Waveney Ramblers Halesworth 10 St James St Cross and South Elmham

Track: **TM 31990 81042** **GPX for SatNav** 5.25 Miles Updated: 2018

Start the walk from the village hall car park at St James South Elmham. Turn left out of the car park entrance, then right along the main street. After 20 yards turn right into an enclosed footpath. Keep ahead (ignore footpath on right) and when you reach the end of the churchyard on your left, turn left into an enclosed, grassy path. When you reach the road, cross and take footpath opposite into a meadow. Follow the left-hand hedge across the field (farm on left), then through a gap in the hedge into the next field. Keep ahead ignoring all paths to left and right and, when you reach a cross-hedge, cross a bridge and turn right along a headland path. Go through a five-bar gate into a meadow, following the hedge (left) around to where the field narrows. Then cross over and walk parallel to the right-hand hedge. Go through a metal gate and pass the thatched Eel's Foot house on right to reach a road.

At the T-junction turn left, pass Church Farm (right) and when you reach Old Hall Farm/Watermeadow on right, turn right onto the signed, gravel drive. Bear left at the fork and continue in front of the house and pond on your right. Keep ahead on track (hedge left) and when you reach two five-bar gates go through and continue ahead between two fishing lakes. Near the end of the left-hand lake, go through a small gate, cross the bridge and turn left onto a grass track (hedge left).

When the hedge ends by a row of poplar trees, go through the small gate on left and cross the grass diagonally to another gate. Cross bridge to reach lane.

Turn right, then left at T-junction signed St Cross and Homersfield. Follow the lane and bear right at South Elmham Hall. About 150 yards after a pair of houses (on left), turn left onto a signed byway and go ahead between hedgerows. When you reach the bottom of the slope, cross over a concrete bridge and immediately turn left over a footbridge into a long, narrow meadow. Keep ahead with hedge on left. Note the old hornbeam trees towards the end of the field. When you reach a cross-hedge, go through a gate in the right-hand corner of the field, ignoring the conservation walks signs on right. Continue ahead into another long meadow (hedge right) with a stream on your left. Ahead of you, well hidden in the trees, are the ruins of the 11th century Saxon Minster, a mysterious and evocative place. You can easily take a short detour, through a marked gate, to see these.

Towards the end of the meadow, bear left over a concrete bridge then turn right through a large gate. Go ahead (stream on right) to the end of the field and, ignoring paths to right and left, go through large, double, wooden gate into another meadow. Pass between two large oak trees ahead and aim for the dilapidated bam (Park Barn) ahead. Pass the barn (right side) and go through a gate and over a footbridge. Turn sharp right and take path around pond and through a hedge. Turn right and follow field-edge path (hedge right). At the field corner go through hedge, over a footbridge and turn right to follow the field-edge path. Bear left at the waymarker sign and the path soon becomes wide and grassy.

When you reach a cross-hedge, turn right along a field-edge path (hedge and telegraph poles on left) and follow this to the left-hand corner of the field. Cross the bridge and stile to enter a meadow. Go left diagonally across this and pass through a gate to reach a road. Turn left and pass the attractive village sign, a Millennium project, on your left. Keep ahead through the village and, when you reach a phone box and bus shelter on your right, turn right into the village hall car park.

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