

# 17 The Wolfpack Walk

Brampton - Halesworth - 5 miles / 8 kms

Brampton station serves an isolated community with no public amenities, so it's best to do this walk from north to south, ending at Halesworth station. The walk provides fascinating contrasts between the ancient and modern faces of Suffolk, showing how landscape evolves in response to mankind's intervention. The 'Fantastical' modern house at Belle Grove Farm, surmounted by a metal dragon contrasts with traditional farmsteads nearby. Part of the walk follows the former perimeter track of the WW2 airfield, home to the U.S. fighter group famed as 'Zemke's Wolfpack'. Their memorials and museum are close to the ancient hedgerows.

- 1 Immediately over the level crossing go left along the drive past cottages and towards the cattery.
- 2 A small gate to the left of the drive marks the way ahead for walkers.
- 3 Branch right through a small gate; go down to the footbridge; then kink right then left to follow the hedge at the side of the garden to another footbridge.
- 4 Go left along a broad grassy track; follow to road.
- 5 Go left, then right along the gravel drive to Sunnyside Farm.
- 6 Keep direction beyond the farm buildings, then go left around the perimeter of the holding and right along by a hedge to pass the side of a small plantation. Continue direction across the large arable field (the line of the path is usually marked out).
- 7 Midfield junction of paths. Go left and follow markers to the field edge, then right to a sleeper footbridge.
- 8 Cross the field, guided by markers to a footbridge and the road a few yards ahead.
- 9 Turn right to Deadman's Grave crossroads.
- 10 Go left along 'No Through Road' to Millpost Crossing and the byways beyond to the airfield museum entrance and adjacent memorials.
- 11 'Circular Walk' sign marks the start of field edge paths to Halesworth.
- 12 Cross the road and keep the generally southerly direction along the tree-lined path, not the tarmac roadside path.
- 13 The short cut path branches sharp right immediately beyond Orchard House.

## Planning your walk

**Time:**  
Allow about 2½ hours

**Suggested map:**  
Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay

**Refreshment:**  
There are no pubs or shops directly on the route. Plenty of choice in Halesworth, including the Cut Arts Centre cafe 01986 873285. Teas at Sunnyside Farm, Westhall, Thurs and Fridays in August.

**Useful info:**  
Halesworth (Holton) Airfield Memorial Museum; 01986 875084  
Halesworth & District Museum; 01986 873030

