston Hall.
Turn left, SE, along a tree-lined track. Turn right, south, at Grimston Hall.
The track zigzags, first through woodland and later on tree-lined tracks, SE, overall.
At Cordy's Lane, turn right to return to the parking or left to return to the station.

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