Waveney Ramblers Suffolk Creeks North 20 Bawdsey

Track: TM 35745 40031 GPX for SatNav 9.2 Miles Updated: 2020-12-15

CAUTION: The footpath near Bawdsey Manor is closed but well used.
CAUTION: There is a risk of cliff falls between Bawdsey Quay and Bawdsey, East Lane.
CAUTION: At high tide, the sea can block the route below the cliffs.

Park at Bawdsey, East Lane.
Head North on the coast path.
Use the path in preference to the shingle bank.
There are wetlands and two Martello Towers.
Before the third Martello Tower, turn sharp left, SW.
Drop down off the flood wall and cross the drain, SW, at the first opportunity.
Head SW across an open field.
Head west along Buckanay Lane.
Turn left, south, along Hollesley Road.
At Alderton there is a village shop and the Swan (For Sale 2020).
It's worth walking round the church grounds.
There are seats, a war memorial and the bell, presumably from the missing bell tower.
Head south along The Street. Continue south into Ferry Road.
Ferry Road bends SW.
Optionally divert via the picnic area and toilets.
Rejoin the road and head south to the Felixstowe Ferry.
Head south to the headland, then NE along the coast towards Bawdsey Manor.
The right of way has been closed and is somewhat unsafe.
To avoid the closure, the only alternative is to return by the road route.
Anyone who has done any mountain walking will not understand the problem.
The closed but well used footpath is narrow and tamarisk bushes are beginning to overgrow it.
There is a sea wall made from steel pilings with a vertical drop of up to 4 metres.
After walking in mountains with drops of hundreds of metres this is not a difficult path.
Later the shingle surface becomes much rougher with irregular concrete blocks.
The steel pilings end and now the main risk is cliff falls.
At high tide this leg might be blocked.
Continue NE along the shingle beach. This is hard work.
Climb the bank near the Martello Tower.
Head NE back to the car park.

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