



# PUB WALKS with Darcy

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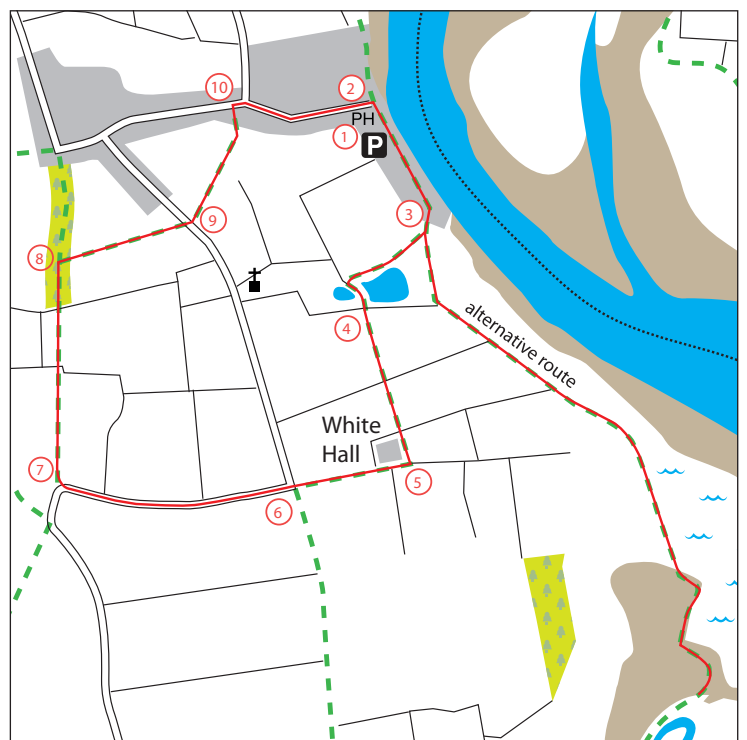


This month we bring you two walks in one starting at The Maybush Inn in Waldringfield by the banks of the beautiful River Deben

**I** love walks by the river. The ebb and flow of the tide and ever changing light mean that rarely will the experience ever be the same but each time deliver a new delight. Hot or cold, wet or dry this stretch of the Deben is one to be savoured. In the past you were able to walk the river bank down to Hemley and beyond but sadly, due to natural erosion, that option is no longer possible. However, as far as you can get, the views and sense of remoteness are well worth the effort and it is for that reason that we have included directions for a section of this path as an alternative route. Both routes start by the river but the main walk soon heads up across fields and through lanes behind and above the village of Waldringfield. The path takes you beside two crystal clear reservoirs nestled just beyond the river bank, teeming with fish. The discovery of this calm oasis was a real bonus and a lovely place to linger. The main route is a gentle one with some short stretches of road walking along a quiet country lane and through the village. The alternative route is a little trickier – it can bet wet, slippery and uneven underfoot but is, for those who want to try it, well worth the effort. ■



View from alternative route



## THE WALK

Distance: Main route approx. 2 miles  
(alternative route adds approx. 1 mile)

Time: Main route approx. 1 hour depending on your pace

Terrain: Mainly flat with stretches on minor roads  
(alternative route uneven under foot)

Stops: The Maybush Inn

Ordinance Survey Map: 197

Start point OS reference: 285 445

*As always please keep your dog under close control and follow any advisory signs.*

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1. The route starts in the car park behind the Maybush. From car park walk back down to the car park entrance turn right and walk towards the river.
2. Turn right in front of the pub and walk onto the short stretch of 'beach' following path up past Waldringfield Sailing Club and beach huts. The path passes behind a standing area for boats and then turns right.  
**At the end of the huts there are two choices. A footpath to the left (slightly obscured initially by a hedge) marked 'No through route' or to continue straight ahead. The path to the left is the route for our alternative walk (see instructions at the end). The main route continues straight ahead passing to the left of the large black end hut.**
3. Keeping the huts to your right take the path into the trees walking over a wooden plank bridge and past initially the reservoir on your left and then between that and another to your right.
4. After passing between the two reservoirs the path heads across an open field.
5. At the house (shown as 'White Hall' on OS map) turn right up the track until you meet the road.
6. Ignore the bridleway sign to your left and follow the road directly ahead for approx. 800yds.
7. As the road bends to the left there is a footpath sign on the bend on the right. Take this path which leads through a grass track, kissing gate and over a crop field before entering a wooded area.
8. After approx. 100yds you reach a junction – turn right here across the field. As the path narrows between tall hedges the path meets the road.
9. Cross over and take the footpath opposite. Continue across the field between two fence posts and over a crop field where the path emerges onto a lane by houses. Follow the lane left until you reach the road.
10. At the road turn right which will lead you back to the Maybush.

### Alternative route.

At point 3 turn left following the 'No through route' sign. After a short distance the path passes through the hedge and turns and keeps left beside two open fields. Follow the path until the far end of the field where – just before you reach a ditch – there is once again a gap in the hedge. Turn left through the gap and then immediately right where the path rises and then sits atop a raised bank. The path follows along this bank before eventually (after approx. 20 minutes) losing definition. At this point you will need to turn back.

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## The Maybush Inn



**Perched on the banks of the River Deben in Waldringfield, near Woodbridge, The Maybush Inn enjoys one of the best locations of any public house in Suffolk. The busy riverside pub/restaurant affords panoramic views across the river and beyond and with access to the sandy beach, families, ramblers, sailors, bird watchers and fisherman have all found joy in this beautiful spot.**

Renowned for its good beer, good food and great views with or without a dog it is a great start or finishing point for beautiful walks that take in amazing scenery.

The Maybush is famous for its excellent food offering with a wide range and varied menu including local game, meats and fresh seafood. Vegetarian options and a children's menu are also available and all food is freshly prepared using wherever possible the finest local ingredients.

**Food offers are available throughout the week.  
See our website for details.**

**Open: Monday-Saturday 11.00am until 11.00pm  
Sunday 12.00 noon till 10.30pm  
Food served 7 days a week.**

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