Waveney Ramblers Lowestoft 12 Lowestoft and Ness Point

Track: **TM 53142 93386** **GPX for SatNav** 8 Miles Updated: 2018

This walk has several gems and a few carbuncles for variety. Set out from the car park at Normanston Park. Optionally explore Leathes' Ham by heading south from the car park. Sadly you can't get all the way round the lake. Add 0.4 Miles.

The main walk sets out from the car park, SW, along the wooded perimeter track avoiding the road. Cross the railway by the steps and footbridge. There are fine views over lake Lothing from the footbridge. Head SW along the shore. This could be risky if the tide is exceptionally high or there is a storm surge. Head SW and later west through the boat yards. At one point the path kinks right and left. Use the tunnel to cross under the railway, swing bridge to the left. At Bridge Road head south past the roundabout. Keep left into Freshwater Way and use the underpass to cross under Bridge Road. Close to the Wherry Hotel, head south across the wooden lifting bridge and the lock. Oulton Broad is to the right and Lake Lothing to the left.

Now follow the waterside of Oulton Broad. Initially head SW and soon west past the thatched cafe and toilets. The waterside path bends south. Walk round the slipway and crane turning right twice. Head past the first group of moored boats. Head SE away from the broad over a wooden footbridge. The path bends east. Take the right hand branch towards the car park. Kink right and left and head towards St Mark's church. Cross over Bridge Street and head right, south. Use the footpath and bridge to cross the railway. Take the first left, east, into Dell Road. Follow this quiet street until you reach Dell Court. Opposite Dell Court, take the footpath, left, north. After a few paces the path heads right, east. Cross Colville Road and use the shared cycle and footpath. This soon diverges, right, away from the busy road.

Follow the cycle path east. Cross Kirkley Run and continue east. Cross Tom Crisp Way at the pedestrian traffic lights. Head south and soon SE towards park land and a children's play area. After the school on the left, turn left, east, into Beaconsfield Road. At the pharmacy and health centre bear right, SE, into Clifton Road. At London Road South, turn left, NE, towards the town centre. Take the first right, SE, towards the Marine Parade. Cross the road and head towards the harbour, NE, using the sea front path. Here there are pubs, cafes and toilets. At Royal Terrace, bear left, then right and cross the bascule bridge, north. For a shorter walk, 5.1 miles, head past the railway station and return to Normanston Park, left, west, along Denmark Road (not a very nice route though).

After the bascule bridge, turn right into Waveney Road and head east towards the fishing docks. Bear left, NE, into Battery Green Road. At the roundabout, turn right into Hamilton Road and head east towards the coast. Use the sea wall to head north to Ness Point. This is the most easterly point in the UK and probably counts as one of the carbuncles, featuring a sewage pumping plant.

Continue north along the sea wall. At the caravan park, turn left, west, along the footpath towards the lighthouse. Cross Whaplode Road and head up the hill and steps into parkland. Near the lighthouse, bear right and, always taking the highest path, head up to the Yarmouth Road. Turn right, cross Cart Score and re-enter the park. Keep right and head for the Naval Memorial. There is a tall pillar with a golden ship on top. There are cannons and a good sea view. Head NW to the elegant iron bridge and cross the Ravine. At North Parade, turn left, west, and head back to the Yarmouth Road. At the end, cross the Ravine and use the pedestrian traffic lights to cross the main road. Turn right and head NW along the Yarmouth Road as far as Station Road.

Opposite station Road, turn left, south, and head along the disused railway, cycle and footpath. The path gradually bends SW. Ignore all the side turnings and remain on the wider shared path. The path crosses under four roads where the original railway bridges still carry traffic. At the end of this path, at sturdy metal fencing, turn right, west, towards Normanston Park. Cross Peto Way at the traffic lights and re-enter the parkland. Return to your start point.

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