

Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 0 East Suffolk Line

OS Map: X 212 Track: **TM 38538 63152 GPX for SatNav** 75 Miles Updated: 2022-04-10

These walks follow the East Suffolk Railway Lines from Felixstowe to Lowestoft.

The routes are linear and total just over 100 miles.

Use the train to get to and return from the start and end points.

TIMETABLES: https://eastsuffolklines.co.uk/timetables

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THE WALKS:

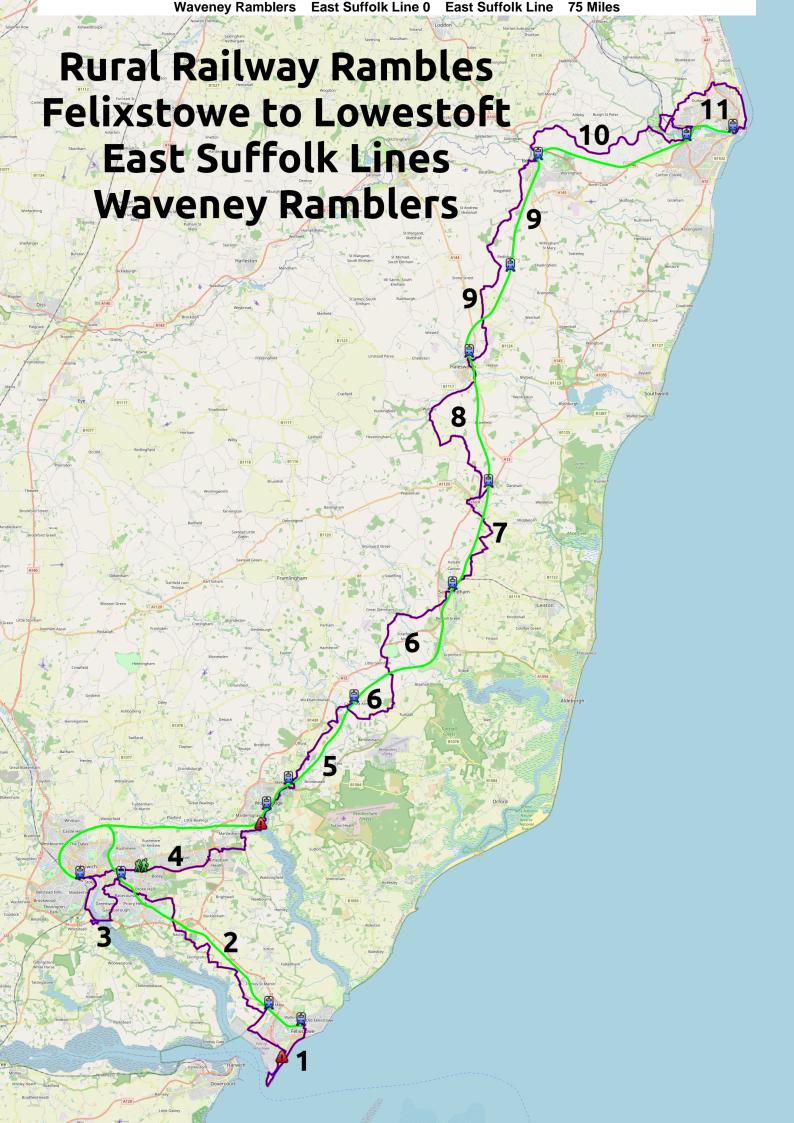
These tracks have been recorded using a handheld GPS receiver.

Please note the cautions for each walk.

These list the more obvious hazards or potential problems.

- 1 Felixstowe to Trimley 8.3 Miles Logged and checked
- 2 Trimley to Derby Road 11 Miles Logged and checked
- 3 Derby Road to Ipswich 7.4 Miles Logged and checked
- 4 Ipswich to Woodbridge 10.8 Miles Logged and checked
- 5 Woodbridge to Wickham Market 7.3 Miles Outline plan NOT checked
- 6 Wickham Market to Saxmundham 10 Miles Outline plan NOT checked
- 7 Saxmundham to Darsham 6.9 Miles Logged and checked
- 8 Darsham to Halesworth 9.5 Miles Outline plan NOT checked
- 9 Halesworth to Beccles 11 Miles Logged and checked
- 10 Beccles to Oulton Broad South 9.5 Miles Logged and checked
- 11 Oulton Broad South to Lowestoft 10 Miles Logged and checked

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Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 1 Felixstowe to Trimley

8.3 Miles OS Map: X 197 Track: <u>TM 28097 36101</u> **GPX for SatNav** Updated: 2022-04-01

Risks: Road walking. Beach walking. Major railway line crossing.

Head to Trimley Saint Mary train station.

There is parking near the station 500m beyond the level crossing.

Walk back to the station and get a train to Felixstowe.

From the station, walk roughly south to the coast avoiding the busier roads.

At the beach, turn right, SW, and follow the Suffolk Coast Path.

There is a holiday park where it's best to drop down to the beach.

Head to the Landguard Nature Reserve and visit Landguard point.

Turn right, north, and follow the beach to the Landguard Fort.

At the car park, head east via the museum and later NE across Landquard Common.

Use the lane left of the holiday park.

Follow the port access road, NE, towards the town centre.

Turn left, NW, along the A154.

At the roundabout continue NW, second exit (not the A14).

At the next roundabout, continue NW on a port access road.

Turn left and cross multiple railway lines.

You'll need to phone to get the railway crossing safety gates unlocked.

On my visit the phones were not working but eventually someone from port security helped me out. There was quite a wait though. This line carries a lot of freight through the port so the security measures are understandable.

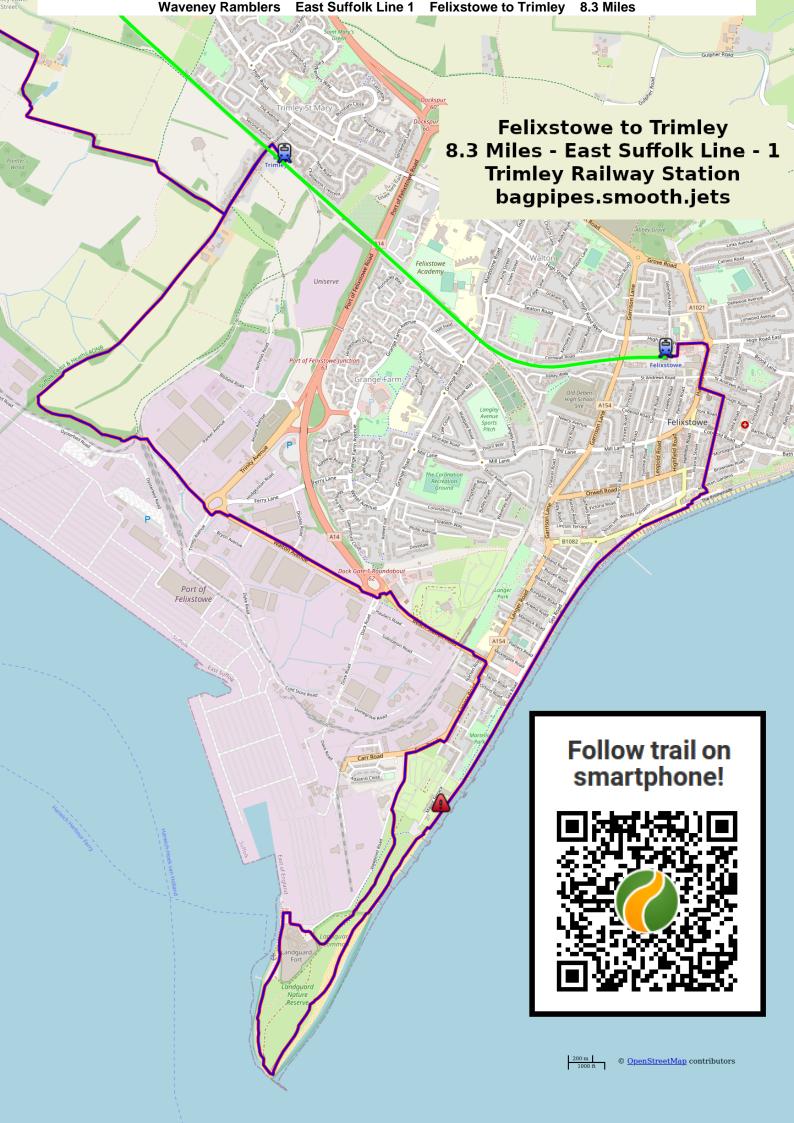
After the railway crossing, head west along Fagbury Cliff.

A high bank hides the port and screens some of the noise.

Follow the path as it bends right, NE.

Corrections:

Continue on this track, NE, back to the car park.



Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 2 Trimley to Derby Road

OS Map: X 197 Track: **TM 18325 43918 GPX for SatNav** 11 Miles Updated: 2022-04-01

Risks: Road walking. A14 crossing. Railway line crossing. Wet water meadow.

Head to Trimley Saint Mary train station.

There is parking near the station 500m beyond the level crossing.

This leg is walked in the "wrong" direction because parking in Ipswich is less easy.

From the station and get a train to Derby Road.

Head south along Derby Road. Turn left, SE, along Felixstowe road.

At the roundabout take the second exit along Bucklesham Road.

Turn first left, NE. Use the footpath, not the road, St. Augustine's Community hub, left.

The path turns right, SE, and later NE.

Head east across Bixley Heath nature reserve. Turn right, south and return to Bucklesham Road.

Continue roughly east along Bucklesham Road.

Turn left, east, into Purdis Farm Lane, signposted Golf Club.

Follow the lane through houses, woodland and into agricultural land.

At Poppies Farm / Purdis Hall, turn right, roughly south.

At Bucklesham Road, cross over and continue south, Suffolk Showground right.

At the A1156, turn left, east and very soon, right, south on the signposted footpath.

Cross the railway line and head SE across an open field.

Cross the A14 with extreme care. Continue SE across an open field.

Aim for the woodland and follow the woodland track east to The Street.

Cross The Street and continue east, woodland left. Continue when the road bends right, south.

Follow the road through woodland, east, passing Manor Ponds.

Head SE across a very soggy meadow. It's possible to keep to drier ground uphill left.

Near the end of the meadow, head south into drier terrain.

Head SE across boardwalks and bridges. At Bridge Road, turn left, NE.

Turn right, SE, through the Scotts research centre grounds.

Follow this lane when it bends right, roughly south passing Bridge Farm and Levington Hall.

Turn left, east, along Strattonhall Drift.

Turn right, south, and follow the power lines towards woodland.

Turn first left, east, to Morston Hall.

Turn right, SW, along Morston Hall Road and continue SE when the road bends.

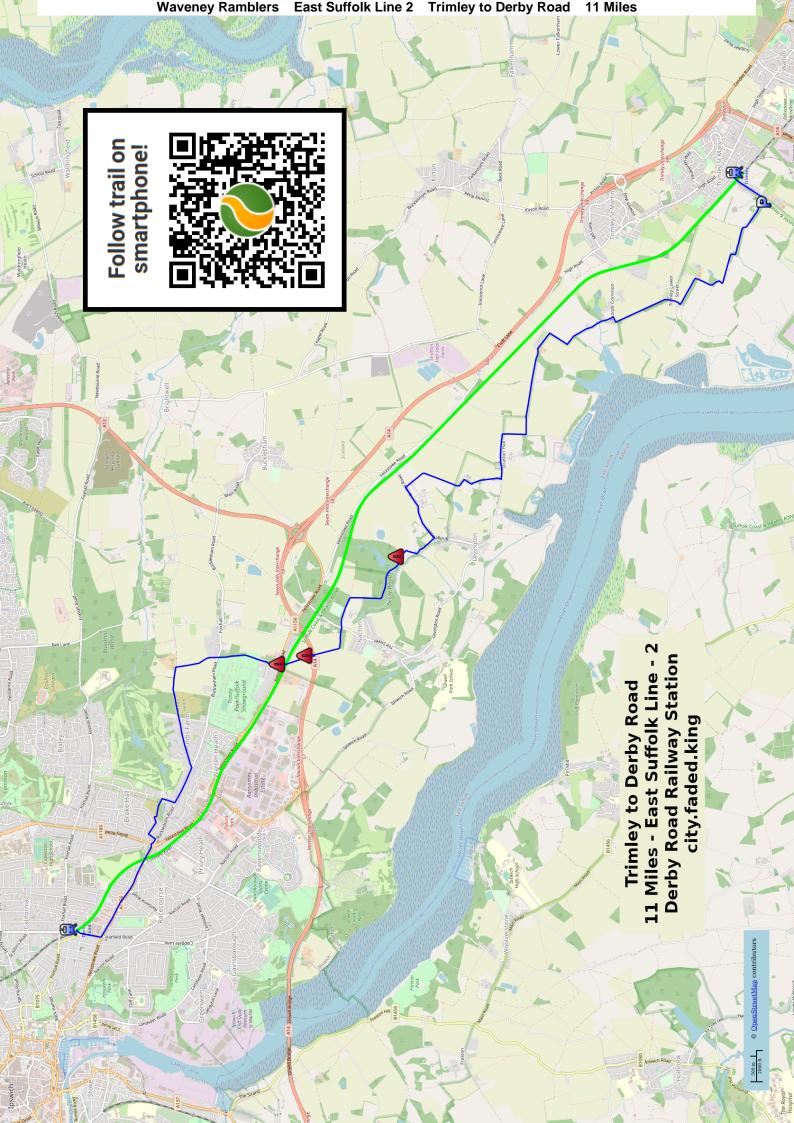
Turn right, SW, then first left, SE, trees left.

After the trees, the track bends right, south to Alston Hall.

Turn left, SE, along a tree-lined track. Turn right, south, at Grimston Hall.

The track zigzags, first through woodland and later on tree-lined tracks, SE, overall.

At Cordy's Lane, turn right to return to the parking or left to return to the station.



Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 3 Derby Road to Ipswich

7.4 Miles OS Map: X 197 Track: **TM 15695 43820 GPX for SatNav** Updated: 2022-04-02

Risks: Orwell Crossing not safe in high winds. Urban road walking.

Parking in Ipswich is not so easy.

There are trains from Ipswich to Derby Road.

Perhaps use the train to get to the start point.

From Derby Road station, head south along Derby Road.

Turn right, west, along Rosehill Road.

Turn third left, south, along Alan Road.

Cross Felixstowe Road and continue south along Alan Road.

Head across Holywell Park to the SW corner using the Stour and Orwell Walk.

There are toilets in the park.

Exit the park and turn left, east, along cliff Lane.

At a bus shelter, turn right, south, onto a woodland footpath to Landseer Park.

Head S, E, S, E, SE along this path keeping close to houses, left.

Exit Landseer Park near the SE corner into Raeburn Road. Head SW.

Cross Landseer Road and continue SW along Raeburn Road.

At the Orwell Country Park entrance head south along Gainsborough Road.

At the earliest opportunity, use the parallel footpaths right of the road.

Stay close to the road though.

Close to the Orwell Bridge, head up the embankment to the A14.

If there are high winds, abort the walk.

Cross the Orwell, west. Stay on the safe side of the crash barriers.

Watch out for litter, discarded tyres, exhausts, etc.

There are fine views towards Ipswich.

Escape from the A14 and head down a steep bank.

Turn right, to cross under the A14.

Head south to the Suffolk Food Hall, possibly a good place for a break.

Turn left, east, to the B1456.

Turn right, SE, along the B1456 for a few metres.

At the lay-by, turn left, north, and follow the riverside path.

Cross under the A14 again and head past boatyards to the A137.

Head 1km north along the A137. Unpleasant and busy.

At the roundabout, turn right, NE.

Zigzag through the litter strewn estate to reach the river walk.

Follow the New Cut waterway to a road bridge. Cross the river, north.

Turn left, west, along the Gipping Valley River Path, river left.

At the next road bridge, go up the steps and head south to the Railway Station.



Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 4 Ipswich to Woodbridge

GPX for SatNav OS Map: X 197, 212 Track: **TM 27391 48742** 10.8 Miles Updated: 2022-04-03

Risks: The footpath may flood at high tide. Check your walk timing. Urban road walking.

Catch the train from Woodbridge to Ipswich.

Head north out of the station and cross the river.

Turn left, down steps, and left along the Gipping Valley River Path.

Cross a busy road and follow the waterside, east, river right.

Keep left. Don't enter Saint Peter's Dock! Follow the waterside path.

Turn left, NE, into Coprolite Street. (Coprolites are fossilised dinosaur poo.)

Head north along Duke Street. Cross the A1156, north.

Head north, soon east, along Back Hamlet.

Turn left, north, into Alexandra Park.

Exit the park opposite Finbars Walk. Head right, SE, along the B1075.

Turn first left, east, into Woodville Road.

Near the end, turn right, SE, into Tennyson Road.

Turn left, NE, along Wellesley Road and cross the railway.

Merge into Marlborough Road and head east.

Cross Cauldwell Hall Road and head east along Freehold Road.

Cross Britannia Road and continue east along Newbury Road.

Turn right, south, on a footpath which soon bends left, east.

At the hospital, head roughly east to the A1189. Try not to get trapped in a car park.

Cross the A1189 and head right, south.

Use Heath Road and enter the woodland.

Head to the park entrance, also the start of the Sandlings Walk.

Head a little north of east across Rushmere Heath to the most easterly point.

Continue east on the woodland footpath. Cross Brendon Drive.

Continue roughly east. Cross Millennium Field, heading east.

Enter the woodland and bend left, NE. Cross Dobbs Lane and continue NE.

Turn left, NW, soon north to Martlesham Preschool and Gorseland Primary.

Turn right, east to the Control Tower. The path lends left, eventually north.

Follow the path north and later roughly east. Head past the Police HQ.

Head SE along Portal Avenue to get close to the A12.

Follow the A12 and cross under using the tunnel.

Follow the path NE, optionally diverting into Tesco, toilets, food, etc.

After Tesco, head east. Cross Felixstowe Road and enter woodland to head east.

At Newbourne Road, head east on the parallel fieldside path.

Turn left, north, to Waldringfield Road. Turn right, east, along the road.

Turn first left, north on a track to Saint Mary's Church.

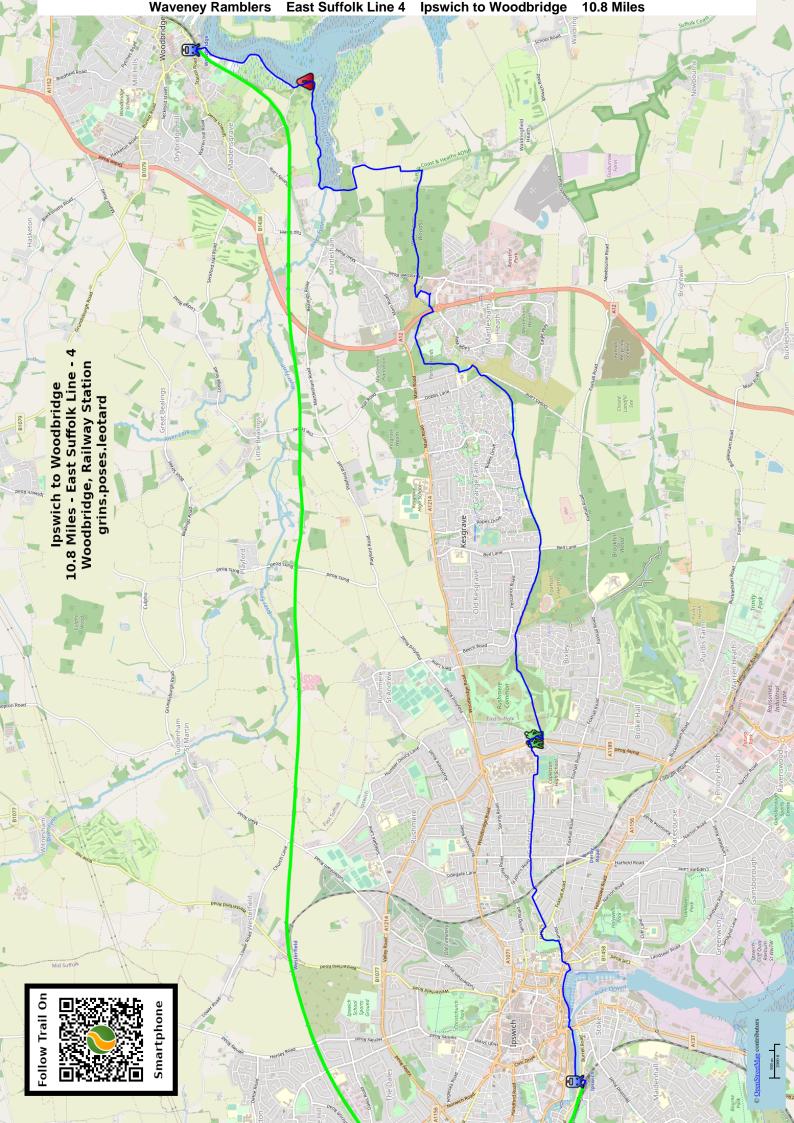
Head left, west, on a footpath parallel with Church Lane.

Turn right, north, and head down steps into woodland.

Cross Martlesham Creek. Turn right, east, creek right.

Follow the flood wall to Woodbridge station.

This path can flood at high tide so make sure your timing is right.



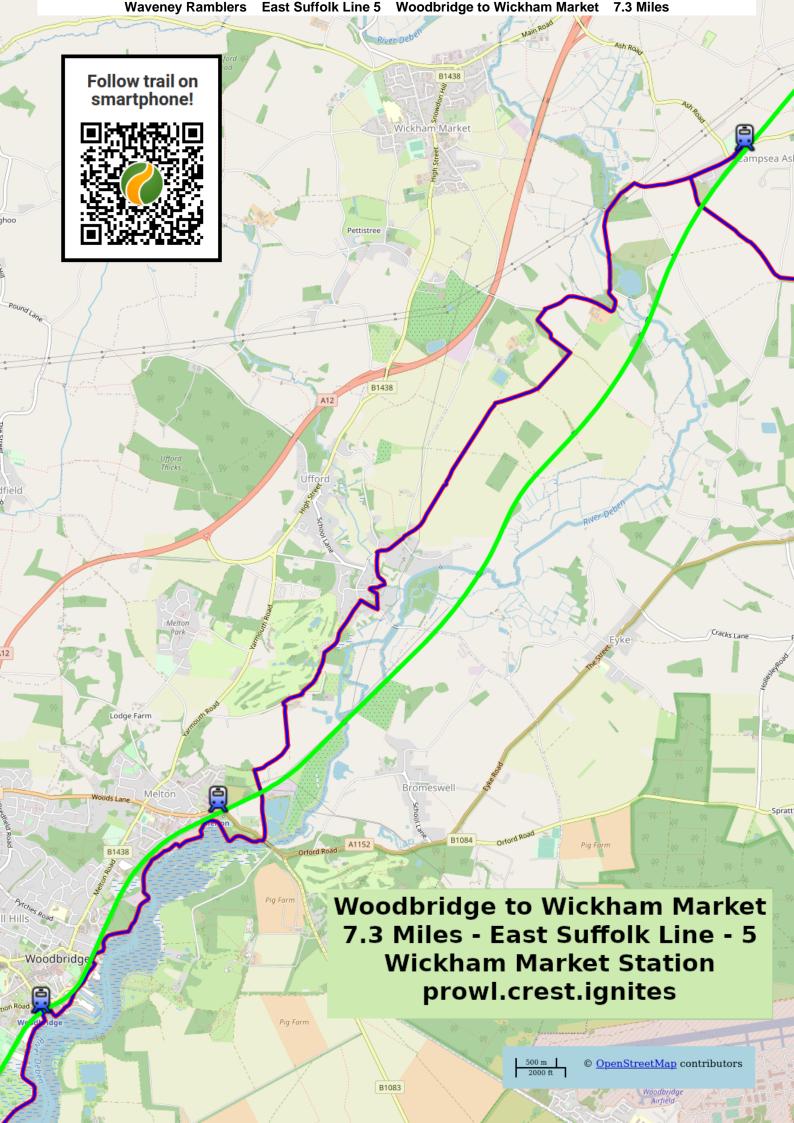
Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 5 Woodbridge to Wickham Market

Track: TM 32607 55774 **GPX for SatNav** 7.3 Miles Updated: 2022-04-04 OS Map: X 197, 212

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Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 6 Wickham Market to Saxmundham

GPX for SatNav OS Map: X 212 Track: **TM 38538 63152** 10 Miles Updated: 2022-04-05

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East Suffolk Line 7 Saxmundham to Darsham Waveney Ramblers

OS Map: X 212, 231 Track: **TM 40482 69728 GPX for SatNav** 6.9 Miles Updated: 2022-04-06

Risks: Urban roads. A12 and lane walking. Train station safety. Railway crossings.

Park in the street in Saxmundham.

Head to the train station and catch a train to Darsham.

From Darsham, head SW along the A12. There is a footpath.

Head into the hall grounds to join the footpath.

Head west on the footpath, Yoxman Statue, left.

Cross the river Yox and head west to the A1120.

Head SW along the Old High Road, church left. The road bends left, south.

Cross the A12 and head south to a footpath beside Cullcutt Close.

Head SE on this footpath. At the meadow, head left, south, to the SE corner.

Enter the next meadow and head SE towards the railway line.

Cross the tracks and zigzag SE to Littlemoor Road. Continue SE.

Turn right, SW, along Fordley Road.

Before the train tracks, turn left, SE, onto a signed path.

There is a right, left kink. Continue SE to Boundary Farm.

Head SW along the farm access lane.

At a Y junction, turn left, south along Eastgreen.

Turn first right, west, to Redhouse Farm.

Continue slighlty south of west. Before the railway, turn left, south.

Follow the field boundaries to Lowes Hill road. Turn right along the road.

Turn first left, south, on a footpath to Clay Hills road.

Turn right along the road.

Before the train line, turn left, south, across an open field.

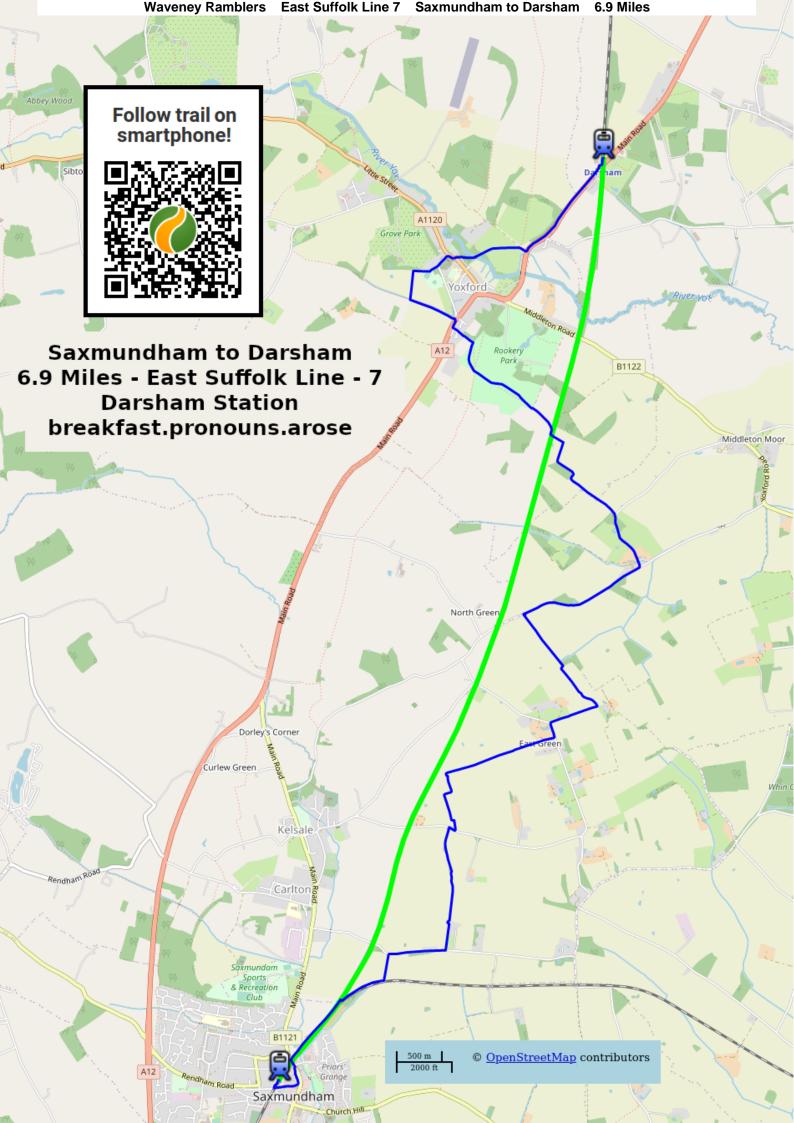
Turn right and follow the Sizewell branch line. Cross the railway.

Head SW, train lines left.

The path emerges in Saxmundham.

Turn left along the High Street.

Turn right into the Market Place and use Station Approach to return to the start.



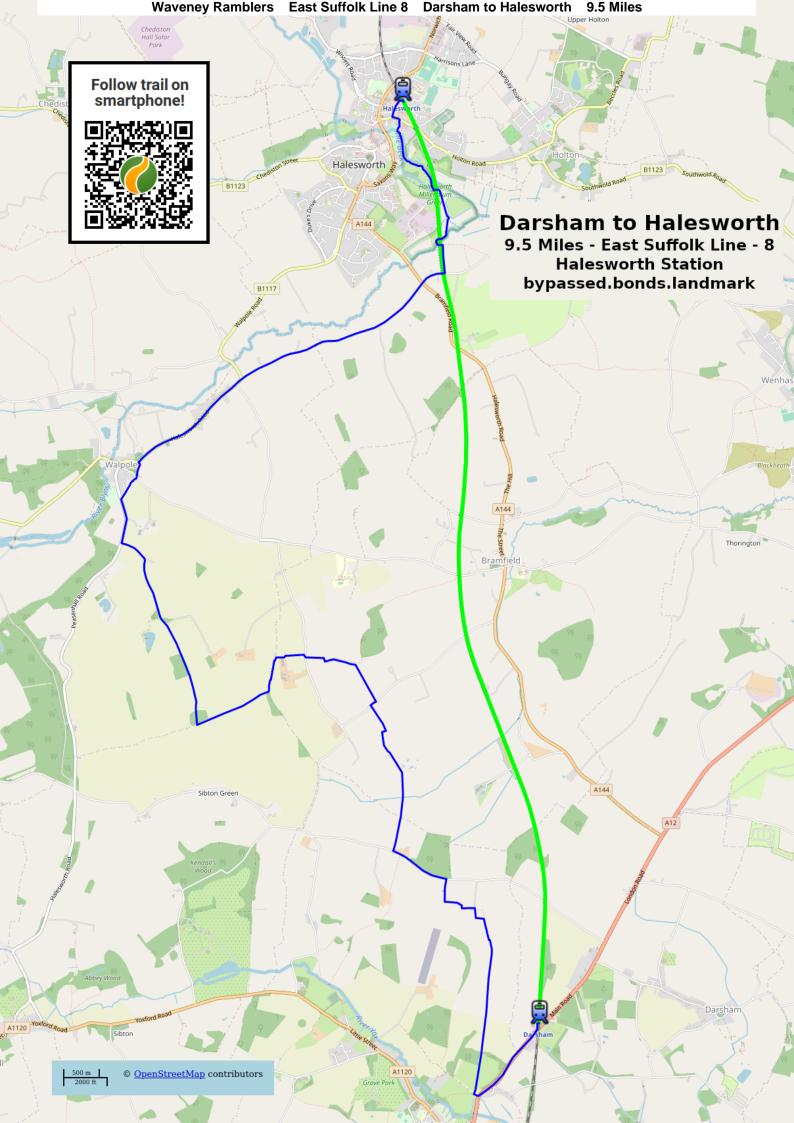
Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 8 Darsham to Halesworth

GPX for SatNav 9.5 Miles OS Map: X 231 Track: **TM 38876 77885** Updated: 2022-04-07

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Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 9 Halesworth to Beccles

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: TM 42611 90504 GPX for SatNav 11 Miles Updated: 2022-04-08

Risks: Railway crossing. Lane walking. Urban roads. Train station safety.

Park in Beccles. The Quay pay and display is 600 m, 10 minutes, from the station.

Catch a train to Halesworth.

Head east out of Halesworth station onto Bramblewood Road.

Head SE, later east, along Bramblewood Road.

At a footpath, turn right, south for 35 metres.

Turn left, NE, along Loam Pit Lane for 300 metres.

Turn right, east, off the lane.

Head east bending gently left, soon NE, along a footpath.

Turn right along Bungay Road for 20 metres.

Turn left, NE, later north, along a grassy track. Turn left, NW, along Sparrowhawk Road.

After 290 metres, turn right, north, along a narrower road.

Follow the road left, west, at farm buildings. Turn right, north, into Butt's Road.

Cross the railway and continue north along Butt's Road.

At a crossroads, go ahead, north, still on Butt's Road. Head past two silos.

Turn right, east, into Wangford Road.

100 metres after a right bend, turn left, NE, onto a footpath.

Follow this path NE and north, between fields to more farm buildings.

Head roughly north through the farm buildings.

Ignore a lane off to the right and continue north. Turn left, NW, hedge left.

Continue NW across an open field, then boundary right, to Halesworth Road.

Cross Halesworth Road and head NW, hedge right.

The path kinks right and left, NW, hedge now left.

Turn left, SW, hedge left, and after 70 metres, right, NW, hedge left.

Mid field, kink left and right, north, across a ditch.

Before a stream, turn right, NE for a few paces.

Turn left and right, NE, meadow and stream left.

Follow this path NE to the Redisham Hall grounds.

When the access road bends right, continue ahead, north, through a gate into grazing, stream left.

Follow the stream to another gate. Leave the meadow and continue NE, later east, hedge left.

Turn left, NE, into woodland and cross the stream and a field access track.

Follow this path to Pound Farm. Turn right and left, north, onto Redisham Road.

At the village crossroads, turn right, NE, along Cromwell Road to the Horseshoes (refreshments).

600 metres after the pub, turn left, north, onto a footpath.

Ignore a right turn and head north into Primrose Lane.

Continue north when the lane merges with Ringsfield Road.

At a right bend in the road, continue ahead, north, into Hangmans Lane.

Head downhill and before Bungay Road, turn right into The Dell avoiding the tarmac.

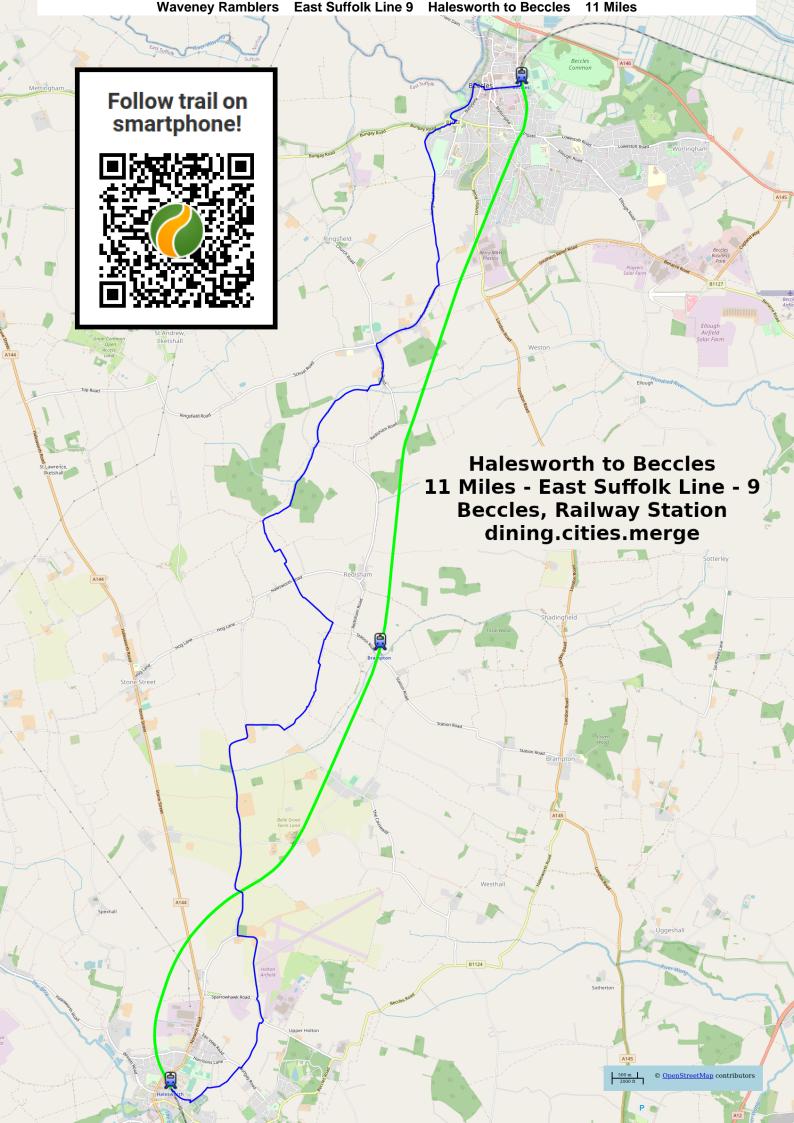
At the Dell car park, head 30 metres east along Bungay road, then sharp left, NW, into a meadow.

Keep right across the meadow, downhill and turn right, NE, along Puddingmoor to Saint Michael's Church.

From the church, head back to your parking place.

To return to the quay, head north along The Walk, Saltgate, Northgate and finally Fen Lane.

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East Suffolk Line 10 Beccles to Oulton Broad South Waveney Ramblers

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: **TM 51914 92207 GPX for SatNav** 9.5 Miles Updated: 2022-04-09

Risks: Urban road walking. Train journey. Riverside path can be slippery and hard going in foul weather.

Park at Beccles Quay pay and display.

Walk 0.6 miles to the railway station and catch a train to Oulton Broad South.

From Oulton Broad South station, head east, up the steps to the road.

Turn left, north, and cross the railway.

Turn left, west, down more steps, coming out in Marsh Road.

Bear right, west, along the smaller lane, hedge left.

When the lane bends right, north, go ahead, west, into the holiday park.

Cross some access roads and continue west between the chalets.

Leave the holiday park and continue west, hedge right.

At the hotel, continue west, hedge right.

The path bends right, north, for a few paces, then left, west again.

Don't take the branch right, north.

Continue west then SW to the Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve.

Pause for toilets and Cafe.

Return to the track to the river and head NW.

The path bends a little, always heading roughly NW.

At the river turn left, SW, and follow the path all the way to Beccles, river right.

This is a delight in fine weather but a slog if conditions are foul.

Follow the meanders in the river, always keeping to the riverside path.

This leg is nearly 7 miles.

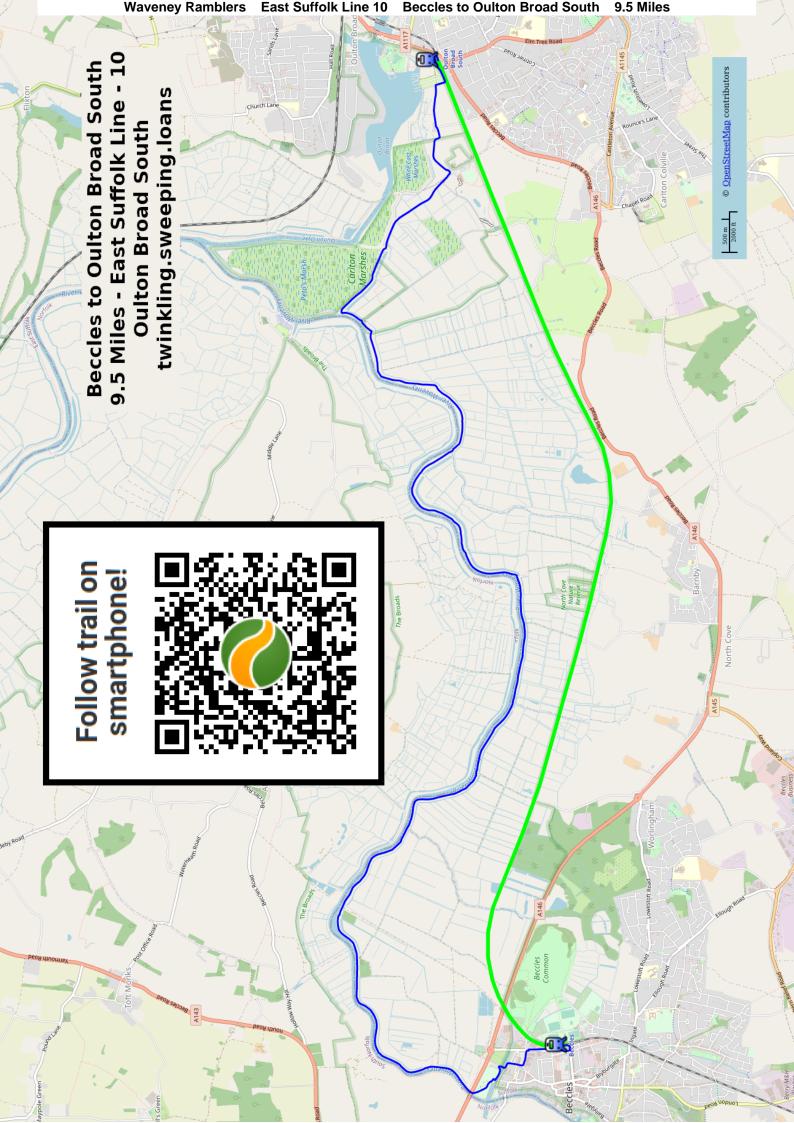
At Beccles, cross under the A146 bypass bridge.

At the marina, turn left, SE, and head past the moored boats.

For the cafe and toilets, cross the footbridge, right, south.

For the car park, continue SE along a narrower cut and moorings.

Turn left into the car park.



Oulton Broad South to Lowestoft Waveney Ramblers East Suffolk Line 11

10 Miles OS Map: OL40 Track: **TM 54758 92873 GPX for SatNav** Updated: 2022-04-10

Risks: Urban roads. Riverside path. Railway crossings. A47.

Park near Lowestoft Railway station or at Ness Point (Free).

Get a train to Oulton Broad South.

From the platform, head to Bridge Road and turn left.

Opposite Saint Mark's, go left across the car park.

Follow the footpaths to Nicholas Everitt Park.

Cut through the park or follow the waterside for a slightly longer route.

At The Boulevard, head right, east, cafe, toilets.

Turn left towards the Wherry Inn. Cross the lifting bridge.

Head past the Wherry Inn. Turn left along Commodore Road.

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At Caldecott Road, turn left, west.

Zigzag SW to join Romany Road. Head west.

Continue west, left, along Borrow road.

Cross the railway bridge. Turn left, NW, along a footpath.

At Saint Michael's Church, turn left west along Queen's Highway.

Drop down and turn left, SW, along Fisher Row.

Cross the railway and head to the river.

Turn right, NW, and follow the river path.

Turn right, east, and cross the railway again, along Gravel Dam.

Turn left, NE, along Fisher Row. Turn right, east, along Queen's Highway.

Turn left, north along Wood Lane. Turn right, NE along Hall Lane.

Turn left, north along the B1074. Turn right, off the road, onto a footpath.

Head NE, hedge right. Head east along Union Lane.

Cross the B1375 and head east along Oulton Road North.

Turn left, NE, into Tubby Walk. Turn left, north, into Fallowfields.

Soon after Lawn Grove, turn right, NE, on a foot/cycle path.

Cross the Millennium Way. Continue NE along Jenkins Green.

Turn left, north, along Johnson Way. Turn right, NE, along Bentley Drive.

At the A47 roundabout, cross the main road and head south along the A47.

Turn first left off the A47 onto the footpath to Ness Point.

Head east on the woodland footpath. Turn right, SE, along Woodlands Path.

Turn left, roughly east, along Hubbards Loke.

Cross Corton Road and head into the heathland. Drop down to beach level.

Head south along the sea wall to Ness Point.

Continue south on the sea wall. At the harbour, turn right, west.

At the roundabout, turn left, SW, along the A47, Battery Green Road.

Follow this, passing the inner harbour to reach the station.

