Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 6 Carlton and Beccles

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: **TM 42371 91170 GPX for SatNav** 9.2 Miles Updated: 2024

Catch a bus from Beccles to the the Carlton Crown at Carlton Colville.

Walk back to Beccles along the river path. This is slippery and muddy in winter.

Park near the Tesco bus stop in Ravensmere/Newgate.

The Beccles Quay car park might be best. The Tesco car park is time restricted.

Catch a bus to the Carlton Crown stop.

Near the roundabout, head north along Marsh Lane towards the golf club.

Near barns, kink right and left to head north across two golf fairways.

The path bends left, SW, and joins Sprats Water Lane. Turn right, NE, soon north, then NW.

Cross the railway line and continue NW, soon north.

Turn right, NE, Sprat's Water wetlands right.

Near the visitor centre, turn right and head up to the facilities.

Here you'll find information, a cafe and toilets.

Head NE from the buildings to Burnt Hill Lane.

Turn left, NW, and follow the main track towards the river.

Head up to the path on the top of the flood barrier.

Optionally divert right, north, to a bird hide and double back afterwards.

The main path heads NW on the top of the flood bank.

At the River Waveney, turn right, SW, and follow this path all the way to Beccles.

In good weather, this is a delight. In wind and rain it's a bit of a slog!

The path meanders, following the waterway.

There are three "escape" routes if you get tired or the weather gets bad.

The buses run along the A146. Some divert via Barnby and North Cove.

- 1) Escape south to Barnby via the Wadehall Old Dam (Track).
- 2) Escape south to North cove via the Cove Dam (Track).
- 3) Escape south to Worlingham via Marsh Lane.

Later, note the lost railway swing bridge footings.

Just before the A146, there's a track up to a layby for free parking for a few cars.

Cross under the A146. Follow the waterside path to Beccles Quay.

Head SE to get to the Beccles Quay car park.

For the cafe and toilets, cross the footbridge.

From here you can head south into Beccles.

