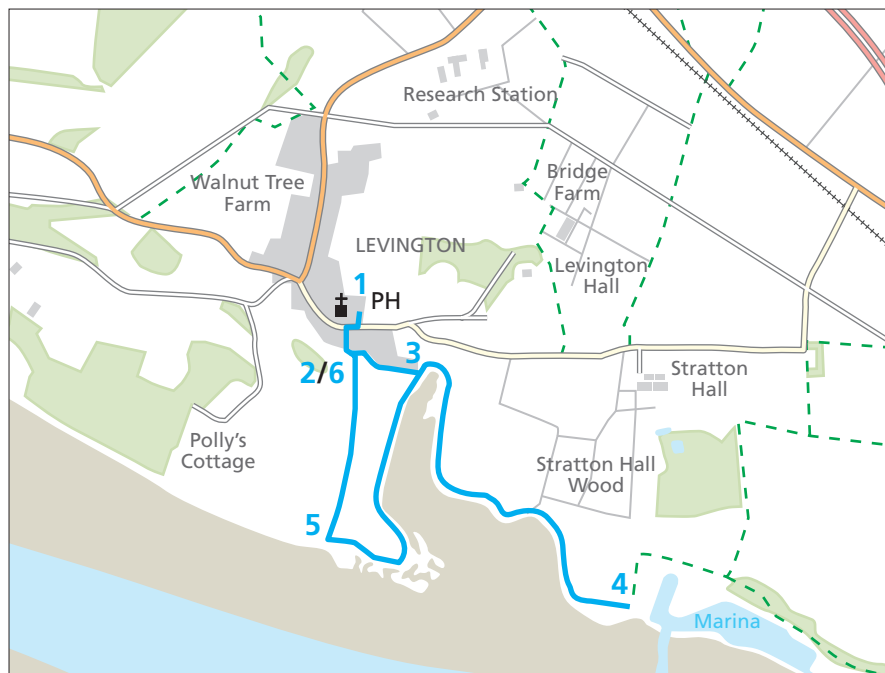




Pub Walks *with Darcy*



New territory for Darcy as she discovers the Orwell estuary at Levington



In March last year the news broke that fire had ripped through the thatched roof of the historic Ship Inn at Levington, just outside Ipswich. 50 firefighters from two counties fought the "significant blaze" and owners Adnams called the fire "devastating". But in December 2019 the pub re-opened, under the new management of Deben Inns and Darcy couldn't wait to investigate.

The newly refurbished pub has everything you would expect from Deben Inns – a relaxed, informal atmosphere, food served all day – every day, and of course a warm welcome for you and your four legged companions.

Yet perhaps the ultimate joy of this country pub is its location. Overlooking the Orwell estuary it's just a short walk to the river path. The walking is absolutely stunning with plentiful bird watching opportunities and vast waterscapes with views to Felixstowe to enjoy.

Our walking instructions start and finish at The Ship however once you've joined the river path you really can walk for as far as you'd like. We headed east towards Trimley, choosing to turn just before Levington marina however the path continues much further if you're feeling energetic.

Sturdy shoes are a must, our latest visit was on a bright sunny day in December however rain from the previous couple of days had left the path very muddy and quite tricky in places so take extra care in these conditions.





the walk

DISTANCE: Approx 3 miles

TIME: 1 hour – depending on pace

TERRAIN: Grassy field and river paths

STOPS: The Ship, Levington

OS MAP: Explorer 197

START POINT OS REFERENCE: 235 390

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. Starting from The Ship Inn exit the car park and cross the road to the path opposite, directly beside the house. Follow the path and as it rounds the corner to the left, pass through the gate.
2. Follow the path down the field towards the river, you will see the cranes of Felixstowe docks in the distance ahead of you.
3. At the T-junction with the river bank turn left and follow the path around the little inlet. After a short distance you will reach a gate signed posted Levington Lagoon, continue along this path.
4. When you reach your preferred turning point retrace your steps along the river path. We chose to turn just before we rounded the corner to the marina if you'd like the 3 mile walk. Follow the path back but continue past the point where you joined from the field. Continue around the bend of the river bank (in the direction of Ipswich) until you reach the clearly marked foot path to your right.
5. Take the steps down to the board walk – you will see the church up ahead of you and is a good marker for where you're heading back to. Follow the path back to the gate.
6. At the gate retrace your steps to the pub car park.



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