



PUB WALKS

with Darcy

This month Darcy returns to Pin Mill for a beautiful short walk – the 40th in her series

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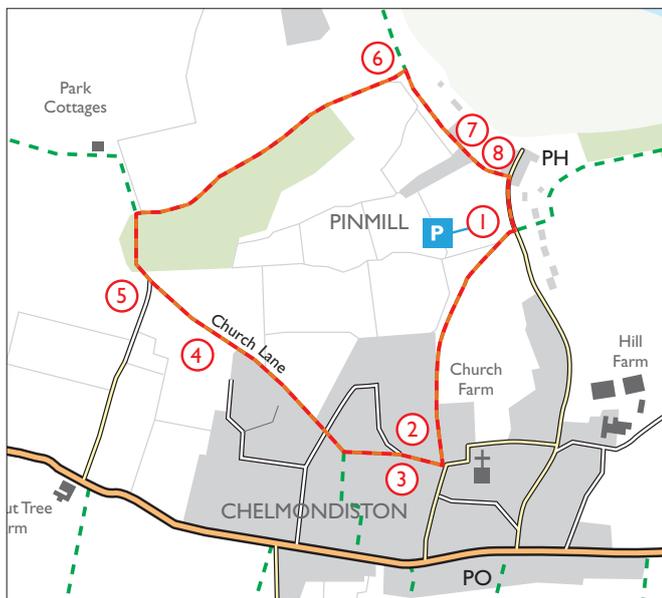
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When we first launched our magazine a friend suggested it would be great to find a few new dog walks that ended at a dog friendly pub, a challenge we were happy to accept and, we thought, something that would give us some interesting editorial content for a few months. Four years later this walk at Pin Mill is Darcy's 40th Suffolk route and from the feedback we get, and the numbers of people who visit her walk archive online, we know these pub walks have proved extremely popular. With twenty five locations and a wide range of different lengths, from over two hours to just 30 minutes, we are sure there will be the perfect one for you – whether you have a dog or not.

This month's walk fits the latter shorter category. Starting from the public car park in the beautiful hamlet of Pin Mill it follows easy paths and delivers excellent views of the river Orwell as well as giving you the opportunity to visit one of Suffolk's most iconic pubs, the very dog friendly, Butt & Oyster made famous as the setting for the opening chapters of two of Arthur Ransome's Swallows and Amazons series of children's books.

If you are looking for a longer walk this route can tie in very easily with our Pin Mill route 1 which can be found on our website.



THE WALK

Distance: Approx. 1.5 miles

Time: 30 minutes

Terrain: Well maintained paths and tracks

Stops: Butt & Oyster (PH)

Ordinance Survey Map: Explorer 206 379 (public car park)

Start Point OS reference: 284 586

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 where you will also find more pictures of each walk route.

1. From the public car park walk towards the road and then turn right immediately before the dog bin (before you reach the road) passing the benches and heading for the signpost and wooden gate. Once through the gate turn right and walk up the field with the wooden fence on your left. At the end of the field keep left passing by the stile and metal gate and walk along the track with houses on your right.
2. As you reach the road turn right at the brideway sign on to Collimer Close and walk for approx. 75yds until you reach another brideway sign on your left.
3. Turn left at the sign. After approx. 175yds you will reach a junction with a quiet residential road and the school on your left. Go straight over and pass the recreation ground that is on your right.
4. Shortly after passing the recreation ground the path forks (at the end of the next field). Keep right by the hedge and follow the path until you reach a track.
5. When you reach the track turn right at the South Suffolk Route B cycle sign. Follow the track keeping right as you meet the next cycle route/bridleway sign. After approx. 5 minutes the track splits to a single path to the right (marked by another cycle route sign). Follow this path.
6. At the end of the path, with trees to your left and the boat storage area to your right, you will meet a T junction. Turn right here. This path leads you to a double garage where you will turn left toward the river.
7. At the Pin Mill sailing club turn right and the Butt & Oyster will now be directly ahead of you.
8. To return to the car park turn right in front of the pub and walk up the road for approx. 100yds.

The Butt & Oyster

Pin Mill



Situated in the hamlet of Pin Mill on the River Orwell The Butt & Oyster is one of the best known public houses in Suffolk renowned for its good beer, good food and great views.

The Butt and Oyster is a fantastic pub with a welcoming and traditional atmosphere. With or without a dog it is a great start or finishing point for beautiful walks that take in amazing scenery.

Let the sounds of the Orwell seduce you. Watch the changing tides on traditional timeless shores. Understand an artist's inspiration with Thames barges, swans and the river, enjoying the finest Suffolk ales whilst being tempted by the wonderful aromas which welcome you.

Our menu offers a wonderful selection of dishes prepared with love from the best local ingredients where practical.

The menu include honest 'pub grub' alongside more contemporary dishes, all freshly prepared and presented by friendly, efficient staff. There will always be seasonal specials which you can discover on our blackboards on the day. You're now able to make an online reservation request. We'll get back to you either by email or phone to confirm your booking or to arrange an available time.

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