



Pub Walks *with Darcy*



It's a year since the Oyster Inn at Butley reopened its doors and time for Darcy to find a new walking route from this welcoming, dog friendly pub

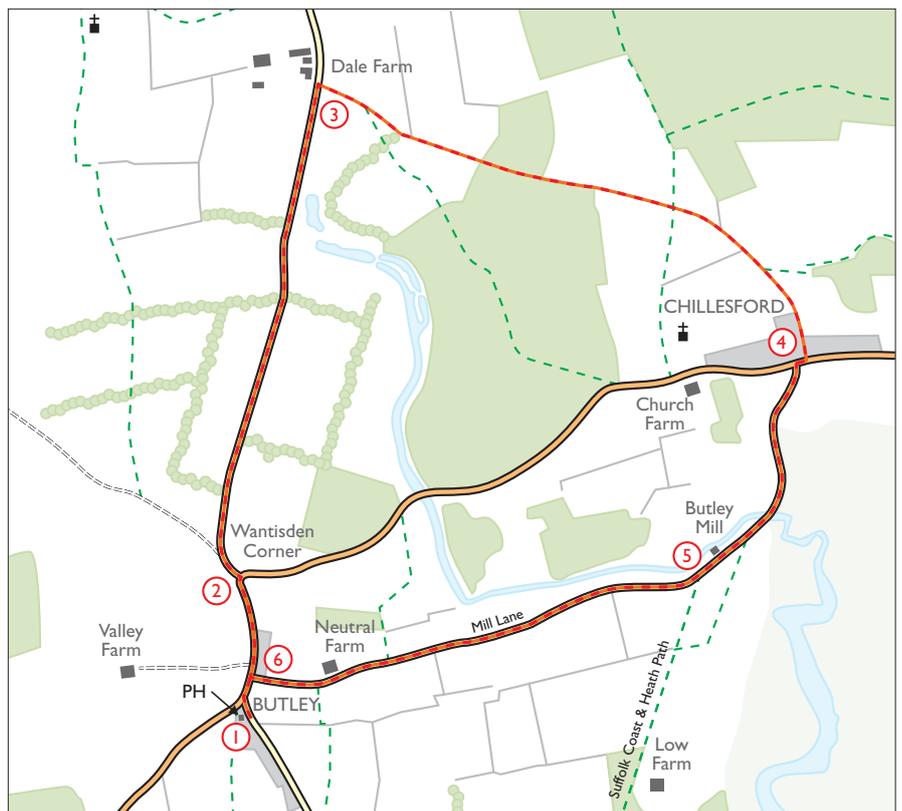
This new route from the Oyster Inn at Butley is absolutely teeming with life. There are pigs, lots of pigs, in the first stretch, and we came across other domesticated beasts including horses and goats and were even treated to a family of deer as we reached Chillesford. Plus of course the constant back drop of birdsong.



And this variety was true for the landscape too. We do our best on these Pub Walks with Darcy to avoid roads where we can, but sometimes we must endure a short road walk to reap the rewards further along. This route is essentially a large triangle and initially we head along a quiet road towards Wantisden Hall Farm. Depending on the time and day of your visit traffic levels may vary but we encountered just a few cars and tractors and (please follow our advice for road walking opposite).

Once we leave the road and embark on side two of the triangle the track winds through farm land and alongside woodland and the views, even on a dull day, were absolutely stunning. The third and final leg takes us past Butley Mill with views across reed beds and more pretty countryside.

Best of all we finish where we started at the Oyster Inn in Butley. The pub opened its doors after a lengthy closure and major refurbishment a year ago and has truly breathed new life into the village with creative ideas, great food and drink and of course a warm welcome for dogs and their owners.



the walk

DISTANCE: Approx 4 miles

TIME: Approx 1 hour 30 mins to 1 hour 45 mins

TERRAIN: Roads, sandy paths, field edges, woodland paths

STOPS: Oyster Inn, Butley

OS MAP: Explorer 212

START POINT OS REFERENCE: 369 509

As always please keep your dog under close control and follow any advisory signs. For a printable version of this and more than 60 previous walks go to: www.essentialsuffolk.com/dog-walks where you will also find more pictures of each walk route.

Always check the map before setting off.

ADVICE FOR ROAD WALKING

- If there is no pavement or suitable verge walk on the right, into the oncoming traffic for best opportunity to see approaching vehicles
- Ensure that you, and your dog, are visible by wearing suitable, high visibility clothing
- Keep your dog under close control on a short lead and ensure they stop and sit while traffic passes

1. Leave the car park at the Butley Oyster and turn immediately left to the road junction. At the junction turn right. There is footpath on the right hand side of the road for a short stretch however after the junction with Mill Lane there is a short distance on a relatively busy road as far as the next junction in view ahead. Please follow our guidelines and take care to cross ahead of the sharp right hand bend.
2. At 'Wantidsen Corner' take the road ahead, sign posted to Wantidsen Hall Farms (do not head left to Wantidsen Valley). Continue up the road all the way to Staverton House where the Footpath (FP) is clearly marked to your right.
3. Follow the footpath. At the end of the first field there's a slight 'dog-leg' but the path continues ahead and is clearly marked. As you pass the heavily wooded area on your right, keep straight ahead once more, following the Sandlings FP sign. Eventually you reach a crossroads in the paths. Ignore the Sandlings sign this time and continue ahead into the tree lined corridor. The path eventually emerges between some residential properties in Peddlars lane in Chillesford.
4. At the road turn right and immediately left into Mill Lane. Walk along the raised bank on the left to make the most of views across the reed beds as far as Butley Mill.
5. At Butley Mill return to the road (cross and walk towards oncoming traffic although the lane is very quiet) and follow the lane all the way back to the main road at Butley.
6. When you reach the main road turn left and retrace your steps to The Oyster Inn, ahead.



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Butley, near Woodbridge, Suffolk



Photo: Paul & the Hub

400 years of warm welcome and real ale on the Suffolk Heritage Coast

Children's menu available and we aim to be veggie friendly.

Cinema is available for private hire and often shows the big matches on Sky Sports.

See Facebook or website for regular quiz nights, film club, music, Stitch & Bitch and karaoke.

Traditional music nights on the first Tuesday of every month.

Village shop is open during pub hours.

The Butley Brewhouse is available for private brewing days (please book in advance).

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