

15 Yox - Blyth Valleys Walk

Darsham - Halesworth - 9 miles / 14.5 kms

From the higher ground above the little River Yox the route affords broad views along the valley in the upstream direction. Bramfield, conveniently mid-way along the route, lies in an even smaller valley, watered by a tributary of the River Blyth.

Bramfield church is thatched and has a detached round tower. It has the best rood screen in Suffolk. Opposite the church is a fine example of a crinkle-crankle wall. Extensive meadows flank the banks of the River Blyth on its approach to Halesworth. The local museum is located in part of the station buildings.



Crinkle crankle wall

- 1 Path starts from lodge and crosses park to the church; first few yards are unrecorded.
- 2 On far side of bridge over River Yox the path branches left across a plank footbridge. Head between the two trees on the left of a row of four large oaks.
- 3 At approach to Woodhill Farm go right through a small metal gate. Cross meadow almost diagonally to skirt bank screening farm buildings. Leave meadow by another small metal gate.
- 4 Follow path through new tree planting, then go right across an arable field to the road at North Boundary Farm (follow electricity poles if path is not marked out).
- 5 Go through gap in hedge, then left along broad conservation margin.
- 6 Cross footbridge and bear quickly left and right to meet a hedge up to the side of Kingstall Wood.
- 7 Go over footbridge where the path and track divide, ignoring Conservation Walk.
- 8 Go right along the minor road towards Wenhaston Hall.
- 9 At the top of slope look for a stile on your left where path crosses to the left, parallel to the track. Follow hedge to left, then right as signed.
- 10 From footbridge cross arable field ahead, aiming for an electricity pole to the right of a clump of trees seen on the skyline.
- 11 Bear right, following field edge path (with hedge on your right) to corner of field.
- 12 Headland path starts from a narrow gap in hedge.
- 13 Cross easily missed stile set back in hedge.
- 14 From plank footbridge, go diagonally down across large field, aiming for corner just to the right of Melles Court Farm.
- 15 Footbridge gives entry to golf course. Go left, then bear right following white marker stakes.

- 16 Immediately over river bridge go left through a small thicket to follow waymarked route. Frequent footbridges and stiles show the way through riverside meadows and plantations.

- 17 Just before reaching railway, the path crosses a footbridge on the right. Follow under the railway to town centre and station.



Detached round tower at Bramfield

Planning your walk

Time: Allow about 4½ - 5 hours

Suggested map: Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay

Refreshment: The Queens Head public house, Bramfield. Darsham Nurseries cafe near level crossing. Shop at nearby petrol filling station. Village shop in Yoxford. The Cut Arts Centre cafe, Halesworth 01986 873285.

Useful info: Halesworth & District Museum: 01986 873030

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