Waveney Ramblers Waveney Bounds One 10 Metfield and Cratfield

Track: TM 29268 80322 GPX for SatNav 10.1 Miles Updated: 2024

This 10.5 mile walk can be split into a 5 mile leg from Metfield and a 6 mile leg from Cratfield.
There is limited parking near the churches in Metfield and Cratfield.
At Metfield, from the church and village hall, head south on the footpath off Skinner's Lane.
Head south across Saint John's Meadow, then left along Fressingfield Road.
Just before the main road, turn right, south, on the footpath.
Follow the path left, east, towards Kettle's Farm.
At the Harleston road, turn right, SE, and after a few paces, left, SW, onto access land.
Cross a sleeper bridge, then left, south.
A woodland path has overgrown and is lost. Instead follow the main farm road south.
Near a trig point, once again the woodland path is lost. Continue SE on the main farm track.
After Common Farm, turn right, south and cross an open field, SE.
Aim for the right hand corner of the Camel Centre. The 5 mile leg turns left, NE, at the tarmac.
Continue on tarmac, SE, Camel Centre left. Near Catkin Farm, follow the road left, SW.
Continue on this lane to Moat House Farm. Turn left, SE, still on tarmac towards Cratfield.
Follow this lane to the centre and village sign. Turn right, SW, on Church Road.
Saint Mary's church is at about the halfway mark and would be a good place for a break.
After the church, double back, NE, along Church Road, then NE along The Street.
The road ends. Follow the field perimeter, NE, hedge left.
Follow the field perimeter, north, hedge right.
Go through a hedge gap.
Here the route is unclear with no finger posts or line cleared through the crops.
If possible, the right-of-way goes NE across the open field.
This path leads to Saint Peter's Church (ruins only visible in aerial photos).
Otherwise go north, hedge left and turn right, east, before Church Farm and the silos.
Turn left, north on a clear track to Magna Farm.
Just before the farm buildings, go left, NW, and cross the open field.
Cross a ditch and continue north over another open field.
Now there is a missing sleeper bridge. Cross the ditch and go north, hedge right.
If the ditch is wet or too deep, kink right and left, north, hedge left.
Find a shallow or dry place to cross the ditch.
Cross the field and, at a finger post and tree, turn left, west.
At the end of a ditch, turn right, NW and head for the B1123, sharp bend signs.
For the 6 mile leg, turn left to the Camel Centre.
Head NW along the B1123, Harleston Road.
The Metfield Common footpath into the disused airfield is missing.
Just after Oak Farm, turn right, east, on an old taxiway.
Turn left, north, along another taxiway, near and parallel with the missing path.
Follow this all the way, bending right, NE, to Christmas Lane.
At a farm entrance lane, turn left, north, across an open field, to Lambert's Farm.
Go left, west, round the back of the farm. Follow a good lane, west, soon NW, then west again.
This lane bends left, south. Continue back to Christmas Lane.
Turn right, west, along Christmas Lane.
Bear left, west, onto a footpath towards Metfield and back to the church and village hall.

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