Waveney Ramblers Beccles 13 Circumnavigating Beccles

Track: **TM 42371 91170** **GPX for SatNav** 11.2 Miles Updated: 2018

Start from the large car park at Beccles Quay. This guide takes you clockwise round the loop.
Head south, then east, moorings left.
Don't cross the footbridge unless you want to visit the useful cafe and facilities.
Head east, mooring basin, left.
Turn north and follow the riverside path under the A164 Beccled bypass. Continue for 3.1 miles.
After the path briefly bends due south, at a left hand bend, there is a mooring staithe with Marsh lane to the right.
Head SW along Marsh Lane all the way to the A146 Lowestoft road.
Just before the roundabout. turn left and head SE on the old road, avoiding all the busy traffic.
After 0.4 miles
  To visit the Three Horseshoes and historic church continue SE for another 0.4 miles.
  Return 0.4 miles to this point and cross the busy A146 with care.
  Skipping the refreshments and culture, cross the busy A146 with care.

Head SW along the footpath, ditch right.
At the tarmac Sandpit Lane turn right and head NW for 0.2 miles.
Turn left along Manor Close for 160 metres. Turn left into College Lane and head SW, then south.
At the main Ellough/Benacre Road turn left for 160 metres.
After the roundabout, head west along the metalled byway parallel with and south of the Southern Relief Road.
At Cucumber Lane, cross the relief road and continue west along Cucumber lane for 200 metres.
When Cucumber lane bends right, continue west on the footpath.
Ignore the left turn. A few paces later, turn right.
Use the right hand of two parallel paths or the other if you prefer water, mud and wire fences.
At the south end of Derby Road (potential alternative start point) turn left along Wash Lane and head SW.
At the A145, cross the road and railway and continue left, SW, along Wash Lane.
Pass some farm buildings on the left. At the T_junction, turn right into the bridleway leading to Primrose Lane.
Head north along Primrose Lane. Join the Ringsfield Road and continue north.
At the sharp right bend, continue north along the leafy sunken path, Hangmans Lane. Sometimes this is a stream bed.
About 100 metres from the main Bungay road, turn right and head up the hill, east along the seculded Dell path.
If gradients are a problem, head to the main road and head east along the verge.

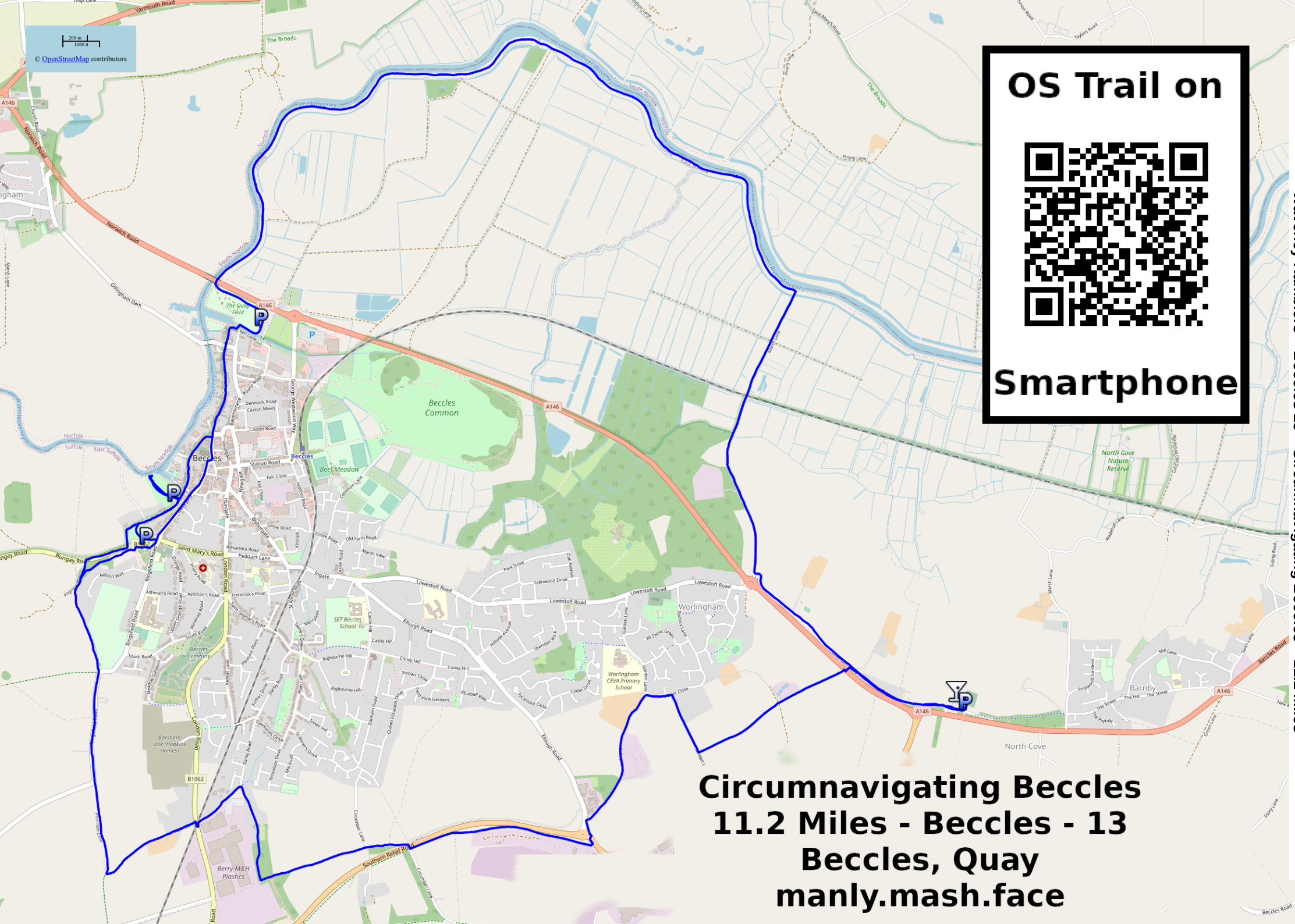
There is a choice of routes with several sets of steps linking the alternatives.

Puddingmoor and Meadow -
  West of the Beccles town sign, head NW into a meadow (keep right) and down to Puddingmoor.
  Head NE. After 200 metres there is an option to cross the "Meadow" to visit the seats. Good river view.

Ballygate, Museum and Views -
  At the town sign, turn NE and follow Ballygate past Beccles museum.
  There is a walled section with a steep drop down to Puddingmoor. Here there are excellent views over the valley.

Continue to St. Michael's church. Head north along Saltgate, Northgate and Fen Lane back to the Quay.
After the cafe and facilities, cross the footbrige back to the car park.

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