

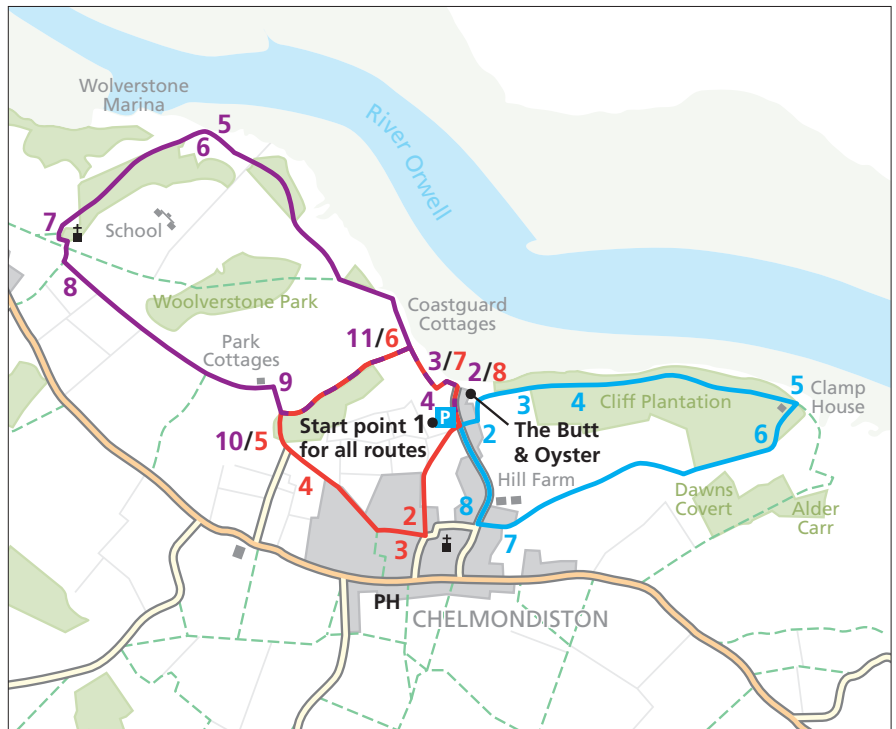


Pub Walks *with Darcy*



We had enthusiastic response to the Sibton Pub Walks collection last month, so here's another great location with a dog friendly pub and plenty of scenic walking to enjoy throughout the summer

There's something about a river view that simply feeds the soul. Nestled on the banks of the Orwell, at the ancient smugglers haven of Pin Mill, The Butt & Oyster has an envious outlook. It's the perfect spot to sit and watch the world go by but it's also at the heart of some fine public footpaths. We've charted three routes in recent years, all shown on one map, here, for ease.



Part of the wonder of these walks is that there's some surprisingly varied terrain as we cross farmland, follow woodland trails, river banks and quiet country lanes and tracks. And don't be fooled, there's the odd climb too but always worth the effort for the views. You might like to bring some binoculars along – the estuary is teeming with wildlife, so don't forget to keep your four legged friend(s) under close control.

Make sure you plan your day well – the pub is open for food all day, breakfast is served from 9am so why not start your excursion with a hearty plateful over-looking the water? Returning for drinks, lunch and dinner are always an option as dogs are very welcome in the bar as well as the outdoors area. Before you set off make sure you visit www.essentialsuffolk.com/pub-walks-with-darcy for a fully downloadable map and instructions for each of the routes plus a combined map showing all three maps too.





the walks

OS MAP for all three walks: Explorer 197
START POINT OS REFERENCE: 206 379 (public car park)

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.

ROUTE 1 Purple Route

The longest of the tree routes at approximately three miles this first walk takes you west towards Woolverstone Marina then climbing through the woods past Woolverstone Hall (home to Ipswich High School) before revealing one of the prettiest churches – St Michael and All Angels. The sweep back down towards the river affords some truly stunning views year round. Please be aware that there are some stiles to negotiate on this route. If you're following the combined map please take care to only follow the PURPLE numbers.

ROUTE 2 Blue Route

As we set off along the river bank we're soon taking a woodland path, peeping through the foliage to spy the river views as though in perfect natural picture frames. This walk is just a couple of miles with a short steep slope and a few steps too. If you're following the combined map please take care to only follow the BLUE numbers.

ROUTE 3 Red Route

Our third route is the shortest of three at approximately 1.5 miles so perfect for those looking for a shorter stroll without missing out on the landscapes. We think we get the best of the views by following clockwise but there's always fun to be had by retracing the steps of any walk in the other direction for a totally different experience. If you're following the combined map please take care to only follow the RED numbers.

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.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, seven days a week from 9am.
See our website for details of our menu.

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