Waveney Ramblers Sandlings Walks 5 Sutton

Track: TM 28813 50301 GPX for SatNav 10.5 Miles Updated: 2021-04-15

Park at the Melton Riverside car park or from Melton railway station, head to the road and turn right twice to get to the car park.

Follow the footpath NW. It starts near the car park near the entrance. Cross a footbridge and turn left, SW. Head up steps onto the flood defence wall. Turn left, SE, and follow the waterside path all the way to the road. There are fine views over the estuary. At the road, turn right, SE, and cross Wilford Bridge. Before the roundabout, turn left, east, and head into woodland and onto a recently restored board-walk.
Back at tarmac, turn left, NE along Common Lane. At a t-junction, turn right, roughly south, along School Lane.
At the main road, cross over and head south, uphill, into the woodland.
This woodland route is much nicer than the "official" line along the main road.
Head south, over a stile, into the golf course.
Continue south, bunkers left. Look for the finger posts marking the right of way.
At taller trees, pick up the Sandlings Path signs and head SW, fairway left.
Turn left, SE, crossing the fairway, still following the Sandlings Path signs.
Head SE through a gorse gap along a track, fairway right.
Go through a gate and head briefly south. Turn left, SE on a woodland path. Ignore tracks off.
At a pole-top transformer and dragon's tooth, turn right south. Continue a little west of south ignoring side turnings.
Cross the main road and continue a little west of south. Turn left, SE, onto a crossing path. Ignore side tracks.
The wider track narrows to a woodland footpath. Continue SE later passing the waterworks, right.
Go through a gate and continue SE, woodland left, field right.
This leg ends at a large green storage tank, probably for water.
Turn right, SW, onto the crossing track. The Sandlings path heads the opposite way.
Just after houses, turn right, a little west of north. Ignore side tracks.
Near Gyb Hill Plantation, kink right, then left and head NW on a smaller path.
In car park take the second footpath to the right. After 40 metres, bear left off the main path between posts.
Head NE back to the outgoing path. Head NW, no longer following the outgoing path.
The right of way heads NW, hedge left but the walking is much easier if you go hedge right.
At the end of this hedge, kink right and left into field. In 2021, this was mown lawn for the turf industry.
Follow the line of birch trees, left, NW, for 50 metres, then head right, diagonally across the field, bearing 317 degrees.
Aim for the opposite field corner and correct your line when you see the footpath signpost.
At heath road, cross over. Follow the road (nasty), NW, or kink right and left into the mature beech wood.
Head NW through the open woodland parallel with the road.
This pathless leafy glade emerges onto a track at a small parking area.
Turn right, NE, into the golf course. Head NE, fairways left.
Bend slightly left, NE, and cross a fairway to rejoin the path from earlier in the walk. Follow the finger posts.
Head NE, woods left, uphill. Turn left, north, and cross a fairway, bunkers right.
Cross the stile and head north through the gorse and woodland.
Cross the main road into School Lane, NW. At a t-junction, turn left, west, along Common Lane.
Before the main road, turn right, west, into woodland and the restored boardwalk.
Rejoin the main road and turn right, NW. Cross Wilford bridge.
Turn left and follow the flood defence path with good views over the estuary.
Turn right down the first steps and head north and soon west back to the car park.
If you came by train, leave the car park and turn left along the main road and left into Melton Station.

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