Waveney Ramblers North Suffolk 8 Hoxne and Brakey Wood

Track: TM 17974 76943 GPX for SatNav 4.3 Miles Updated: 2020-05-14

From Hoxne village hall head north and cross the Goldbrook Bridge.
Turn right, NE, along Low Street. Cross the Goldbrook again.
Pass the Swan PH. Pass the village store and tearooms.
Turn right, NE, along Church Hill.
Cross the main road and enter Saint Peter and Saint Paul's cemetery.
Head for the church and visit if it's open.
Walk east beside the church and soon south passing many graves.
Leave the cemetery using the SE gate. Head left, east, along Green Street (B1118).
Ignore Church Close. Turn left, NE, into Water Mill Lane.
At a concrete parking and turning area, bear right and continue NE along Water Mill Lane.
Near the water mill, turn right, SE, uphill for a few yards. Do not enter the field ahead.
Before the field, turn left, east, and pass an out building to your right.
Continue east towards Waveney Farm.
The footpath bends right, SE. The path left to the river is missing and overgrown.
At tarmac, turn right, SE along Capons Lane.
At Syleham Road turn right and head west past some barns.
At the B1118, Green Street, turn left, SE for a few yards passing more barns.
Turn right, SW, into Wittons Lane. Head downhill and cross the beck.
A few yard later you reach the concrete parking area for Brakey Wood.
The leg through the Wood is about 0.7 miles and can be omitted.
Turn right, west, into Brakey Wood. Keep right and follow the footpath west.
At the end of the woodland, go through the gate to the sewage works.
Double back, east, along a straight concrete track.
Near the first bend, turn left off the concrete and head east along the footpath re-entering the wood.
Head past the Brakey Man where there are some seats.
This is a sheltered spot for a banana break just after the halfway point in the walk.
Back at the road, turn right, SW, along the tarmac.
At the access road leading to the sewage works, cross the open field, SW.
The path had been reinstated but was not easy to see. Head for the old house with a rickety barn to the right.
At the far side, bear left, south, ditch right, and cross a field access track.
Continue roughly south over a sleeper bridge, woodland right. The path bends right, west.
Emerge into Cross Street village and head west into Red Lion Close.
Continue west on the footpath between the houses.
At the field, turn left, south, and soon right, west. Follow the field perimeter.
The path kinks right and left. Continue west. Ignore a path left.
Drop down to the Goldbrook. Cross the stile and turn right, north, stream left.
At the footpath sign, turn left, west, and cross the stream using the footbridge.
Head west through woodland, a gate, and then west across an open field.
At Eye Road, turn right and head north on tarmac. Follow this soon bending NE back to Hoxne.
Turn right into the Goldbrook road and head for the bridge.
Note the signs on the bridge. King Edmund was taken prisoner in the year 870.
Cross the bridge and return to the village hall on the right.
Hoxne refreshments include the Swan pub and the village store tearooms.

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