

This month Darcy returns to Newbourne and her 'local' The Fox

Newbourne is not far from our home and as a consequence the walks around Newbourne, and the neighbouring village of Waldringfield, are some off our most frequently completed. One of our favourites – which you will find on our website as Newbourne route 3 – actually creates a circular walk through both villages and is one we'd highly recommend if you are yet to try it.

Having walked the area so frequently I thought we had discovered – and shared - the best walks on offer but the chance emergence of a walker a few weeks back, from a path I had previously failed to notice, led to a ramble of discovery and the creation of this great short walk. At just over two miles it is perfect for summer evenings or other occasions when time may not be on your side and although fairly short in terms of distance it is certainly short on interest. Initially running in part beside Newbourne Springs the path takes you through areas of pretty woodland before offering wide open vistas initially toward Martlesham and then over to Felixstowe in the distance. The paths are generally easy and firm underfoot so I also think this may be a good wet weather walk as there seems little chance for our pooches to find mud, a statement I will no doubt come to regret in the future!





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THE WALK

Distance: Approx. 2 miles Time: Approx. 45 minutes Terrain: Generally easy. Woodland paths, field edges with very short section of village road walking. Stops: The Fox Inn Ordinance Survey Map: 197 Start Point OS reference: 275 432

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.

- With The Fox to your right take the track between Hobart Cottage and Well Cottage situated to the left of the pond. Follow this track until you reach a five bar gate with kissing gate to its left.
- 2. At this point you will meet a three way footpath sign. One arm to the left, one pointing the way you came from and one to the right (some may say straight on). Follow the path to the left and continue until you reach another kissing gate.
- 3. Pass through the gate and continue straight ahead passing the derelict red brick building on your left. After approx. 250 yds the path turns right and then left. Follow the path until point 4.
- 4. The path emerges at a T-junction with a wooden double footpath (FP) sign ahead of you. Turn left and walk for approx. 450yds until you reach the road.
- 5. Cross the road and follow the FP sign opposite and pass through the kissing gate. Follow the track walking beside a wire fence to your left.
- 6. After approx. 200yds the fence ends and you will come to a gap on your left. (If you look closely you will see the remains of what once was a fence and stile). Turn left here and walk along the field edge. After a while the field edge changes into a track, continue straight ahead for approx. 2 3 minutes and keep your eye out for a wooden FP sign on your left beside paddocks.
- 7. At the FP sign turn left and follow the path. As it emerges to a track turn left and continue to the road.
- 8. At the road turn right initially taking the path above the road. As you approach the church on your left drop down the steps onto the road and continue until you reach the T-junction.
- 9. At the T-junction turn left and return to The Fox.

