

Belsey Bridge, Ditchingham to Great Moulton - 13.0 miles

Overview

Gentle walking on roads, tracks and paths crossing an old airfield site. Care needs to be taken because the route passes across several busy main road, particularly the A140 near Long Stratton.

Maps and Reference

Explorer OS230	Diss and Harleston
Explorer OS237	Norwich
Explorer OL40	The Broads
Belsey Bridge	TM337926
Great Moulton	TM168904

Route

From the waystation, turn left then left again onto Belsey Bridge road. Reach B1332 after 3/4 mile. Turn left onto B1332. Cross onto opposite verge. After 1/4 mile, turn right onto Pound Lane for 1/2 mile. (Past Town Farm on left and then Olivers Green on right) Turn left onto Byway (Mouse Cottage). Turn left onto Road. Past Parks Wood right down Whitehouse Lane on concrete road. At Junction turn left. At Junction turn right (Forest plantation). Green lane until you get to Bedingham Corner.

Left onto Road. Turn right on Restricted byway. Past Websdill Wood. Keep straight on ignoring all signs left and right. Reach concrete airfield road. Go straight ahead with Airfield Farm on right by metal mast, take concrete road to the left towards road. Join Barondole Road, turn left.

After 400 yards, at left hand bend on road, take right fork towards Long Stratton. After a further 3/4 mile on Room Lane, turn left towards Hardwick onto road marked "The Common" for 250 yards, then footpath right into wood, across bridge. (Just before "The Beeches"). Cross footbridge. Walk through copse, cross field, then continue with wood on right. Go straight across the common. Track goes past Ivy Cottage on left. Cross road. Follow track across uncultivated land, then keep hedge on left. Through copse to road. Turn left on road, just before Lodge Farm.

After bend, turn left on footpath, then cross small wooden bridge. Walk through common and over footbridge. Cross "Common Road", Walk down "The Street", passing church and village hall on your right. Continue through the village of Hardwick, following the road round to the left at the village sign junction with Hall Lane. Continue until you reach the T-junction, then turn right onto Mill Lane. At T junction with "Anson's Lane, go straight ahead on field margin keeping hedge on your left. At corner, be careful as you cross the ditch (via the makeshift bridge of wooden planks), to enter wood. Turn right, before bridge, walk on

path, which hugs the edge of Tyrells Wood, before turning left to join the Boudica Way path towards the Car Park. From Car Park, Turn righty onto Wood Lane. At T junction, turn right towards main A140. Cross A140 Walk towards house. Turn left onto footpath. Turn right between field. At fence, turn left down verge. Follow posts. Turn right, then left, leaving hall on right track (Gore Lane). Turn right at road. Turn right towards Wacton, past Fox and Hounds to T junction. Turn left. At footpath turn right to church. The way station is in the churchyard.

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