Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks North 37 Covehithe and Benacre

Track: **TM 52101 81823** **GPX for SatNav** 7.5 Miles Updated: 2024

HAZARD WARNINGS:

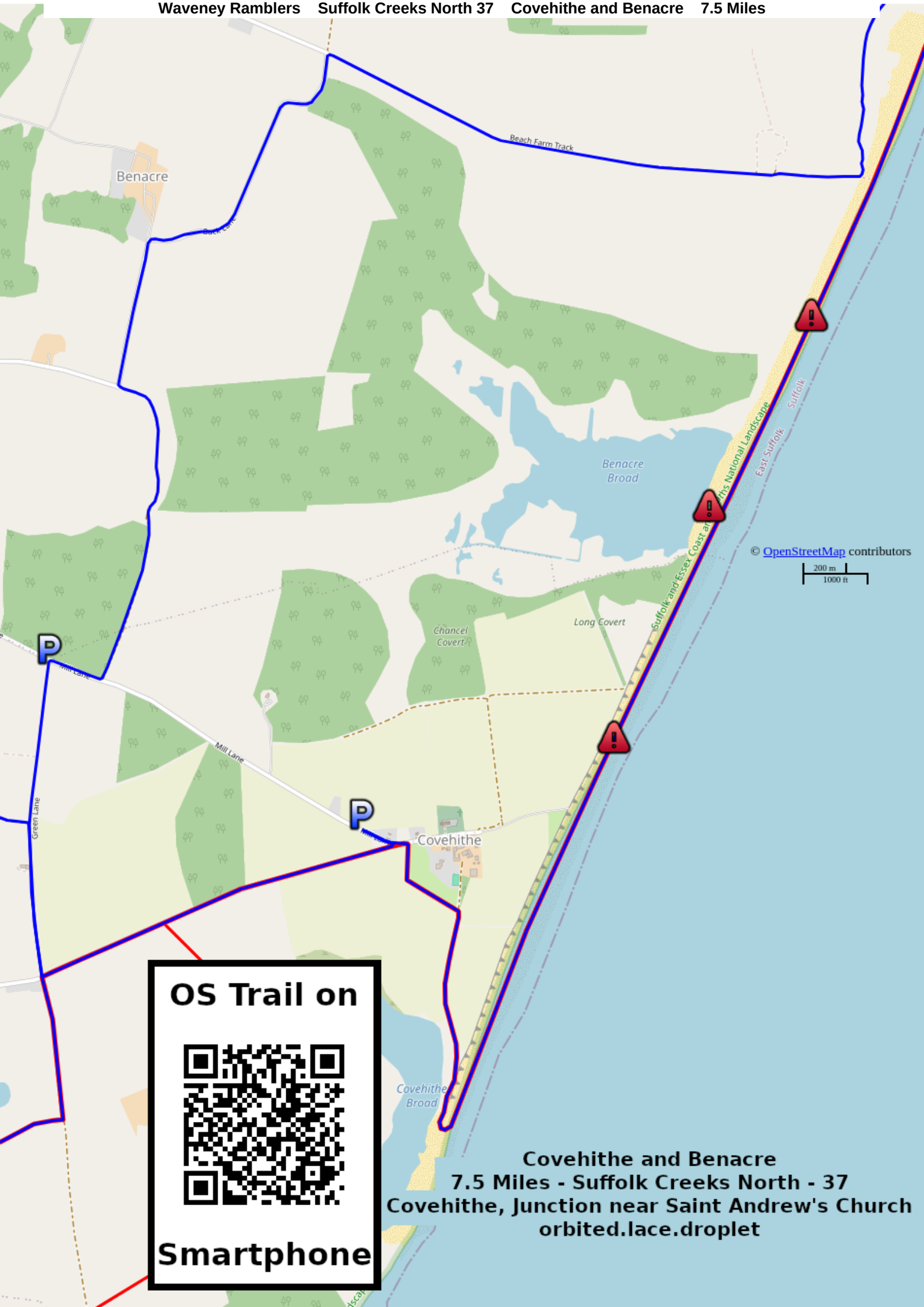
Storms greatly alter this beach. In 2004 walking at low tide was possible with dry feet.
In recent years a creek connected the broad with the sea. One big storm might re-create this.
This walk might require a creek wade.
Rising tides can trap walkers against the cliffs.
At low tide in calm weather, the walk is fine. High tides and stormy weather could be very dangerous.
The highest tides completely inundate Benacre Broad and the entire beach could be under water!
At low tide, the creek may be a running stream deep enough to overtop walking boots so expect to paddle.
Please keep away from the cliff edge or cliff bottom. A WW2 pill box might land on your head!
This section of coast is eroding rapidly and one good storm could completely invalidate this information.

TIDES: https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/lowestoft-tide-times

If there is any doubt about the tide or weather, omit the beach section and return to base overland.
From March 1st till August 31st, please keep to the surf line to avoid nesting birds higher up the strand.

Park and meet at the Y-junction near St Andrew's Church, Covehithe.
Set out on the left, SW, branch of the road, heading away from the sea.
After about 3/4 miles, at the house at a crossroads, turn right, north, along the gravel Green Lane.
At the north end of Green Lane, at tarmac, turn right, east, for 150 metres.
Turn left, roughly north, along a grassy track, woodland left.
The track bends left and meets tarmac. Turn right, north.
At the farm entrance, the road bends right, NE, and continues in a meandering approximately NE direction.
At the end of the NE leg, turn right, east, across open fields, along the patched tarmac and concrete.
Head all the way to the sea. The road climbs a little giving fine views.
With farm buildings, left, head east past the dragons' teeth, through the kissing gate towards the beach.
Near the sea, turn left, north, towards the Hundred River pumping station.
Head north along the raised causeway with fine views both sides.
At the pumping station, cross the outfall to join this leg to the Kessingland and Pakefield walk.
Note the four antennas. These track radio-tagged Nathusius' pipistrelle bats migrating across the north sea.
Now head south and down to the beach at the first opportunity.
At low tide there is firm wet sand for easy walking, much easier than the soft sand and pebbles higher up.
Head south along the beach for 2.25 miles.
The giant golf ball of Sizewell power station can be seen in the distance.
The lighthouse at Southwold is visible too.
Pass the hazards including unstable cliffs, the creek wade, fallen dead trees and even higher unstable cliffs.
Covehithe Broad is still a fresh water lake, but probably not for long.
At the broad, double back, north, and head along on the cliff-top path, gradually heading inland.
There are fine views, behind, over the broad.
Follow the path left, NW, before farm buildings.
Now bear right, north, back to the tarmac lane to St Andrew's Church, Covehithe.
The church is well worth a visit.
Return to the Y-junction and the parking places.

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