



# PUB WALKS *with Darcy*

With shorter days and daylight at a premium this month Darcy visits Ramsholt for a glorious walk that can be completed in one or two parts



Regular readers of Essential Suffolk will recall that last month we visited the Ramsholt Arms for our dining review. Not only did we have a lovely meal but we also discovered that it was a very dog friendly pub and, with a reputation for beautiful walks on its doorstep, we headed straight back with Darcy.

From the pub the walk initially heads through some woodland before revealing vast open vistas towards the river and the beautiful All Saints church. If there is any Suffolk church with a more idyllic setting I am yet to discover it.

The church is a pivotal aspect of the walk. For those in a rush it can mark the point of immediate return skipping from point three of the route to point seven (turning left after the church instead of right before it). If the short loop is chosen the walk can easily be done in 30 minutes. For those wanting to experience the full delight (and why wouldn't you?) the church – the first time – marks the midway point. From here the walk follows gentle tracks and again delivers great views initially 'in land' and then, shortly after passing the HQ of shellfish producers Simperts of Suffolk, once again revealing magnificent river views.

After reaching the church for the second time the route then heads back to The Ramsholt Arms crossing meadows and ultimately by the river. On wet days wellies would be advised if only for this final stretch but if you do get damp you will be very welcome to dry off beside the fire in the pub! Every cloud...





## THE WALK

**Distance:** Approx. 2.5 miles

**Time:** Approx. 1 hour (option for 30 minutes)

**Terrain:** Easy. Farm tracks, woodland paths and short stretches of quiet roads.

**Stops:** The Ramsholt Arms

**Ordinance Survey Map:** Explorer 197

**Start Point OS reference:** 307 415

*As always please keep your dog under close control and follow any advisory signs. For a printable version of this and previous walks go to: [www.essentialsuffolk.com/dog-walks](http://www.essentialsuffolk.com/dog-walks) where you will also find more pictures of each walk route.*

1. From the pub car park turn left and walk up the hill for approx. 175 yds until you come to a bridleway sign on your left just before a brick wall.
2. Turn left at the sign and follow the path as it initially passes to the right of a cottage and then left having passed another cottage. Continue until you reach the road.
3. At the road turn left and walk to the church (approx. 400 yds).
4. Just after the church follow the bridleway sign on your right.
5. As you meet the hedge turn left and continue straight ahead heading towards Ramsholt Lodge Farm (shown on the map).
6. At the end of the track you will come to a white gate with a sign reading 'private land'. Turn left (you will shortly pass the home of the excellent Simpsters of Suffolk so ensure that your dog is on a lead for this stretch). Having passed Simpsters continue to follow the track back to the church while enjoying the fabulous views of the Deben through the trees to your right.
7. Just before the church follow the bridleway sign to your right. After a short distance you will meet a triple bridleway sign. Keep to the right.
8. Pass through a wooden gate and turn immediately right until you reach a large tree on your right (approx. 50yds). At this point you will see that the path turns to your left taking you towards the river. Head for another wooden gate at the right hand side of the woods ahead of you.
9. Once you have reached the gate go through it, or over the stile to the right of it and head up the bank in front of you which emerges to reveal the river. Turn left here which takes you back to the Ramsholt Arms. At low tide you can walk on the 'beach' beside the river. Should you arrive at high tide there is also a higher path that will keep your feet dry.



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