Waveney Ramblers Beccles 9 Redisham Park

Track: TM 41812 89984 GPX for SatNav 9.25 Miles Updated: 2018

Start from the Dell car park. This is near the town sign in Beccles at the east end of the Bungay Road. For larger groups, there is more parking in Ringsfield Road. If you'd like a pub stop later in the walk, try this route in reverse.

From the car park climb some decayed wooden steps and turn right onto the path, parallel with Ringsfield Road. Head east, then south. The path emerges where Nelson Way joins Ringsfield Road. Head south along Ringsfield Road passing the school and sports centre. At the second right-hand bend, continue south along Primrose Lane. Keep left, avoiding the road to the houses. The track dwindles to a bridleway. Continue south ignoring the path to the left which leads to Wash Lane. If the bridleway is very muddy, use the parallel field perimeter. At Cromwell Road the path ends. Turn right.

Head SW along Cromwell Road and take the first right into Polls Lane. Soon after Grove Farm on the right, turn left and head south on a footpath with the hedge on the left and power lines overhead. The path re-joins Cromwell Road. The Horseshoes is 80 metres to the left (refreshments). The walk heads away from the pub, west towards the Ringsfield Crossroads where you turn left. Go downhill and at Pound Farm (white gates) turn right and immediately left onto the grass track (hedge left). Head roughly SW through lawns and trees. Through a gap, cross another garden meadow keeping right. Bear right onto a sloping bank between hedges, soon crossing a bridge. Turn right and head west. Follow the field-edge bridleway (hedge right). Go through a gate into Redisham Park and follow the Hundred River on the right. Continue to another gate to the estate road. Continue SW.

Pass some farm buildings and where the track bends left into the wood, bear right along the bridleway staying close to the drainage channel. Continue on this track, which soon becomes hedged and fenced. Towards the end of the fencing the terrain opens out into fields. Ignore two paths to the left. Look for a wooden bridge and cross over the Hundred River. Head north through a black metal gate, then NW. Follow the right-hand hedge around the edge of the field (wood right) and, at the top right-hand corner of the field, turn left at the small, metal gate (don't go through it). Continue west (hedge right). Go through a large metal gate and follow the field-edge (hedge right). The path bends NW, then north. Head north through some woodland with orchids in spring. Emerge from the wood and turn left. Follow the field perimeter (woods left). In 300 metres turn right and head north. Cross a small bridge and continue north. After 50 metres the path bends NW. At the final field, head NW on the path re-instated through the crop, heading for the house in the distance. Exit the field through the gap in the hedge and turn left along the Ringsfield Road.

Continue NW past the Becks Green junction and, where several roads meet, bear right along Tooks Common Lane. After about 350 yards look out for the Access Land symbol on the right, at the start of Peardyke Common. Go over a small footbridge and follow the path north, staying close to the road. Continue onto Little Common and emerge into Banter's Lane near Queen Anne cottage. At the west end of Banters Lane, there is a pond and seat, nice for a break. The walk route heads right along the winding lane to the Ringsfield Hall entrance. After the hall, turn right onto a wide track heading NE all the way to Ringsfield Church. Don't bend right into the farm buildings. Use the smaller track, ahead.

At the tarmac, turn left and soon right onto another wide track/bridleway (hedge left) and head NE. At a concrete bridge (right), cross the stream and continue NE with the stream on the left. Follow the stream, then bear right following the field perimeter, still NE. You soon join Cut Throat Lane, heading uphill. Follow this track all the way to Ringsfield Road. Stay off the tarmac, turn left and head north along Hangmans Lane. This is a leafy sunken path, sometimes with a flowing stream. About 100 yards before the Bungay Road, bear right on a well-used path up a hill into the Dell. Go past the back of some houses, keeping parallel with the road all the way back to the Dell car park.

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