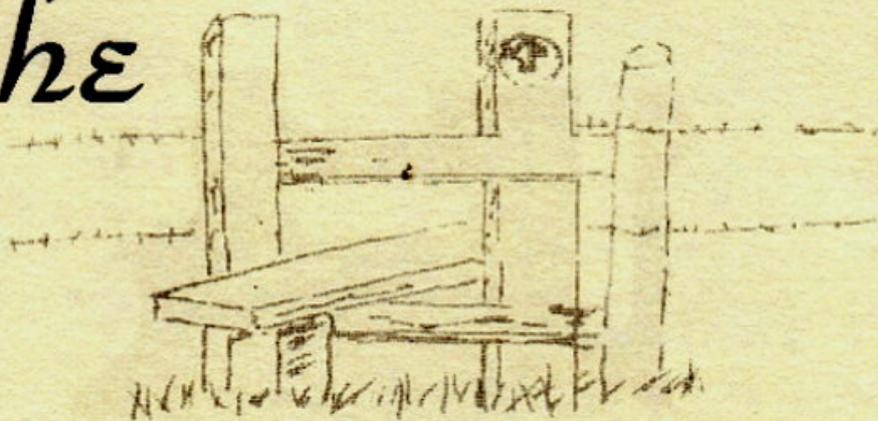


The



Waveney Way

a long distance footpath around
the Waveney District



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The Waveney district in north-east Suffolk is bounded, north by the River Waveney, west by the Saints, south by the river Blyth and east by the North Sea. The Waveney Way is a circular walk, roughly following these boundaries. The distance is 76 miles over varied landscapes with pastures, heathland, ploughed fields, marshland, rivers, streams, coastal walking, some woodland and the broads. There is historical interest with fascinating towns and villages. There are castles, in varying states of decay, a ruined priory and minster, round and square-towered flint churches. There's bird and animal life, not to mention the flora with bulbs, bluebells and orchids in spring and hedgerow fruits in season. The route has been tweaked to include the new Gull Wing bridge and a river path at Oulton.

Editions 1 and 2 were written as a series of short linear walks, needing public transport or teamwork with more than one vehicle. Edition 3 was rewritten as 165 miles of circular walks which cover the entire way. The boardwalk at Potter's Bridge has become unsafe and lost. The route has been diverted. Gull Lane, Shipmeadow, is frequently choked with nettles, brambles and fallen branches. Near the north end it's very slippery with wet clay over smooth concrete. The route has been diverted to avoid this. Pubs, tea rooms, parking places and bus/railway stops have been included on the maps. Downloadable KML and GPX files are included for SatNav owners. The tracks have been shared on Wikiloc.

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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 1 Ness Point, Corton and the Gull Wing

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Park in Whapload Road (Sparrows Nest).

Consider reversing this walk if it's windy. Along the sea wall it's very exposed. The map shows more sheltered alternatives.

Head west into the park land and aim for the NW corner.
At the bottom of The Ravine, go left, SW, up steep steps.
Visit the Naval War Memorial, then head NW to the ironwork bridge over the ravine.
Cross the bridge and head left, west, along North Parade.
Turn right, NW, along the A12. Cross at the pelican crossing.
Head roughly south along the shared cycle and footpath disused railway line.
This path bends SW and later south again.
At a staggered crossroads, go ahead, south. Merge south into Barnards Way.
Cross the retail parking diagonally, SE.
Head down a bank and cross Peto Way.
Head east, under the Gull Wing overpass.
Circle left onto Denmark Road, then left, across the Gull Wing bridge, south.
Turn left, east, along Waveney Drive.
Turn left, north, Asda right. Follow the waterside path.
Turn right, east, and head to Belvedere Road.
Note the fisherman memorial and stay close to the river.
Merge into Pier Terrace and head north across the bascule bridge.
Turn right into Waveney Road, harbour right. Merge NE, into Battery Green Road.
Turn right, east, into Hamilton Road.
At the end, use the steps to get to the sea wall path. Head North to Ness Point.
Continue north along the sea wall.
For a shorter walk, head through the caravan park back to the car park.
The full walk continues north along the sea wall path.
Cut diagonally, NW, across the Gunton Warren car park.
Leave via the narrow vehicle exit and cross Links Road.
Head north into the trees. Continue north, slightly uphill to an unexpected spring.
Cross the stream and continue north along the beach.
Turn left, west, and head towards the Dip Farm car park.
Continue west passing the coffee house and Pleasurewood Hills, right.
Turn left, SE, along a woodland path towards Gunton, Saint Peter's church.
Turn left, east, along Hubbard's Loke. Turn right, south along Corton Road.
Turn left, east, along Links Road. Don't drop down too far.
Turn right, south, along Gunton Cliff and later North Parade.
Turn left, down steps, emerging at the bottom of The Ravine.
Head left to return to the car park.

There is a useful cafe in the Sparrows Nest park.



**Ness Point, Corton and the Gull Wing
5 or 8.2 Miles - Waveney Way - 1
Lowestoft, Whapload Road
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 2 Corton and Blundeston

OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 54635 96268](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 5 or 6.6 Miles Updated: 2024

Park at Corton Woods, Dip Farm, Gail's Coffee Rush.

This is the safer 6.6 mile route.

Head north through the woodland, Pleasurewood Hills left.
The footpath emerges onto Corton Road. Head left, north.
At the T junction, continue north on the Coast Road.
At the playing fields, go left, NW, and cross the grassy fields.
Exit the playing fields into Mills Drive. Go left, west.
Continue ahead, west, through a narrow alley.
Turn right, north, along Station Road. Turn left, NW, along Wheatacre Drive.
At the end, turn left, west, and cross the field, then west through woods.
Continue roughly west between fields.
Cross a sleeper bridge and go west. Use the footpath, trees left, not the service road.
Cross the A47. Cross Gorleston Road. Head left, south, along Gorleston Road.
After the White House Farm entrance, turn right, west on a footpath.
Drop down into the valley and turn left, SW, stream right.
Turn right, NW, over the stream and through the woods.
Head NW across the open field. At a lane, turn left, SW, for a few paces.
Turn right, SW, across another open field. Turn left along Market Lane and pass the Plough Inn.
Continue to Hall Lane passing a children's play area and the Millennium Green entrance.
Turn left, east, along Lowestoft Road.
At the Blundeston Hall moat, turn right, SW, on a footpath for 230 metres.
Turn left, SE, across an open field. Aim for the left end of the trees opposite.
After one more field, turn right, SW, to Whitehouse Farm, then Old Hall Farm.
Just before the ivy-covered ruins of Saint Andrew's church, turn left, east, soon SE, then south.
Turn left, east, and exit the fields into Union Lane. Head east.
Cross the B1375 and head SE along Oulton Road North. Turn left, NE, into Tubby Walk.
Turn left, north, into Fallowfields. Turn right, NE, on a footpath to the A12.
Cross the A12 and continue NE. Turn left, NE, along Jenkins Green.
Turn left, NW, along Johnson Way.
Turn right, NE, along Bentley Drive all the way to the Tesco roundabout.
Cross the A47 and head SE, soon east, behind the Harvester (left).
Just before the Travelodge, turn right, south, soon SE into parkland.
Head east, then NE, to merge with Leisure Way. Turn right, NE, along Leisure Way.
Head east passing Pleasurewood Hills, left.
Emerge at Gail's Coffee House and return to the parking.



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**Corton and Blundeston
5 or 6.6 Miles - Waveney Way - 2
Gunton, Dip Farm
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 3 Somerleyton and Blundeston

OS Map: OL 40 Track: [TM 48492 97312](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 9.5 Miles Updated: 2024

Park in The Street near the Somerleyton Village Hall.

Head east along The Street to the B1074 junction.

Note the hovercraft commemorating Sir Christopher Cockerell, the inventor.

Continue NE along the B1074.

Turn right, north, along Market Lane.

Turn right, east, towards Somerleyton Hall.

Turn left, north, along a track, hedge right all the way to Saint Mary's church.

Soon after the church, turn right, east, along Snake's Lane (Track).

At the Lound, Village Maid, turn right, south.

Turn left, east, along Blacksmith's Loke.

Continue NE across a field to Cuckoo Green.

Turn left, NE, towards Back Lane. Turn right, SE, along Back Lane.

Turn left, NE, along Dorking Lane. Turn right, south, on a footpath.

At Jay Lane, cross over with a left and right turn and continue south on a footpath.

Turn right, west, towards Brickhill Wood.

Turn left, south, leaving Brickhill Wood behind.

The path bends right, SW, towards Blundeston. Emerge into The Pippins.

Head south along The Pippins. Turn right, west, into Orchard Close.

Turn left, south, into Orchard Lane.

At the end, turn left, east, towards the village pond.

At the pond, turn right, south, along Market Lane to the Plough Inn.

Soon after Short Road, turn right into parkland and head NW towards Church Road.

Turn left, SW to Saint Mary's church. Soon after, turn left, south on a footpath.

At Hall Road, turn right and head SW.

At the B1074, Flixton Road, turn left, then right, SW, along Blundeston Marsh Lane (Track).

Merge into Waddling Lane and head west. Turn first left, SW, and head down to the marshes.

Turn right, west, on a footpath by Warren Carrs.

Merge with Waddling Lane and head west. This track bends right, north.

Turn left, SW, along Station Road.

Before the station, turn right, NW.

Turn left, NW off this track and head into the boatyard.

Head north between the stored boats. The access road bends right, NE.

Turn left and right through a hedge gap and head east along Brickfields.

At The Street, optionally go left to the Duke's Head pub.

Alternatively, turn right, east, along The Street and return to the village hall.

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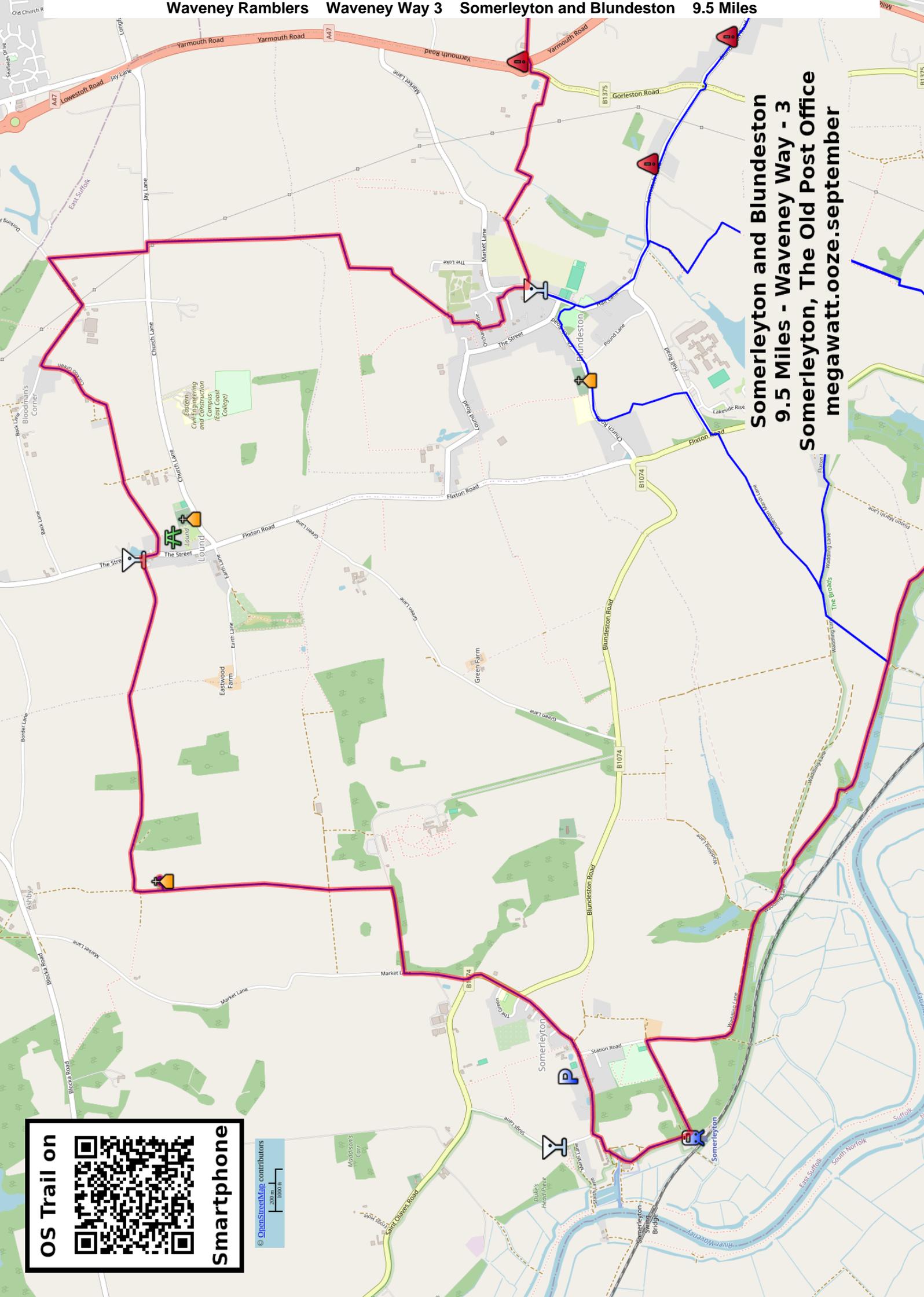
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9.5 Miles - Waveney Way - 3
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 4 Flixton and Oulton

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Park in the public area beside Oulton Saint Michael's church.

Head north along the track, Saint Michael's church left.

Veer right, NE, along this same track.

Turn left, north, along Church Lane.

Turn right, east, on a footpath.

Turn left, north, on a footpath parallel with Hobbs Close.

Turn right, NE, towards a pond. Pass the pond and continue east.

After Limes Primary Academy, turn left, north, towards Hall Lane (B1074).

At the B1074, caution, turn left, west. Follow the B1074 right, north.

At the next left bend, continue ahead, north, on a footpath to Saint Andrew's ruins.

Continue north and NE to Old Hall Flixton and Whitehouse Farm.

Here the OS map shows the path north of the farm. This is a lost path.

Instead turn left, west, farm right. The track bends left, SW.

At the B1074, turn right, NW.

Turn first left, west. There is a disused phone box at the junction.

Merge with the Blundeston Marsh Lane. Continue west.

Turn first left, SW, and drop down to the marsh.

Turn left, east, along the Angles Way.

Follow the Angles Way as it bends right, south.

The path enters and leaves grazing areas.

There is a woodland leg with very uneven tree roots.

Continue south along the Queen's Highway.

The next river leg can be skipped if the weather is bad or time is short.

Before the Oulton, Saint Michael's junction, turn right, NW soon west.

Head across the railway to the river.

At the river, turn left, south. Follow the river path.

After the quay, the path bends left, SE.

After 500 metres, turn left, north, and head across the railway line.

Continue NE and near Saint Michael's church, turn right, SE, to return to the car park.

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**Flixton and Oulton
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Oulton, Saint Michael
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 5 Oulton and Carlton Marshes

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Park at Oulton, Saint Michael's Church.

Please use the public area and not the church reserved zone.

Head SW, soon south, on a footpath, paddocks right.

Merge with Prospect Road and continue south.

Merge into Borrow Road. This bends left, east.

Fork right, SE, into Romany Road. Cross Caldecott Road and head east through the buildings.

These footpaths zigzag L, R, L, R, L, eventually rejoining Caldecott Road. Head east.

Turn sharp right, SW, into Commodore Road.

Follow this past the Commodore pub to the Wherry Inn.

Cross the wooden lifting bridge, SW. Turn right, west, along The Boulevard, cafe and toilets left.

Head into the Everitt Park and stay close to the water's edge.

Follow this waterside path, over a footbridge, to the sailing club.

Continue along the waterside, soon west, parallel with Landspring Drain.

Continue zigzagging roughly west, always on the path nearest Oulton Broad.

Eventually this path ends. To the right is a new bird hide 250 metres north.

Turn left twice and head SE to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust visitor centre.

Near the visitor centre, turn left, NE, or first visit the facilities and cafe.

Turn right and soon left, east, Ivy House Hotel left. Continue east.

Head east through the middle of the caravan park and merge with Marsh Road.

Head up to Bridge Road, railway station right.

Opposite Saint Mark's Church, turn left, west, across the car park.

Follow the access road, right, north, trees left.

Turn left, west, Banksy under the bridge. Cross the bridge.

Turn right, north, then right, east, to return to the broad, toilets and cafe.

Head back towards the Wherry Inn across the lifting bridge.

Before the Inn, turn right, east, to cross under Bridge Road. At high tide this path floods.

Head to the roundabout, then turn sharp right, SE, towards the boatyards.

Cross under the railway, east. Beyond the boatyards, take the path left, north.

Turn left, west, along Harbour Road and cross the railway.

Turn right, NE, towards Oulton Broad North station.

Cross another railway, then left, west, along Holly Road.

The roundabout islands provide a safer road crossing.

Follow Holly Road as it bends right, north. Turn left, west, along Hall Road.

Turn right, north, along a woodland footpath. At Sands Lane, turn left, west.

Continue SW and merge into Church Lane. Turn right, west, to stay on Church Lane.

Return to the church and parking.

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**Oulton and Carlton Marshes
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Oulton, Saint Michael
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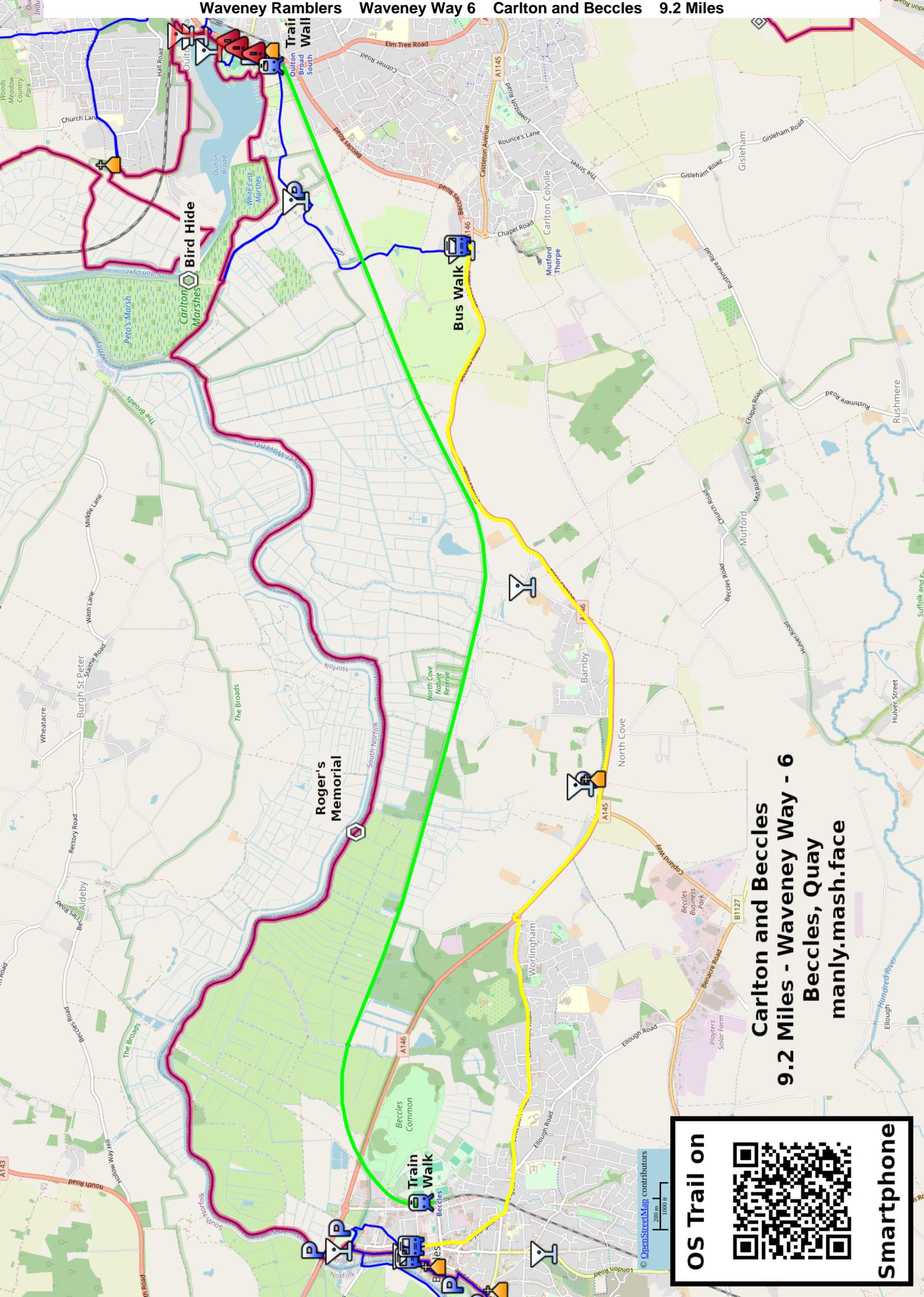
Catch a bus from Beccles to the the Carlton Crown at Carlton Colville.
Walk back to Beccles along the river path. This is slippery and muddy in winter.

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.



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Carlton and Beccles
9.2 Miles - Waveney Way - 6
Beccles, Quay
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Park at the "Dell".

This is off the B1062 Bungay Road just west of the the Beccles town sign and Ringsfield Road.

There is more parking in Ringsfield Road, near the church and primary school.

Head NE along the Bungay Road then, at the town sign, left along Ballygate.

Head past the museum and fine views, left. Turn left, west, down Stepping Hill.

Turn right, north, along Puddingmoor. Turn right, east, up steps to the church.

Head left, north along Saltgate, soon Northgate. Note the scores left.

These led to wharfs before the marshes were drained and Beccles was still a sea port.

Turn left, west, along Bridge Street and cross the Waveney River.

Turn left, south, along the meandering river path all the way to Dunburgh.

At the steps up to dunburgh the river path continues but it's muddy and flooded, shin deep, at high tide.

This route is very attractive but expect fallen trees, mud, wet feet and paddling!

The safer route goes up the steps, north, to Dunburgh.

Turn left, west, along Dunburgh Road.

Turn left, west, along The Street and head to the Wherry Inn.

Turn left, south, along Station Road.

At a right bend, turn left, south, along the Locks Lane. Follow this to the Locks Inn.

From the Locks Inn, head SW and cross the canal and disused lock and also the River Waveney.

Head roughly south, ditch right, across two meadows. There might be cattle.

Turn left, east, along the Angles Way.

After some woodland, go through a gate and head SE, woods left.

Turn left, mostly east, and continue on the Angles Way.

The track emerges onto the B1062, Bungay Road. Continue east.

Just after the Pilgrims Way, turn right, south, onto a woodland path, Hangman's Lane.

Turn left, NE, up a steep bank used by all terrain bikers.

Head east through the woodland Dell back to the car park.

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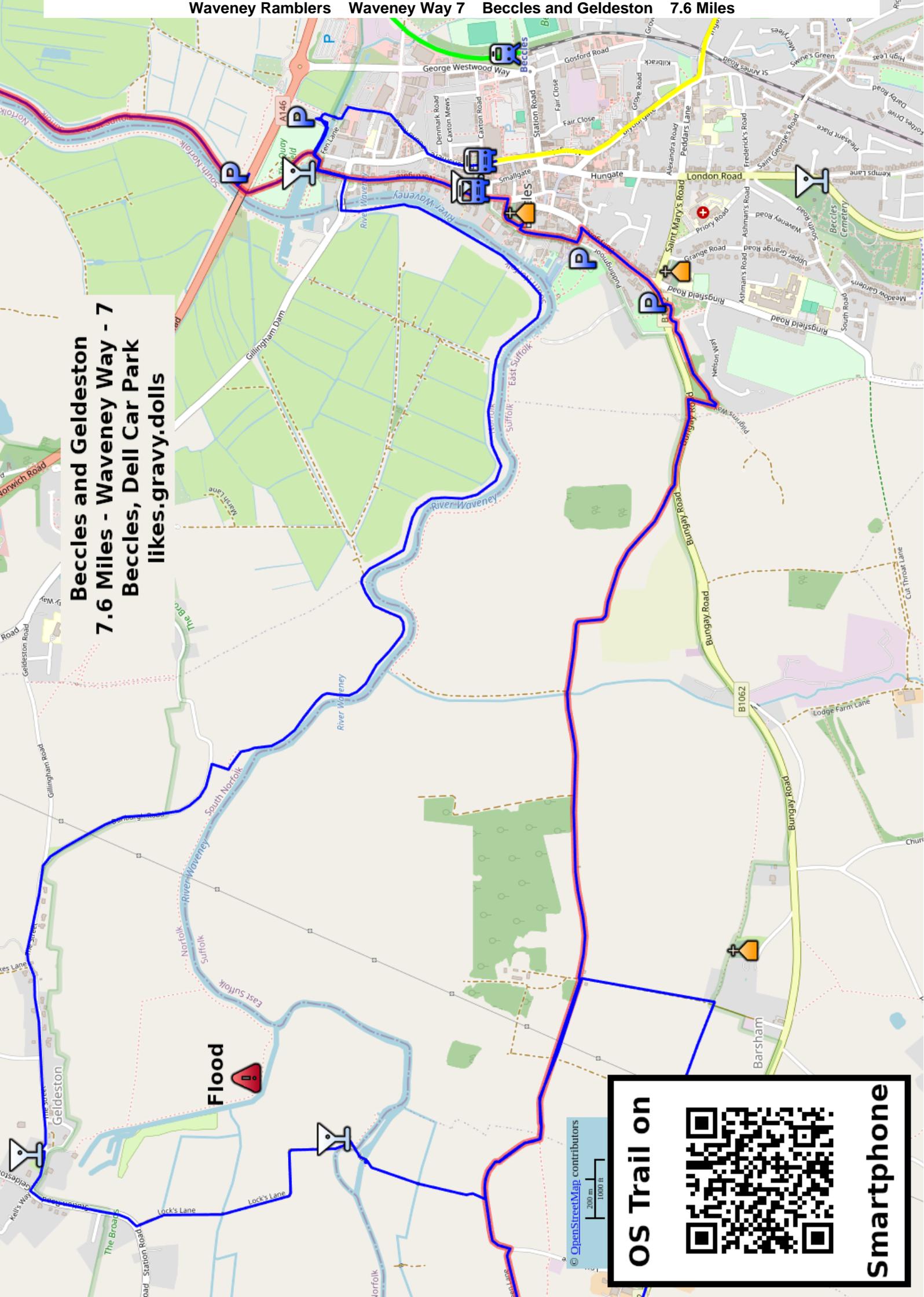
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**Beccles and Geldeston
7.6 Miles - Waveney Way - 7
Beccles, Dell Car Park
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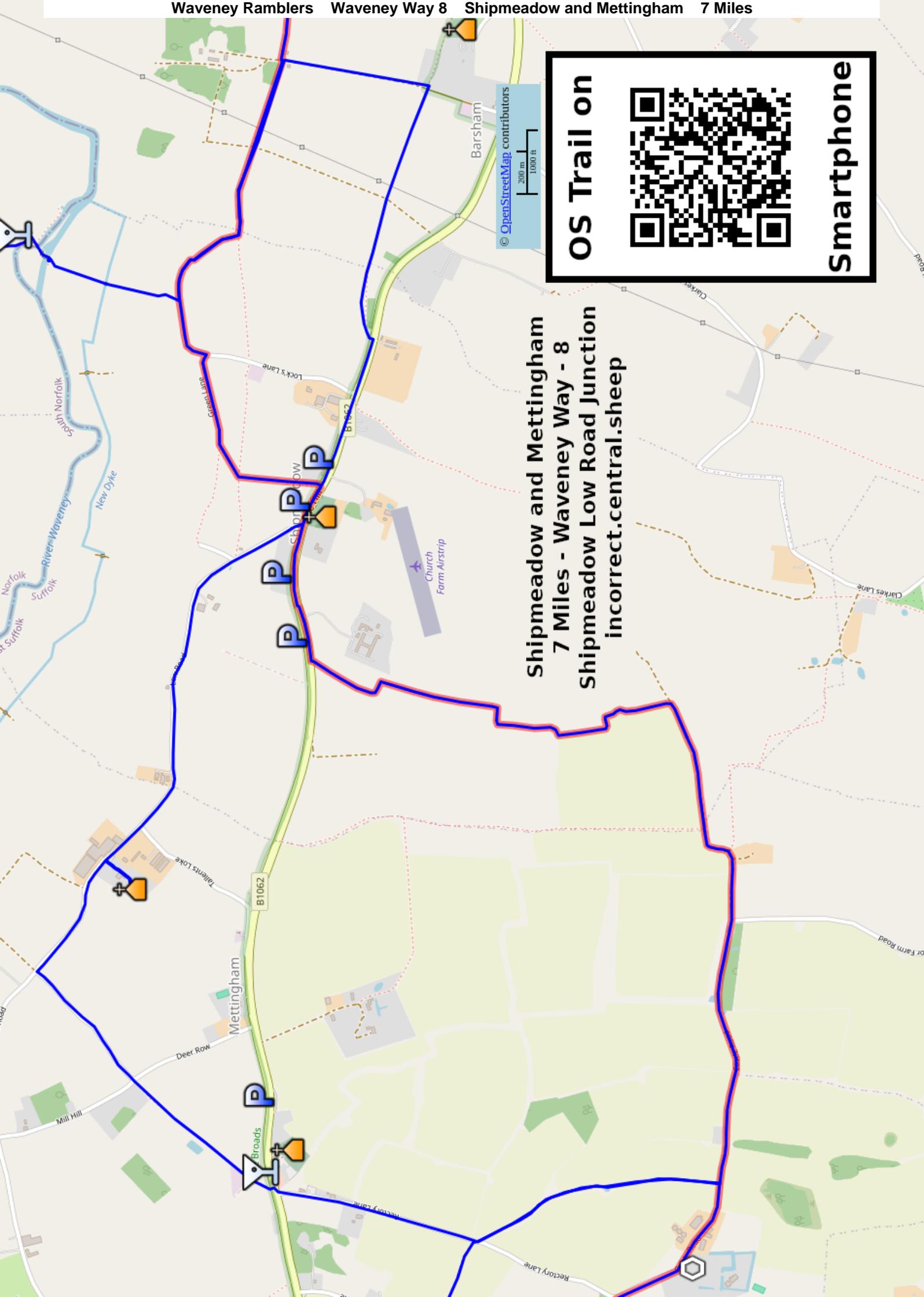
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Park in any of the cluster of four Shipmeadow lay-bys.
Meet at the Shipmeadow village sign at the junction with Low Road.

Head east along the B1062 to the Maisebrooke Farm Shop.
Opposite the shop access lane, turn left, north, over a stile.
Head east through the fields. This path is rarely reinstated. Roughly follow the power lines.
Continue east on a better path towards Barsham.
Turn left, north, along Callender Houses towards the Barsham Hall remains.
Turn left, west, along the Angles Way.
Turn right, NW, and follow the field perimeter, woodland right.
Go right and left through a gate and continue NW in woodland.
Merge with and follow Locks Lane going west.
Just after a left bend, turn right, west, along Green Lane.
Turn left, SW, over a ditch, up decayed steps and over a stile.
Head SW across the field. Turn left, south, fence right, uphill.
At Hillcrest, emerge onto the B1062. This path needed pruning! Turn right, west.
Head past the walk start point and continue west.
After the turning into the Viewpoint Mews and after a layby, turn left, SW, hedge right.
Follow the field perimeter with about five hedge kinks going up to high ground.
Turn right, west, and follow the perimeter, hedge left.
Near the Highfields Farmhouse the track bends left and right. Continue west onto Castle Road.
Turn right, north, along the Angles Way, tree-lined path.
Turn right, north along Rectory Lane.
At the Tally Ho tearooms (closed), cross the B1062 and head NE to Mill Hill and Deer Row.
Cross these lanes and head NE on an unnamed lane.
At Low Road, turn right, SE.
Opposite farm buildings, turn right, SW, into the grounds of the Russian Orthodox chapel.
It's signed "The College of Our Lady of Mettingham".
The chapel is beyond the large white house and it's open to the public.
Follow Low Road, SE, back to the start point.

The original Waveney Way followed Gull Lane. This is usually flooded, overgrown and slippery. Only the intrepid or foolhardy should follow this line. Our preferred route follows the line of the Angles Way on a much safer path with better views. Gull Lane might be restored if a solar panel "farm" goes ahead.



Shipmeadow and Mettingham
7 Miles - Waveney Way - 8
Shipmeadow Low Road Junction
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 9 Bungay and Mettingham

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 33752 88760](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 6.3 Miles Updated: 2024

Park and meet in or near the lay-by beside Hillside Road West, Bungay. Head NE along Hillside Road West.

Cross the A144 and head east along Hillside Road East, towards Beccles.

Cross a stream. Just before the Co-op exit road, turn right, SE, along a footpath.

When the footpath joins Joyce Road and Meadow Road, head right, SE and again, right, SE.

Head SE past the children's playground to the end of the road.

Go SE through the gate through the meadow or, to avoid the cattle, use the parallel path slightly to the left, fence right.

Go SE through the gate at the far end of the meadow. The two paths re-join.

After one field, turn left, NE, hedge left and head uphill. Go through the gate.

Cross Annis Hill (tarmac) and continue NE, along Vicarage Lane.

After the farm buildings there are good views, left, over the Waveney valley.

(A short detour, left, along the Angles Way will give even better views from the hilltop.)

At the bungalow and lamp post, turn right, SE, away from the views. This path can be a running stream.

The route crosses Rectory Lane, SE, and heads into a leafy path, trees both sides (not the field perimeter).

This path bends right, south. At Castle Road, turn right, west.

Head past the Mettingham Castle ruins. At the Y-junction, bear left, west, along New Road.

At the T-junction, turn left, SE, along Lodge Road.

At the first house turn right, SW, and head along the sunken Scotchman's Lane.

Often this can be so overgrown that you have to use the parallel field perimeter, hedge left.

At the bottom of the valley, bear left, roughly south, along another leafy path with trees on both sides.

If this is overgrown, follow the parallel field perimeter, hedge left.

Cross a sleeper bridge. Cross the A144. Kink left and right and follow the footpath south, ditch left.

Follow the field perimeter, hedge right, south, then west and soon SW. Continue hedge right when path kinks right/ left.

At the next field boundary, don't follow Shoe Devil Lane. Continue SW, hedge right to the footbridge.

Turn right over the bridge and head NW across the open field maintaining a constant distance from the hedge, left.

Closer to the exit gap, a finger post might become visible in the trees. Head NW along the woodland path.

Continue NW, hedge left. Before the end of the field, turn left over a sleeper bridge and over a stile into a pasture.

Head NW across the pasture, hedge left. Leave by the metal gate in the NW corner. Turn left, SW, along tarmac.

At the crossroads, go straight ahead, SW, on tarmac.

Just after the fourth (ish) telephone pole, near the end of a clump of trees, head right, north, through the gap.

Cross the sleeper bridge.

Head north across the open field, later hedge left. Cross another sleeper bridge and continue north, no hedges.

Head north over a cross track into a sunken path, often wet and sometimes overgrown, sometimes a stream.

Follow the sunken path to Saint Margaret's Road. At the tarmac, turn left, north,

At Hillside Road West, turn right to return to the lay-by.

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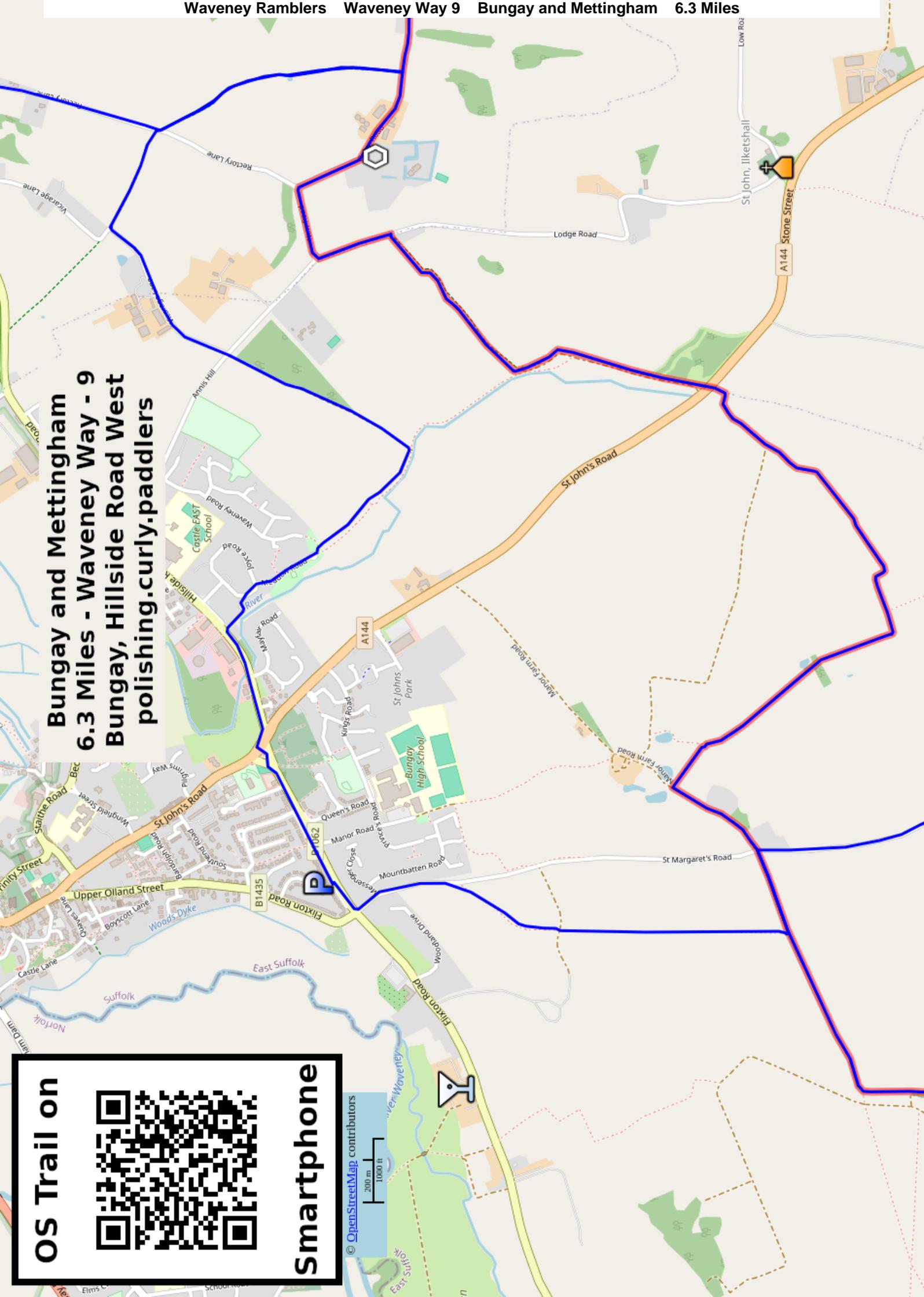
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**Bungay and Mettingham
6.3 Miles - Waveney Way - 9
Bungay, Hillside Road West
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Park on the grass verge opposite the church of Saint Margaret of Antioch.

Head east on a footpath across an open field.

Turn left, north, towards Hollow Bridge.

Turn right, east, on a footpath, The Beck is to the left.

Follow the stream east to Wash Lane.

Cross the stream and the Wash Lane.

Head east, beck right.

Cross another lane and follow the beck east, stream right.

Ignore the path to Low Farm and continue east.

Turn left, NW, towards Charity Farm.

The path kinks left, right, right, around the farm perimeter.

Now head north along Saint Margaret's Road, passing The Elms. This is a 2km, 30 minute leg.

Level with Three Ash Farm, turn left, west and go past Uplandhall Farm.

Turn left, south, trees right. This is the airfield perimeter and the Angles Way.

At a fork, go straight and ignore the left branch to Shadowbarn Farm.

Turn right, SW, leaving Shadowbarn Farm behind.

Follow this track SW, later west, passing Sternacre Farm.

Cross Abbey Road and continue west on the Angles Way.

Turn left, south along Grange Road and pass the mushroom farm.

Turn right, SW, on the Angles Way. Follow the field perimeter R, L, R, L.

In a dip, branch left, south and climb gently to a small wood.

In another dip, go ahead, south, and cross the beck. Continue south.

At tarmac, turn left, east, back to the church of Saint Margaret of Antioch.

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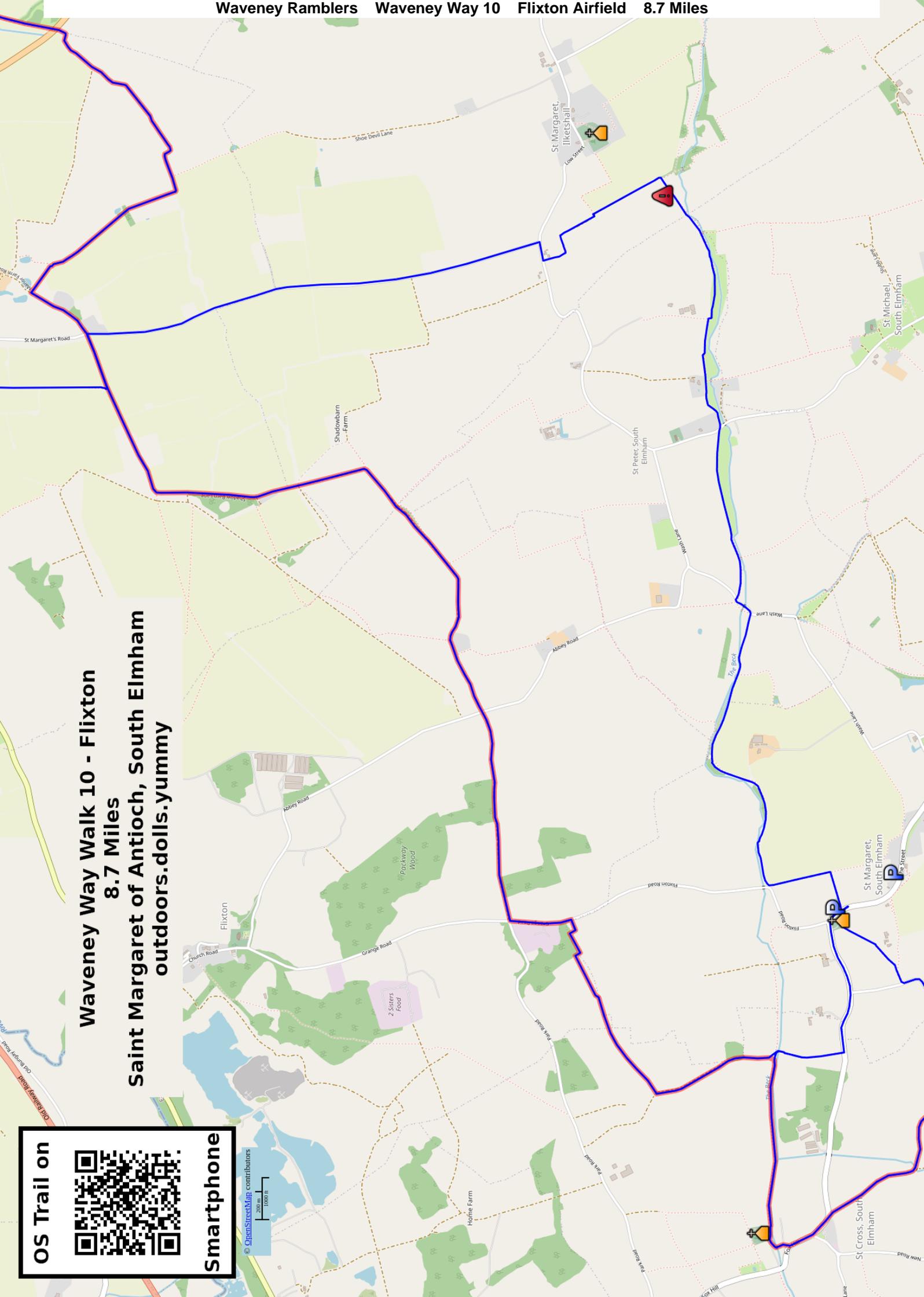
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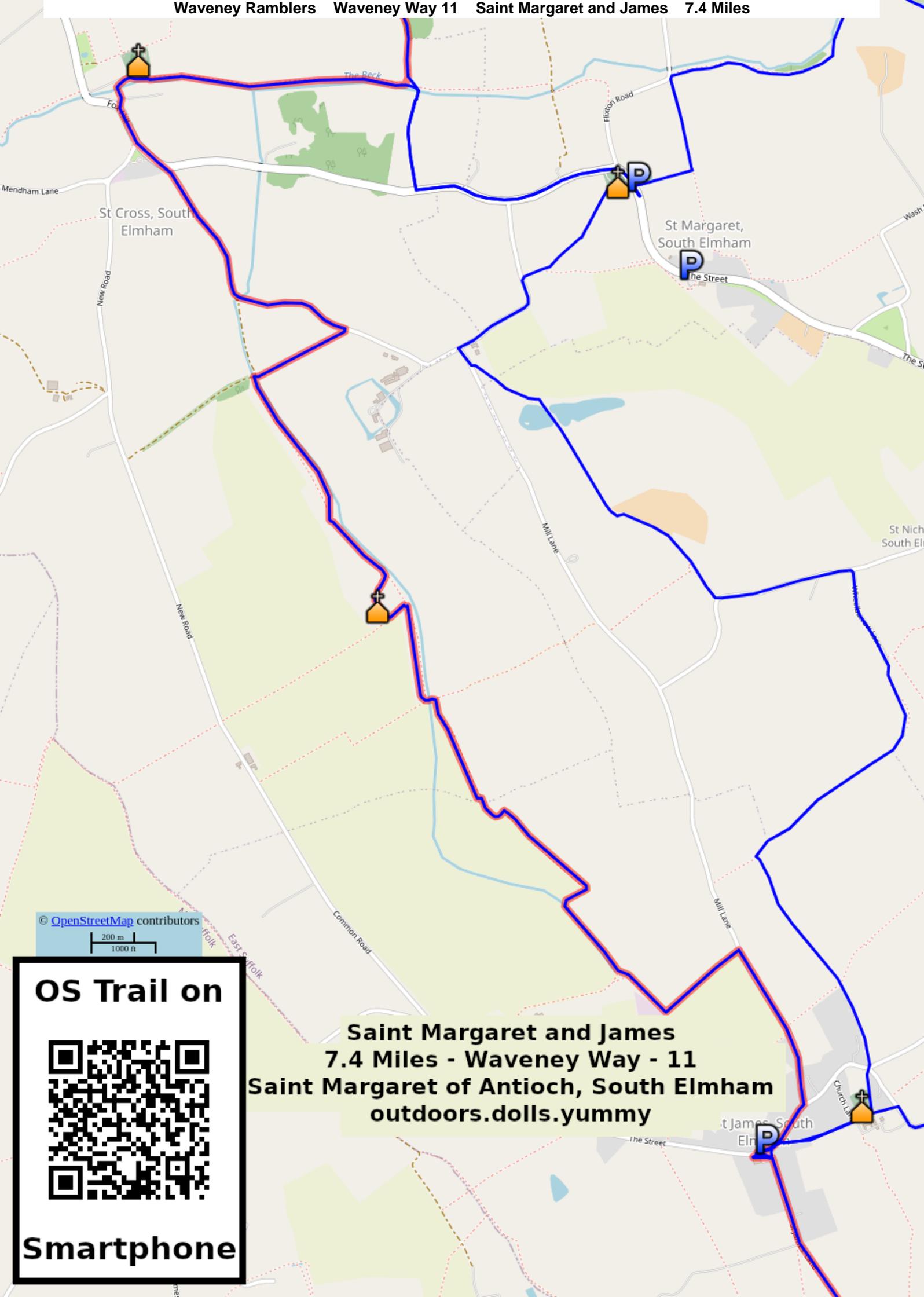
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OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 31476 83938](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 7.4 Miles Updated: 2024

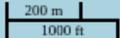
Park on the grassy verge opposite the church of Saint Margaret of Antioch.

Head NW along The Street, church left. Turn left, west, church left.
Turn right, north, on a footpath and head down to The Beck and cross over.
Turn left, west, and follow The Beck, stream left.
Optionally visit the church of Saint George.
Turn left, south, and cross The Beck. Head SE up Fox Hill.
Left at the fork. Right at the next fork.
Before Saint Cross Farm, turn right, SW, and drop down to the valley.
In the dip, turn left, SE, and head through grazing. There might be cattle.
Optionally divert via the Minster Ruins (recommended).
Continue south through more grazing.
It might be better to cross the stream, mid meadow. The bridge is overgrown.
Head SE towards Park Barn.
After a pond, kink left and right and head SE, hedge right.
Turn right, SW, hedge right.
Turn left, SE, hedge and ditch right.
Turn left, NE, towards Mill Lane.
Head right, SE, along Mill Lane.
Merge into The Street and head SW.
Before the village hall and Saint James Lane, turn sharp left, east.
Follow the woodland path to the church of Saint James.
Optionally visit the church. After the church, turn left, north.
Cross Saint James Road and continue north, soon NW, hedge left.
At a T, turn right, NE, hedge right.
Follow the path as it bends left, north. Head through the Eel's Foot farm buildings.
At a tarmac T, turn left, west, and head to Old Hall Farm.
Turn right, NW, still towards Old Hall Farm.
After the farm, continue NW to fishing lakes. Head NW between the lakes.
Exit the fishing area and turn left, NW, towards Frog Hall.
Cross a cultivated garden and exit onto Mill Lane. Head right, NW.
Turn right, NE, uphill on tarmac. The road bends left, north.
Soon after the bend, turn right, NE, on a footpath.
Cross the second field, NE, avoiding the grounds of the Old Rectory.
Cross another field, NE, and head through the churchyard to return to the parking.

This walk lacks refreshments. The Rumburgh Buck and the Homersfield Black Swan are close.



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**Saint Margaret and James
7.4 Miles - Waveney Way - 11
Saint Margaret of Antioch, South Elmham
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 12 Saint James and Wissett

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 36558 79325](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.8 Miles Updated: 2024

Park in the village car park, Lodge lane, Wissett, opposite St. Andrew's Church.

Cross The Beck and head left, NW, then right, north, along Gray's Lane uphill.

Turn left, NW, later west, along Bank's Lane (Track) all the way to Rumburgh.

Turn right, north, along New Road.

Turn left, west, along The Street.

Turn right, north, on a footpath to The church of Saint Michael.

At the church, go left, west, to the road.

Turn right, north, along the road and cross The Beck.

Turn left, SW, Beck left.

Cross the beck and continue SW, Beck right.

Before Rookery Farm, the footpath crosses an open field, NW.

At two thirds of the width, turn left, SW, towards Rookery Lane.

If these paths have not been reinstated, it's possible to follow the Beck to Rookery Farm.

Turn right, NW, along Rookery Lane and head to Saint James' church.

Turn left, west, along Church Lane.

Optionally visit the church. Head west to the village hall.

Turn right, SE, along Saint James' Lane.

Turn left, NE, still on Saint James' Lane.

Turn right, SE, still on Saint James' Lane.

Continue SE as the lane dwindles to field perimeter paths.

The path briefly heads NE, then east, then SE.

Continue on this line to Chediston Road.

Turn right, SW, along Chediston Road.

Turn left, SE, towards Leggetts Farm.

Before the farm, the path kinks right and left through a hedge gap.

Continue SE through woodland followed by two left, right kinks. Continue SE.

At Wissett Road, turn left, NE, along Lodge Lane.

Follow the lane back to the car park.

There is a useful shortcut across a meadow soon after the last right bend.

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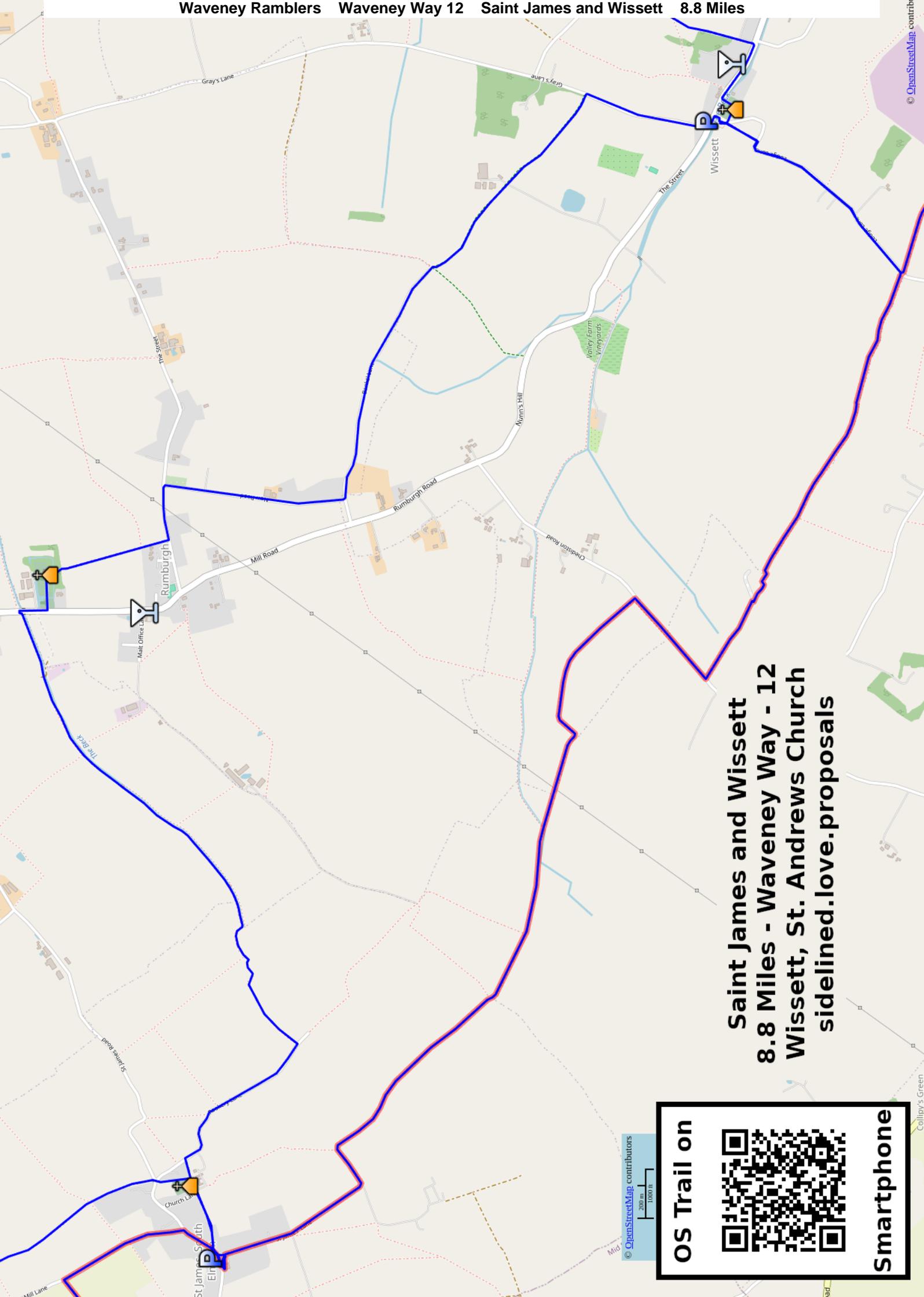
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 13 Wissett and Halesworth

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 36558 79325](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.2 Miles Updated: 2024

Park in the Wissett village car park close to St. Andrew's Church.

From the car park, head SW across the meadow, power lines and hedge left.

Back on tarmac, turn right, west. The road immediately bends left, SW.

After 770 metres, before a left bend, turn left, east, onto the signed footpath.

Continue SE, trees right, solar panels left.

Go through a hedge gap, then right on a wide farm track, soon heading SE, trees right.

Don't follow the main track right. Continue ahead, roughly east, trees right, through a hedge gap.

Continue east, woodland right with a good view towards Halesworth and the wind farm at Upper Holton.

Soon after power lines, the route east ends. Turn right, south, ditch right.

At the T-junction, turn left, east, power lines right.

At a crossroads in the path, go through the gate across the pasture, east.

There might be cattle. They mostly ignore the very frequent walkers.

Leave the meadow through another gate. Cross a bridge and head east towards the town centre.

Head east along Rectory Street then right, south, along Bridge Street.

Before the White Hart, turn left, east, across the car park.

Keep left to use the underpass to cross the A144, stream left.

After the toilets, head east across the parkland. Cross The Beck.

Turn left, north through new buildings, then right, east, along Quay Street.

Cross under the railway. Ignore the first footpath left.

Turn left, north, into Loam Pit Lane. This soon bends right, NE.

Ignore a footpath left. Continue NE. Cross under power lines and turn right, NE, power lines right.

Head through the gap and across the field, NE, on the diagonal path.

If that's missing, follow the field edge, north, then east, hedge left.

Go through the gap and head NE along a tree-lined path. Ignore a path right.

At the Bungay Road, turn right down the ramp. Cross the road and head NE over a bridge on the wide track.

Head towards the wind turbines, hedge left. The path kinks right and left to reach the road.

Turn left, NW, along Sparrowhawk Road, soon north.

Pass the Halesworth (Holton) Airfield Station 365 Memorial museum.

Turn right, north, along the N1 national cycle route.

The road bends left, west. Turn right north, still on the N1. This is Butt's Road.

Cross the railway. Continue north.

At the crossroads, turn left, west, along Noller's Lane, towards Spexhall.

Cross the A144 and continue west, soon SW, towards Spexhall.

At the T-junction, turn left, south, then right, west, into the churchyard.

Head west past the church. Head west through the gap and across the mown meadow.

Head SW across the open field.

At the bottom of the valley, go down a few decayed steps, cross the footbridge and head roughly west, ditch right.

Go through a gap. Continue SW, hedge right. Pass Halleluih Cottage, right and go through the last gap.

Cross the field, aiming for the gate in the SW corner. Turn right, NW, along the tarmac.

Ignore the first path left. Turn next left, SW, down Buntings Lane, wide enough for vehicles.

At the bottom, head right, west, along The Street.

Pass the Wissett, Suffolk Jungle Rooms cafe. Turn left over the footbridge into the churchyard.

Head round the church, south then west, back to the car park.

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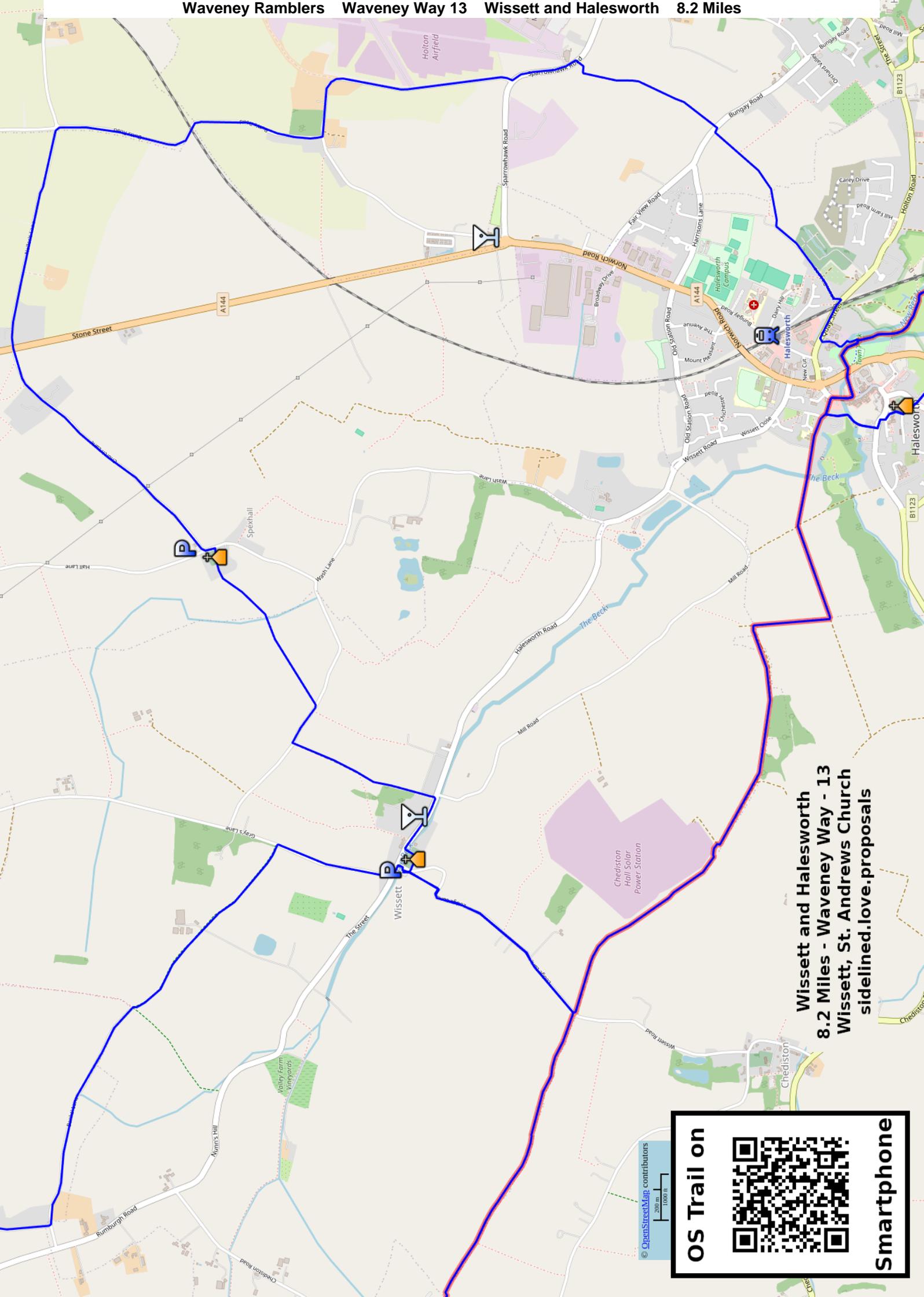
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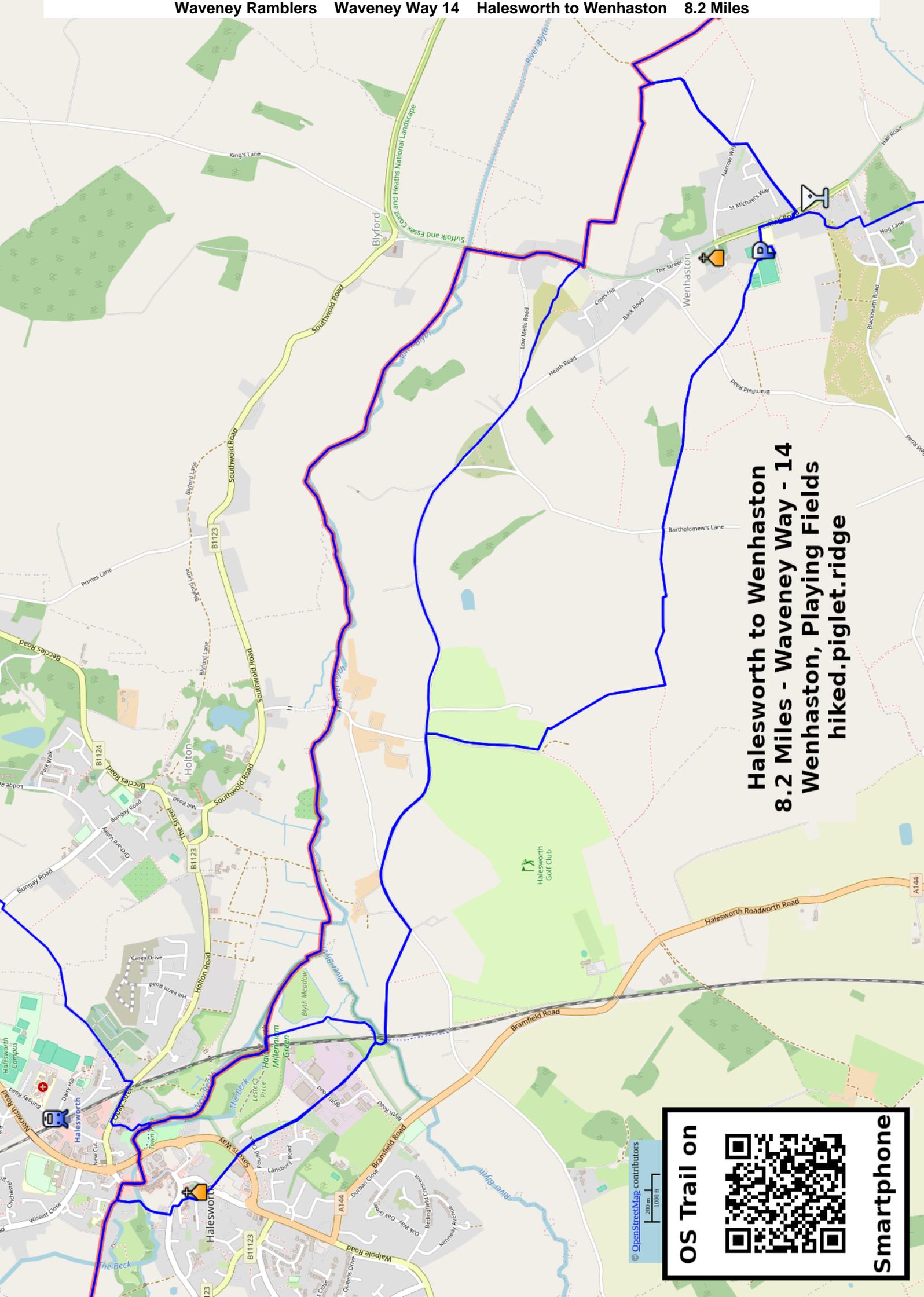
Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 14 Halesworth to Wenhaston

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 42535 75220](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.2 Miles Updated: 2024

Park at the Wenhaston Playing Fields. Head down the narrow lane beside the primary school. There is a lot more parking in the field left of and behind the pavillion.

Head NW across the playing fields keeping to the right hand perimeter.
Head to the NW corner. Head NW between two fields then bear right, NW, paddock left.
At Bramfield Road, cross and head NW, hedge right. Cross Bartholomew's Lane, west, hedge right.
Kink right and left, west, trees left. Cross a stile.
Cross a field diagonally (west). Aim for the NW corner and head through the gap.
Head west through the gate, hedge right then right through the hedge gap, north, hedge left.
Go through the gap, over the sleeper bridge and cross the open field, NW.
Aim to the right of the brick farm buildings opposite.
Cross the footbridge and bear left, NW, along the golf course perimeter.
Keep left heading NW, soon north. At the tarmac road, turn left, west.
Merge with another road and continue west towards Halesworth.
After Red House Farm, opposite a wide farm track, turn right, up the bank.
Go through the kissing gate, NW, diagonally across the field. Aim for the railway bridge.
Cross the footbridge, through the hedge gap and head west across the open field.
Cross under the railway. Cross the river and join a tarmac footpath, north.
Before the path crosses under the railway, turn left, NW, towards warehouses, Swan Lane.
Continue on this path, NW, across multiple roads including Saxons Way.
Head NW, along Steeple End, church right. Bear right, north, to the Market Place.
Head NW, then north, along the Market Place. Turn left, west, along Cheddiston Street.
Turn right, north, along Rectory Lane. Cross the river. Turn right, east, along Rectory Street.
Turn right, south, along the pedestrianised Bridge Street.
Turn left, east, under a brick arch. Cross the car park, keeping left.
Cross under the A144, river left, toilets right. Follow the river.
Turn left over the footbridge, then right, south, skatepark left.
Continue south along the N1 cycle route, water both sides.
Ignore the turning to Folly and Holton Road. Head SE, river left, still on tarmac.
Continue south, railway left. Turn left, east, under the railway.
In the meadow, turn off the tarmac cycle path and head east, water left.
Kink left and right, through a kissing gate and across a bridge.
Head SE, water right. Continue mostly east for a mile via several fields, bridges and gates, always with the river right.
At tarmac, cross over and continue east past the wier, river right for another mile.
Cross multiple fields via gates, stiles and hedge gaps, river right.
At Blyford Lane, tarmac, turn right, south and cross the river.
Head past houses, then left up steps.
Head east, along a raised path with a vertical drop down to a driveway.
The path bends right, south, then left, east. Head right, SE, and pass Low Farm.
Turn right, SW. At the crossroads, go ahead, south. The path bends right, SW.
Drop down to Hall Road and turn right, NW.
After the school, turn left along the narrow lane to return to the car park.

For refreshments, the Wenhaston Star is 300 metres south of the Primary School.



**Halesworth to Wenhamston
8.2 Miles - Waveney Way - 14
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Park at the playing fields behind Wenhaston Primary School, down the narrow lane, west.

Head east along the narrow access road. Turn right, south, along The Street.

Turn left, NE, up the bank, houses left. Bear left, north, cemetery right.

Bear right, NE, and cross Narrow Way. The track bends left, north passing a farm, left.

Bear right, NE, and cross under power lines. Go through the gate and turn right, SE, along a tree-lined track.

Continue SE, hedge right. Kink right and left, through a gate and head SE on a tree-lined tarmac lane.

After farm buildings, head SE to Wenhaston Lane. This was not waymarked so it's a "best effort" route.

Turn left, east, along Wenhaston Lane.

At the A12, head left, then right, to the footpath opposite. Continue east on the footpath.

At Dunwich Road, tarmac, cross with a left right kink and head SE along a wider track.

Follow this path SE and later east for about a mile, ignoring side turnings.

There are good views over the estuary and later shady woodland.

Cross the B1387 at the lay-by and head SE across the open heathland.

Bear left, east, trees right. Ignore a track to the right.

When the main track veers left, continue east for a few paces, then right, SE, woodland right.

Follow the diagonal path, SE, which gradually diverges from the woodland.

Merge with another track and continue SE.

Go through the gate and turn right, SW, along Lodge Road, tarmac, for 2.3 miles, SW, west and SW again.

After the tarmac ends, the track goes through woodland. Ignore all side tracks.

At the Five Ways car park, cross the Dunwich Road and head SW towards Hinton.

To avoid a field crossing (this gravel track may not be a right of way) turn right, west, disused quarry left.

Alternatively continue SW on the tarmac.

After the road bends west, at a T_junction in the tarmac, turn right, north, along the grassy track.

Continue north across the open field. Aim the the right hand end of the woodland, right of some farm buildings.

Continue north past the woodland, through the gap, over a sleeper bridge.

Turn left, west, on the gravel lane, rejoining the suggested diversion a few sentences ago.

Before the farm house, turn right, north, and follow the power lines all the way to the A12, nearly a mile.

Cross the A12 and head NW towards Thorington. Turn right, NE, at Stonehouse Farm.

After the house, turn left, NW, through the meadow, following the power lines again, fence left.

Head through several gates. One had to be climbed as the string could not be untied.

Cross the stile and head west along a short nettle choked path.

The path bends right, NW, through a gap. Kink right and left and head north past outbuildings, right.

Cross a meadow, east of north, watercourse right.

Cross a concrete bridge and continue north, fence left.

Go through the kissing gate and head west of north on the wide woodland track, houses left.

At tarmac, turn right, NE, past a drive to a house, then left, NW, uphill, along a footpath, hedges both sides.

Continue roughly north across the heathland merging with other paths.

Turn right, east, onto a gravel road. Follow the road round to the left, north.

Merge with Hall Road. Head back to the school.

Turn left down the narrow access road, back to the playing fields and car park.

The Wenhaston Star is about 300 metres south of the school along Hall Road.

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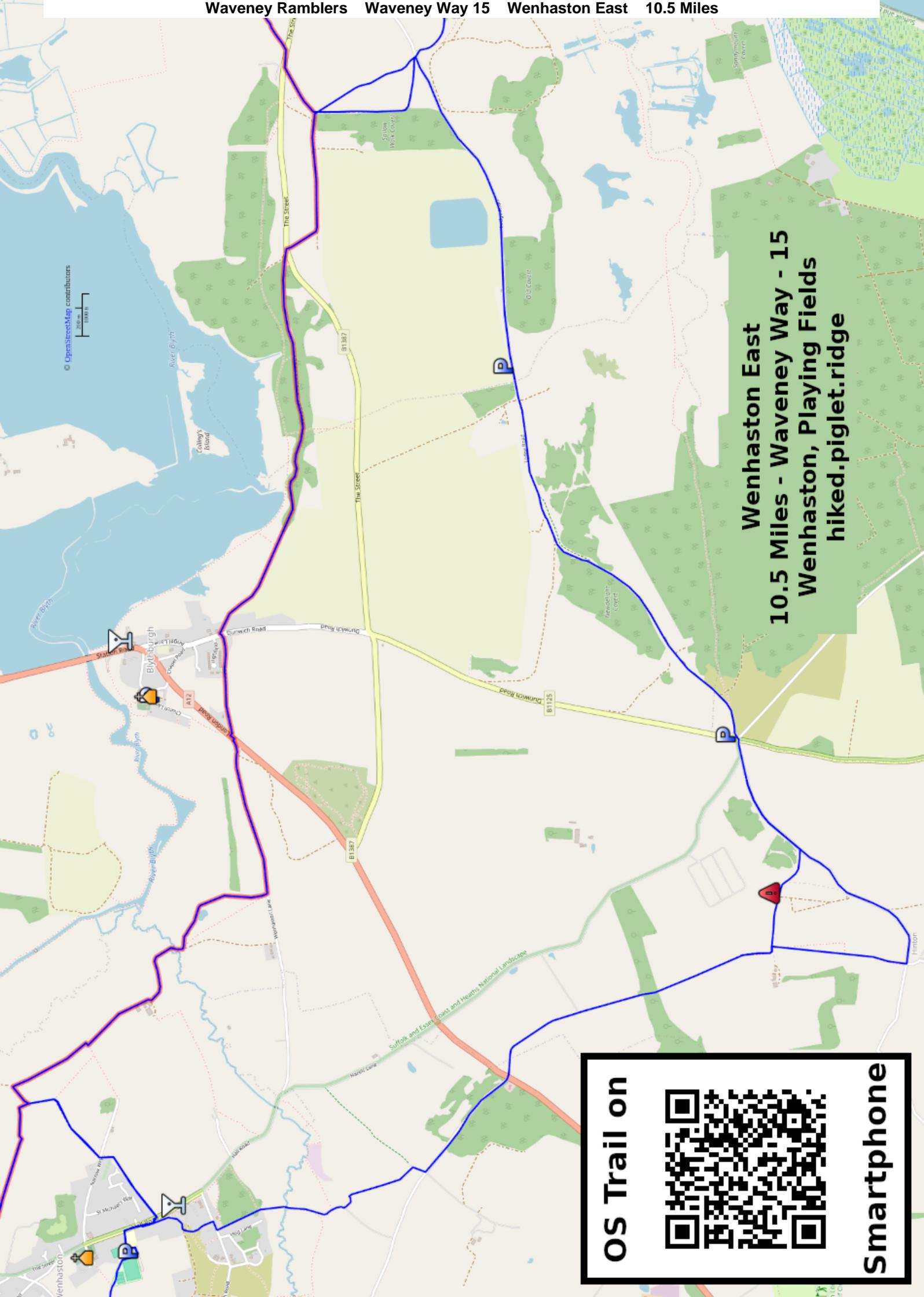
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Park in the pay-and-display car park nearest the river and ferry.

From the car park, head NW along the river bank path and Waveney Way.

At the bridge, don't cross. Instead head left, SW, along the disused railway.

When Palmer's lane bends left, take the second path, right, SW.

Follow the path for 120 metres, then turn left, roughly south.

Continue south to Saint Andrew's Church.

Cross the B1387 and continue south.

The lanes soon become a footpath.

Follow the path south and later west as it gradually bends.

Don't drop down to the marshes here.

The path enters woodland and meanders mostly west via an old pill box.

Follow the path out of the wood, SW, across a reed bed and board walk.

Turn right, NW, along another woodland path.

Turn right, north and soon left, west. The path bends right, north.

Head to Lodge road and cross over.

Enter the meadow and follow the left-most path, west.

At trees, the path bends right, north.

At the end of the meadow, rejoin the Waveney Way and head right, NE.

Follow the B1387, east, for 170 metres.

Turn left, NW, and follow the path close to the disused railway.

In a slight dip, where many paths meet, turn right, SE, towards the village.

Follow this path, crossing lanes. The path gradually bends left, NE.

Cross Palmer's Lane and continue NE, not on Palmer's Lane.

Turn right, east, soon SE, along another footpath.

Turn left, NE, along Leverett's Lane.

Follow this to the village green.

In the village there are two pubs, toilets and tea rooms.

Head NE back to the river and car park.

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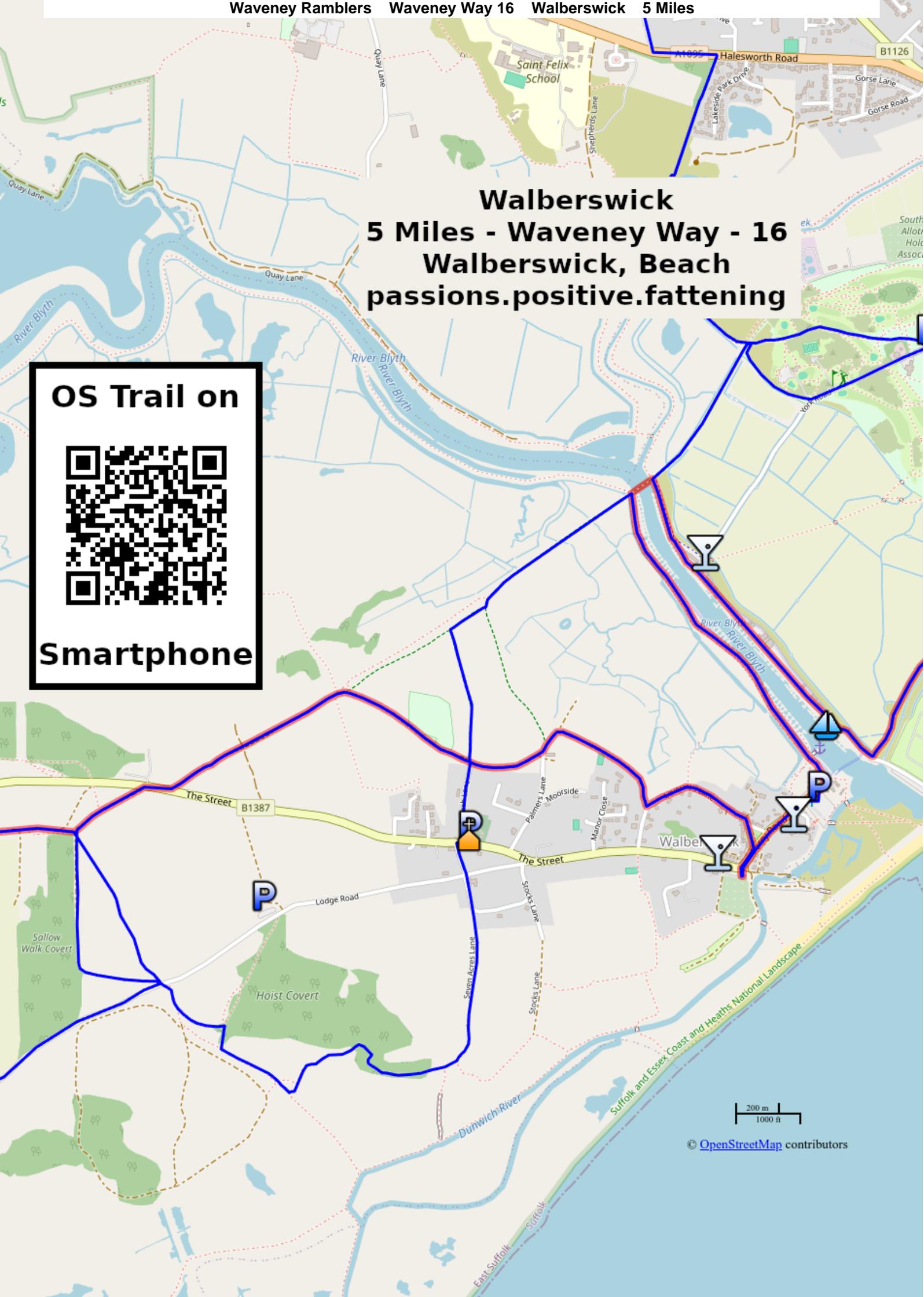
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There's free parking near the Southwold water towers, York Road.

From the water towers, head SW, initially on tarmac, along York Road.

Turn right into the driveway of Southwold Golf Club for only two or three paces.

Immediately bear left, west, on a narrow grassy path, soon with a drainage ditch left (important).

At a T-junction bear sharp left and head SW along the old railway line, tarmac, towards the river.

At the river decide whether to head SE on the Walberswick (ferry) or Southwold (facilities) side.

The ferry does not run in winter or during bad weather.

SOUTHWOLD: Turn left, SE, river right. Pass a pub, wet fish shops, a cafe, fish and chips, smoked fish, etc.

WALBERSWICK: Cross the river and turn left, SE, river left. Use the foot-ferry to cross back. Two pounds.

From the ferry jetty, on the Southwold side, head SE up onto the flood defence wall.

Turn left, NE, along the footpath to Southwold, static caravans right.

At the end of the path, continue NE and bear right to the sea front.

Head past the beach huts to the pier, dodging the seasonal hazards.

The pier is more interesting than most, especially Tim Hunkin's water clock.

Tim Hunkin also designed the amusement arcade machines which are unique and a cut above the average.

After the pier, head north past more beach huts.

After the last hut, turn left, west, and locate the footpath heading right, north.

Head north, then left, west, reed beds left, rising arable land right, trees ahead.

Turn left, south, along Lowestoft Road and find a safe place to cross.

Almost immediately turn right, NW, along Covert Road.

Head past interesting alms houses, left, with unusual structures at the entrance.

Turn left, roughly west, along Jermyns Road.

At the Wangford Road, B1126, cross over, straight ahead, SW, along the gravel Keens Lane.

The lane narrows to a footpath and later widens again at Laurel Farm.

Turn left, south, still on Keens Lane.

At Halesworth Road, turn left, east.

Opposite number 60, turn right, SE, woodland right.

At high otter fencing for a fishing lake, bear right, SW, away from the fence.

With a gorse bank, right, turn left, east and immediately SE.

Head SE, soon south, then SE again between two fishing lakes and across a causeway flood defence.

Bear right, south, and drop down to marsh level. Ignore paths left.

Head SE, wetland right, gorse left.

Cross the disused railway line and continue east through more gorse.

Cross the golf course and head for the water towers.

Return to the the car park.

There are multiple pubs, cafes, shops and toilets in Southwold, Reydon and Walberswick.

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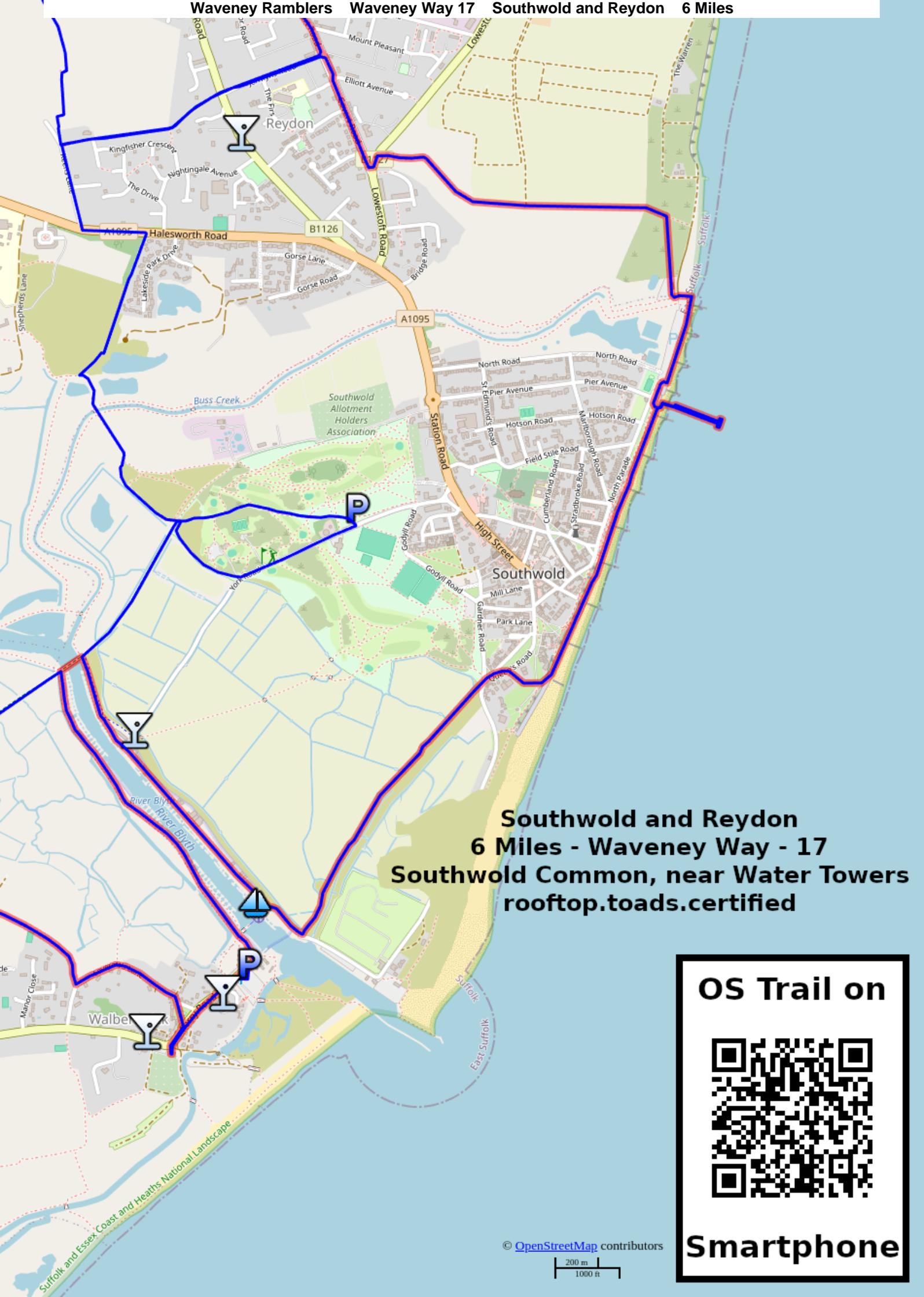
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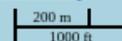


**Southwold and Reydon
6 Miles - Waveney Way - 17
Southwold Common, near Water Towers
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 18 Reydon and Wrentham

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 49206 78184](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.8 Miles Updated: 2024

Park near St. Margaret's, Reydon. Please leave the spaces near the church clear for church users. Check for flooding at Potter's Bridge, closing the road.

Head west into the churchyard and keep left. Skirt round the brick outbuilding and turn left, south, through the gap. Cross the B1126 and head south, hedge right. The path kinks at a couple of field corners. Continue south. Meander round a property perimeter and emerge onto Keens Lane. Go left, east, past Laurel Farm. Continue east. The wide track narrows down to a footpath and later widens again. Ignore right turns. Cross Wangford Road, B1126, and head roughly east along Jermyns Road. Turn left, NW, along Covert Road, soon passing a corner shop for provisions. At a Y-junction, bear right, north, along Rissemere Lane East. Ignore Cox's Lane. Pass the recreation ground with useful parking for a possible alternative start point. Turn right, NE, to Cuckoo Farm along Smear Lane East. Head through then along a track, NE, house right. Go through a gate, hedge right. There are good views towards Potter's Bridge and the sea. If the path gets too overgrown, try the parallel field perimeter. Head through a gate and up to the somewhat busy Lowestoft Road, B1127. The B1127 is not too safe as steep banks prevent stepping aside from the traffic. Later there are verges. This purgatory lasts just over half a mile. Cross Potter's Bridge with a risk of flooding. Opposite the turning to Cove Bottom, walkers have cut through into the field to avoid a section of road. This field perimeter joins Green Lane at the north end of the field. "Ramblers" can't recommend this mini-trespass! At the Green Lane (Track), head roughly NE, ignoring all side turnings. There is a short leg due north. Soon after the lane turns to concrete, turn left, north, still on Green Lane, now wider. Cross the tarmac road to Covehithe and continue north. 130 metres after a large barn, turn left, west on a grassy track. At the open field, a diagonal path, NW, should have been reinstated. If this is missing, turn right, north, for 80 metres, then left, west, hedge right and later hedge left. Back at the B1127, turn left, south, and pass the Five Bells. Optionally pause for refreshments just over half way round. After the pub, turn right, west, pub garden right. The lane bends left, eventually south, sewage works right. At tarmac, turn right, west, woodland left. Four lanes meet. Bear left to Wangford and Blythburgh. At the next woodland belt there's a path, left, for a picnic stop. There are fallen trees and dry banks for sitting. Otherwise continue SW. At a Y-junction, bear left, SW, along a no through road. After houses, continue SW, woodland left. Ignore a path to the right. Ignore a cross track. The path bends left, south, woodland right, trees left. Cross a watercourse and continue south. Back at fields, continue south, hedge left. At the end of the field, head south through the gap, woodland right. At the field entrance, continue south, hedge left. The path bends right, SW, hedge left. Turn left, SE, where the path joins Wash Lane. Follow the tree-lined Wash Lane SE. After one field, at a T-junction, turn left, NE, hedge right and soon both sides. After one field, go through the gap. Cross under power lines. 30 metres later, turn right, roughly south, hedge left. Pass Reydon Grove Farm, left. Continue south, trees left. At tarmac, kink left and right and continue south, hedge right. At the end of the field, turn left, east, for 60 metres. Then right, south, through the gap. Cross the open field. Usually this path has been reinstated. If not, aim for the bungalow, right of two houses and the church. On the right is a patch of woodland. Once level with the southern corner of the wood, bear left and aim for the church tower. Go through the hedge gap into the churchyard. Turn right and head round the church. Head east back to the car park.

The Plough, Wangford and the Randolph, Reydon are both conveniently near, after the walk.

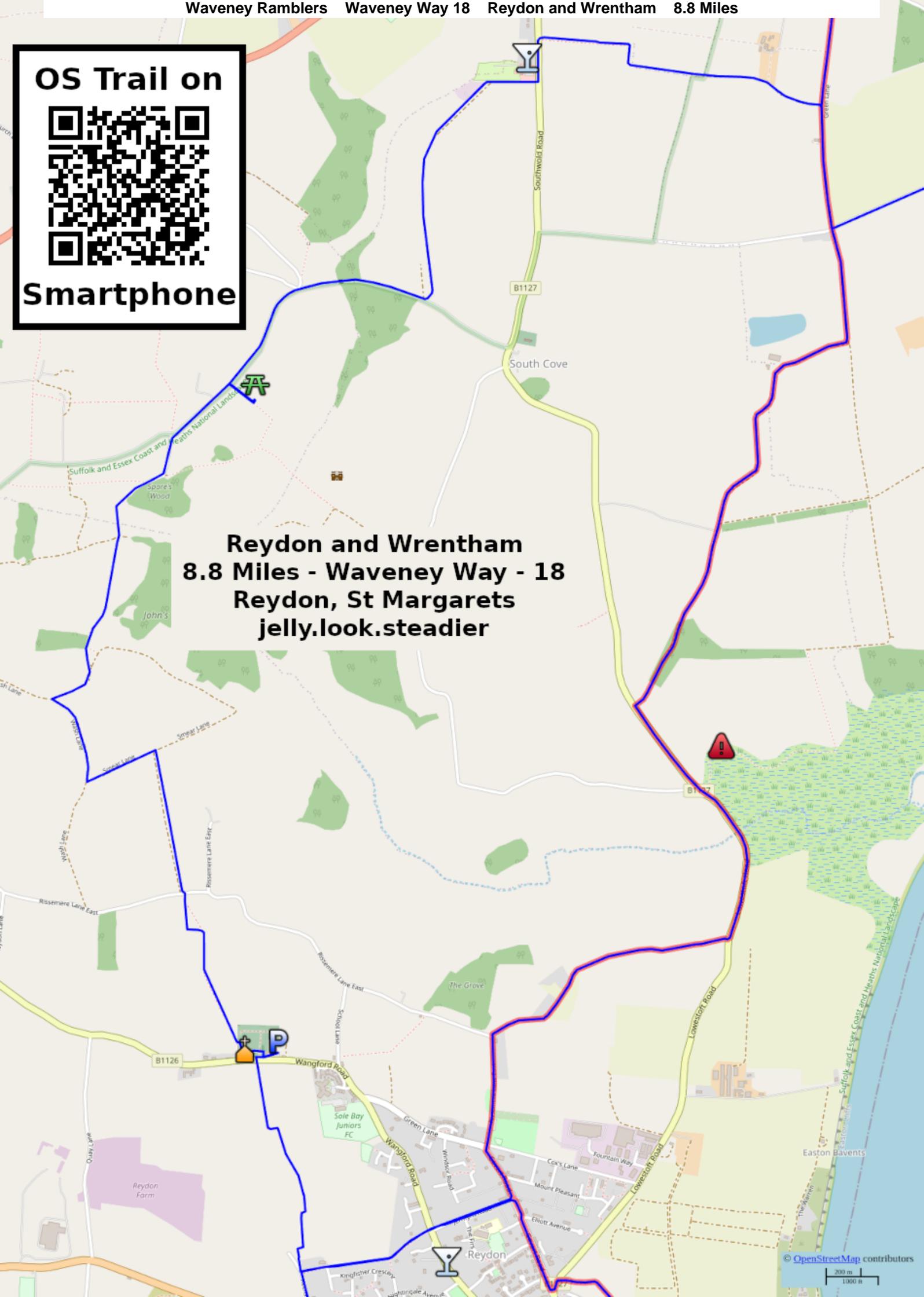
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**Reydon and Wrentham
8.8 Miles - Waveney Way - 18
Reydon, St Margarets
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 19 Covehithe and Benacre

OS Map: X 231 Track: [TM 52101 81823](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 7.5 Miles Updated: 2024

HAZARD WARNINGS:

Storms greatly alter this beach. In 2004 walking at low tide was possible with dry feet.

In recent years a creek connected the broad with the sea. One big storm might re-create this.

This walk might require a creek wade.

Rising tides can trap walkers against the cliffs.

At low tide in calm weather, the walk is fine. High tides and stormy weather could be very dangerous.

The highest tides completely inundate Benacre Broad and the entire beach could be under water!

At low tide, the creek may be a running stream deep enough to overtop walking boots so expect to paddle.

Please keep away from the cliff edge or cliff bottom. A WW2 pill box might land on your head!

This section of coast is eroding rapidly and one good storm could completely invalidate this information.

TIDES: <https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/lowestoft-tide-times>

If there is any doubt about the tide or weather, omit the beach section and return to base overland.

From March 1st till August 31st, please keep to the surf line to avoid nesting birds higher up the strand.

Park and meet at the Y-junction near St Andrew's Church, Covehithe.

Set out on the left, SW, branch of the road, heading away from the sea.

After about 3/4 miles, at the house at a crossroads, turn right, north, along the gravel Green Lane.

At the north end of Green Lane, at tarmac, turn right, east, for 150 metres.

Turn left, roughly north, along a grassy track, woodland left.

The track bends left and meets tarmac. Turn right, north.

At the farm entrance, the road bends right, NE, and continues in a meandering approximately NE direction.

At the end of the NE leg, turn right, east, across open fields, along the patched tarmac and concrete.

Head all the way to the sea. The road climbs a little giving fine views.

With farm buildings, left, head east past the dragons' teeth, through the kissing gate towards the beach.

Near the sea, turn left, north, towards the Hundred River pumping station.

Head north along the raised causeway with fine views both sides.

At the pumping station, cross the outfall to join this leg to the Kessingland and Pakefield walk.

Note the four antennas. These track radio-tagged Nathusius' pipistrelle bats migrating across the north sea.

Now head south and down to the beach at the first opportunity.

At low tide there is firm wet sand for easy walking, much easier than the soft sand and pebbles higher up.

Head south along the beach for 2.25 miles.

The giant golf ball of Sizewell power station can be seen in the distance.

The lighthouse at Southwold is visible too.

Pass the hazards including unstable cliffs, the creek wade, fallen dead trees and even higher unstable cliffs.

Covehithe Broad is still a fresh water lake, but probably not for long.

At the broad, double back, north, and head along on the cliff-top path, gradually heading inland.

There are fine views, behind, over the broad.

Follow the path left, NW, before farm buildings.

Now bear right, north, back to the tarmac lane to St Andrew's Church, Covehithe.

The church is well worth a visit.

Return to the Y-junction and the parking places.

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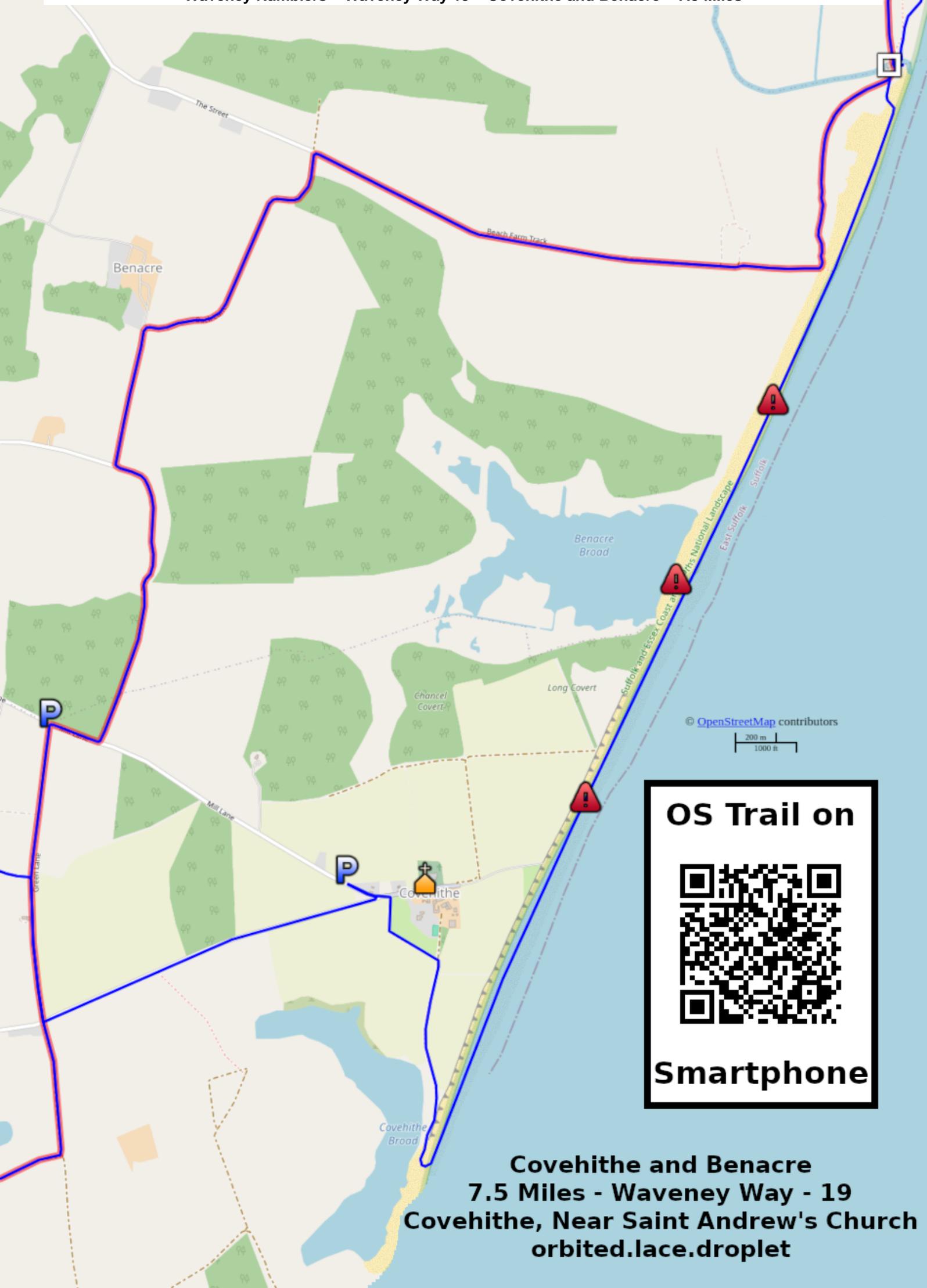
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**Covehithe and Benacre
7.5 Miles - Waveney Way - 19
Covehithe, Near Saint Andrew's Church
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Waveney Ramblers Waveney Way 20 Kessingland and Pakefield

OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: [TM 53927 90601](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 9.3 Miles Updated: 2024

HAZARD CAUTION:

A section of this walk is on the beach by unstable cliffs.
Keep away from the cliff edge and bottom. There is a real risk of landslides.
At high tide and in stormy weather, there is a risk of getting trapped between the sea and cliffs.
If there is any doubt about the weather or tides, please avoid this part of the beach.
The beach walking is easiest at low tide on the wet sand along the surf line.
TIDES: <https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/lowestoft-tide-times>

Park in Pakefield at the SE end of All Saints Road. The Pakefield Plaice fish and chip shop is a good landmark.
From the car park, head south, then NE, down the concrete ramp, to the beach.
Head SE to the water's edge and surf line, then roughly south along the surf line.
Go all the way to the Hundred River pumping station, south of Kessingland. This is about 4 miles.
In fine weather with the wind at your back, this leg is a joy. It can be a drudge otherwise.
The high risk cliffs are in the first mile. In bad conditions, avoid the beach for this leg.
At the pumping station, cross the outfall channel to join this walk onto the Benacre and Covehithe leg.
Now head north, back to Kessingland, keeping away from the shore line.
Pass the caravans, left, and use the concrete sea wall when it starts.
In Kessingland, there's The Waterfront Cafe, some toilets and The Sailors' Home pub.
Opposite the cafe, there's a triangle of parkland with seats and a shelter, ideal for a picnic.
Kessingland is roughly halfway round the walk if you want to time your arrival for lunch.
Continue north along the concrete sea wall, houses left. The concrete walking surface ends.
200 metres later, climb 62 steps up to the top of the cliff.
Head inland, then right, NE, along Green Lane and soon, north, into North Cliff.
With the end of the lane in sight, bear left, NW, onto a narrow woodland path.
Emerge from the woods and bear left, roughly west, hedge right. Head all the way to the B1437.
Turn right, NE, along the B1437. After 160 metres, cross the road and head west onto a footpath, soon SW.
After 60 metres, the path bends right, NW, hedge right. At a concrete track, turn left, west, towards the A12 bypass.
The track bends right, heads underneath the A12, then left again, SW.
At the end of the concrete, bear right, west, along an uneven track, hedge both sides.
Don't cross the open field. Turn right, north, hedge both sides. Continue north across the open field, no hedges.
Cross under power lines and continue due north to a hedge gap and sleeper bridge, no good landmarks.
Cross the bridge and bear left, NW, across another open field towards two lone trees on the far side.
Head between the trees. A finger post should be visible. Bear right, NE, hedge left, along the field perimeter.
At the end of the field, kink left over a sleeper bridge, then right, NE, disused brickworks left.
Continue NE after the gate. At tarmac, continue NE and soon north. The road bends right, NE.
Head east across the A12, then left, north, for 540 metres A12 left.
Turn right, NE, along Arbor Lane. Head NE along the footpath, Beach Farm Residential Park, right.
Back on a road, continue NE. Head along the footpath signed to Beach Cliffs.
Turn left, north along the cliff top path. Pass the Oddfellows pub, left.
Bear left back into the car park. Note the back way into the Trowel and Hammer, close to the car park.



**Kessingland and Pakefield
9.3 Miles - Waveney Way - 20
Pakefield, All Saints Road
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OS Map: X 231, OL 40 Track: [TM 53927 90601](#) [GPX for SatNav](#) 4.9 Miles Updated: 2024

Park in the All Saints Road car park (Pakefield Plaice landmark).

Head to the coast path and go north towards Lowestoft.

For variety, divert under the pier if the tide is low enough.

Optionally divert off the main promenade via the gardens.

If the weather is calm, there are fine views from the harbour South Pier.

There are side piers with views of historic ships.

Go north over the bascule bridge and head past the railway station.

Head north, then NW along Bevan Street.

Cross the A47 and head west along Tanning Street.

Turn left, then right, west, along Hervey Street.

At the end, Hervey Street bends left and joins Denmark Road.

Turn right, west, along Denmark Road. Cross over.

Now go up the overpass to cross the Gull Wing bridge, south.

This can be windswept but there are good views.

Before the roundabout, turn right, west, along Waveney Drive.

Turn left, south, along Waveney Crescent.

When the road bends right, go ahead, south, through an alley.

Turn left, then right, SW, onto Durban Road.

Cross the A12 at the lights. Head SW, parallel with the A12.

Turn left, SE, towards the Fighting Cocks.

Head a short way south along The Avenue.

Turn left, SE, into Kirkley Gardens. Follow this road into the cemetery.

Head SE through the cemetery. Cross London Road South and head SE along Kendal Road.

Turn right, SW, along Morton Road.

Turn left, SE, along All Saints Road to return to the car park.

Saint Margaret's church, three pubs and a fish and chip shop are all nearby.

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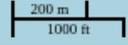
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