



Pub Walks *with Darcy*



Ramsholt made it into the top three of Darcy's favourite Pub Walks last month, so she's returned to discover a new route for more riverside relaxation

It was a long, hot summer and we've had a dry, fine start to the autumn. On blue sky days, river walks really come into their own and this easy to navigate 'out and back' route along the Deben from the Ramsholt Arms is simply stunning.

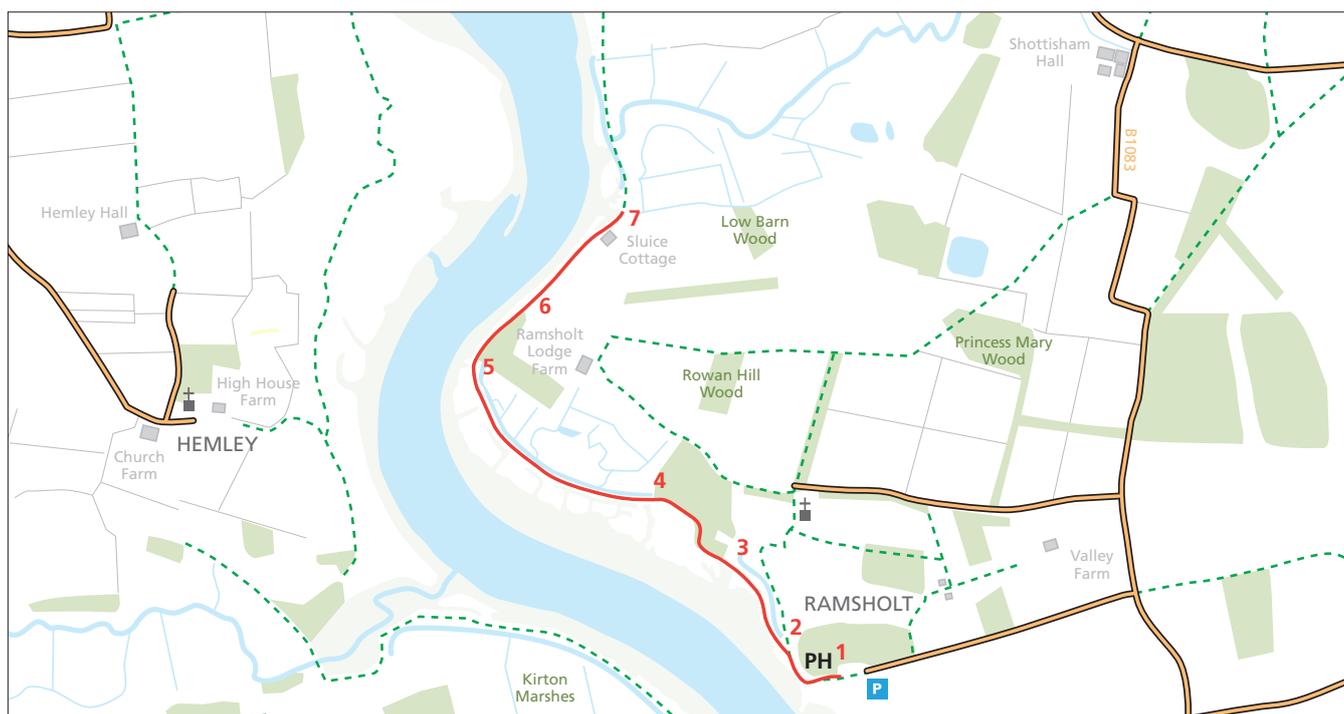
Our start point, as always, is the pub. The Ramsholt Arms was reopened back in June 2013 by the same family behind the Michelin recommended Ufford Crown just fifteen minutes down the road. Being the only south facing pub on the river, it enjoys beautiful sunsets so at this time of year planning a late afternoon walk could work well, just be sure to check that sunset and pub opening times coincide!

From the pub we head in the direction of Woodbridge following the river path. The first 50 yards or so is along the small sandy

beach right in front of the pub so again, an eye on tide tables is wise if you need to avoid scrambling along the top of the wall at high water.

With very few instructions to following this is an incredibly relaxing walk with plenty to see on both banks. There are two short stretches through wooded areas which add variety but mostly this is about drinking in the soul satisfying views and spotting the wildlife. We chose an obvious turn point that gave us a total walk of approximately three miles (or an hour and a quarter to an hour and a half walking depending on your pace) however if you and your dog have the time and the energy there's plenty more path beyond.

Once you have enjoyed the fresh air there will be a warm welcome by the fire and a hearty winter menu to enjoy back at the pub.





the walk

DISTANCE: Approx 3.25 miles

TIME: Approx 1 hour 15 mins to 1 hour 30 mins

TERRAIN: River path, woodland path, short stretch of beach, field edge.

STOPS: The Ramsholt Arms

OS 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 more than 70 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.

1. Park either at the pub or in the car park on the approach road (just before the pub on the left – see map). With the river in front of you turn right and follow the footpath sign along the beach in front of the pub.
2. At the end of the small beach follow the footpath sign up some steps to the river path and turn left.
3. After approximately half a mile you will pass a pool on your right. The path bends and heads towards trees. This is the first of the woodland sections. Stay on the path, keeping the river roughly on your left.
4. The path emerges from the trees, continuing along the riverbank.
5. As you round the bend the path follows into some trees. Please take note of the signs as your dog must be on a lead at this point.
6. At the end of the wooded section you will be at a field edge with a pink house ahead. Keep left, following the signs.
7. The path returns to the riverbank and to the back of Sluice Cottage. From here you can see up river to Waldringfield. We chose this as our turn point. Retrace your steps all the way back to The Ramsholt Arms taking care to stay on the path you have followed.



Come and see us at
The Ramsholt Arms
this winter



With spectacular views, glorious walks and our warming woodburner we are the perfect spot for lazy Sunday lunches, cosy evening dinners, Christmas parties and family gatherings.

Sample our winter menu including...
Ramsholt open fish pie, treacle braised shin of beef with roast garlic mash, double decker BBQ burger and traditional fish and chips.

Don't miss curry night on Thursdays throughout November and December.

We are very dog friendly and always have complimentary treats for our four legged friends.

We look forward to welcoming you.



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