Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 3 Somerleyton and Blundeston

Track: **TM 51254 96185** **GPX for SatNav** 10 Miles Updated: 2018

Start the walk in Flixton Marsh Lane off the B1074 Somerleyton road and pass Decoy Farm. Turn right into Waddling Lane where Flixton Marsh Lane bends sharply left at Warren Cottage. Continue down Waddling Lane for about 1.5 km, passing Marsh Lane (coming in at an acute angle) and a memorial stone to American airmen lost returning from a WW2 mission, both on the right. Ignore all side tracks and paths. Just past the memorial the track descends into a dip, passing a footpath on the left and a track to the right. Some 600m further on the track turns sharply right and descends to merge with another track coming in from the left. A little way down this new track there is a circular cattle pond, a rarity characteristic of the area. The way ahead is uphill, until a farm is passed on the right just before a sharp bend on a metalled road. Turn left here. Soon the road descends steeply. Upon reaching a minor crossroads, turn right opposite the approach to Somerleyton station car park. Follow the track over an embankment and round to the right as it turns uphill. Ignore all tracks coming in from the left. Note the long-abandoned brickworks on the left, marked by a plaque. After a while the track ends at another metalled road. Turn left and pass the Dukes Head pub (possible alternative starting point; landlord usually happy for you to park there). Follow the road round to the right and take the footpath to the right immediately after passing a large setback property, also on the right. Keep to the field edge and turn left at another footpath to join the Herringfleet road.

Turn right to pass Whitehouse Farm, taking care on the busy road, and turn left onto the Ashby road, also busy. Continue for 300m and turn right onto the drive to Somerleyton Hall, The hall was built by Sir Morton Peto, a mid-19th century railway magnate, on the site of a much older manor house and is open to visitors at stated times. Walk down the drive for about 450 m then turn left to follow the footpath with the hedge on your right. Continue until reaching Ashby Church, which has another memorial to American WW2 airmen at the path-side. A few paces on, take the right hand track passing to the west of the church. Stay left of the hedge initially, switching to the right side at a field entrance and then keep straight ahead to the Village Maid in Lound. Turn right into the village street and right again at the end of the village into Earth Lane. Where the lane bends right, continue ahead down the track, keeping to the left of a row of 3 garages. Bear left on reaching the meadow at the bottom of the hill, following the path (past a map display on the left) towards the far end through trees to reach a flight of steps. Go up these and, half right, a second flight. At the top turn left at the 'T' junction. Ignore paths on the left, but turn left at another 'T' junction. Pass through a stile at the end of the wood. Keep the field edge on the right and, after about 100m, go through a field entrance. Facing the field, bear half left across it to reach Green Lane.

Go right for about 200m to Park Farm on the right. The farm has 3 entrances; at the third go through a field entrance opposite, marked with a footpath sign. Keep to the small wooded copse on the left, bending round to the right where it ends. Continue along the right hand side of the hedge ahead and after about 80m go through a gap and then forward across the field. The path is usually clear enough but, if not, aim for the large isolated tree in the middle of the field. Leave the field through the hedge gap onto the Flixton Road. Turn right onto the grass verge (where practical, otherwise watch out for traffic) and after about 500m take the footpath on the right opposite Holly Nurseries. Keep the hedge to the right initially then, after crossing a footbridge, continue with the hedge on the left. At the unmetalled track turn right and, almost immediately, left with a hedge now on the right. At the field comer turn right, and keeping the trees and bushes on your left. Pass round the end of a narrow sunken field. Follow the left hand edge of the field, turning right at the corner. On reaching the next corner at a field entrance, go to the right of the oak trees.Follow them round leftwards and continue straight ahead as far as the brick wall alongside the Blundeston road. Turn right along the wall to a gap and cross the road to the footpath opposite.

Go straight ahead with the hedge to the left, ignoring tracks where they come in from right and then left. The path ends at Waddling Lane. Turn left here and take the right hand fork where Marsh Lane joins Waddling Lane. Retrace the route past Warren Cottage back to the start.

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Maddison's Carr
Market Lane
Green Lane
Green Farm
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