



ORMESBY ST MARGARET WITH SCRATBY PARISH WALKS



All walks start at the new footpath sign on the Memorial Green

The walks are well signed and numbered. They are along minor roads, public footpaths or permissive footpaths. It is advisable to wear stout shoes or boots and sensible clothing. Please observe the Country Code at all times and take care in areas where there is traffic.

Walk 1. Circular walk to Hemsby - 6 miles

Walk out of the village along the main road, passing the large village green and the Post Office, until you reach St. Michael's Close.

At the end of St. Michael's Close turn right at the finger post. Turn left just before the bungalow and then follow the markers along the field boundaries to Decoy Road.

Turn left onto the road and then right at the T-junction and follow the road to the end.

Pass the pond on your left and then bear right along a track.

Follow the track until you reach a grassy meadow. Head across the meadow towards some farm buildings in the distance, picking up a track along a dyke on the right. Follow the track to the road.

Turn right and follow the road, turning into Hemsby playing field at the Anglian Water wire mesh compound.

Cut across the playing field and turn right onto the road, following it round to the Post Office.

Cross to the old Yarmouth Road. At the junction. At the end of the houses on the right, turn right through a field gate.

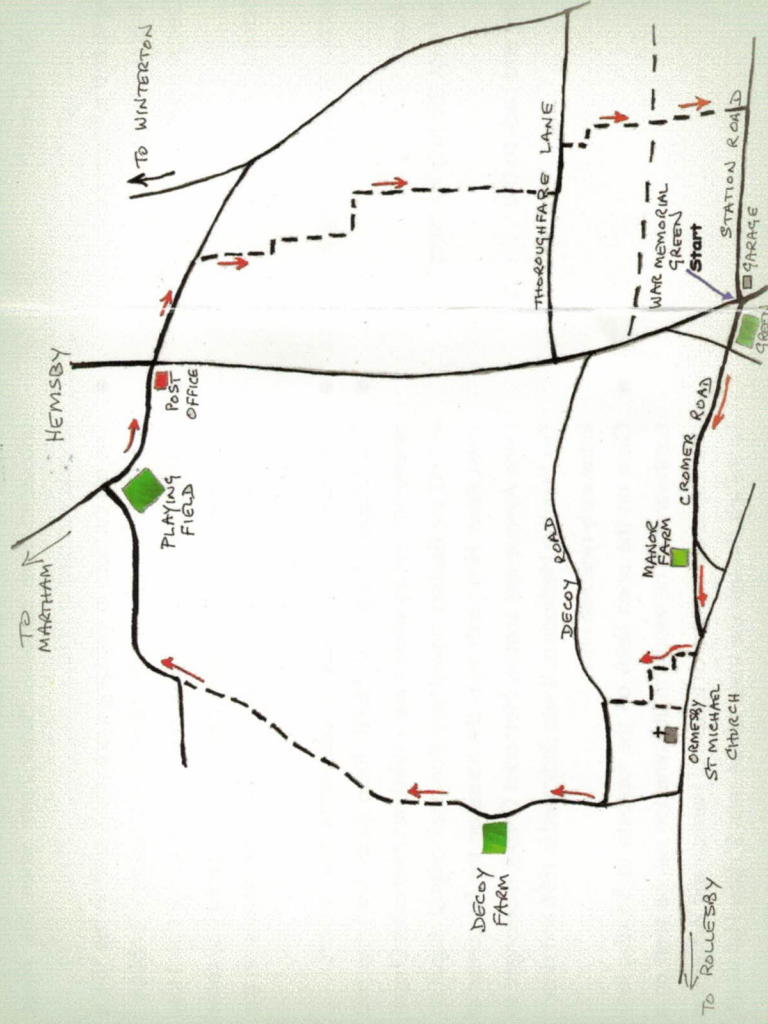
Follow the right hand field boundary round towards the houses on the coast road, keeping to the left of the hedge.

Close to the houses, turn right past a hedge and follow the line of an old railway track down to the road.

At the road, turn left, keeping to the field margin. Just before the trees, turn right across the road onto a track, and follow this until it meets a footpath.

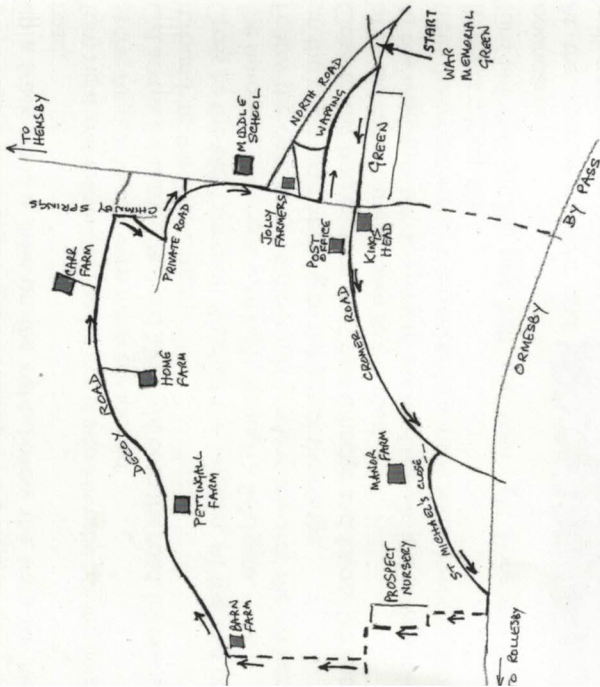
Turn left through the tree belt, and then right along the field boundary.

At the road, turn right and walk back into the village.



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Walk 2. Decoy Road Walk – 3 miles



Walk out of the village along the main road, passing the large village green and the Post Office, until you reach St. Michael's Close.

At the end of St. Michael's Close turn right at the finger post. Turn left, just before the bungalow and then follow the markers along the field boundaries to Decoy Road.

Turn right on to Decoy Road.

Walk to near the end of Decoy Road looking for Chimney Springs on the right.

Turn into Chimney Springs and then shortly right again along a path on to Private Road.

Walk left along Private Road to North Road.

Follow North Road and then West Road past the Jolly Farmers and the village pond.

At the pond turn left back along Wapping and back to the village green.

Walk 3. Ormesby Village Walk – 1.5 miles

Walk past the shops and down Wapping.

Fork left to the village pond.

Turn right on to West Road.

Pass the school and continue up North Road to the short row of white cottages.

Turn right immediately after the last cottage and up the track, ignoring the side paths, until you reach the avenue of trees.

Pass through the trees and turn right along the field edge.

At the main road turn right.

Look for the church footpath off to the left and follow it to the church.

Go down the ramp on to Yarmouth Road. Turn right and follow the road back to the village.

Points of interest on the route.

- At the start of your walk, in the middle of the triangular green by the War Memorial are buried Saxon bones which were uncovered from opposite Manor Farm when the village by-pass was built in 1996.
- The old cottages in Wapping were mainly built in the 1840s and 1850s by a builder who came from Wapping in London
- Near the village pond was a spring known as the Pulk Hole which was a source of water used in the 19th century by some villagers to run a laundry business, drying the clothes on the nearby village green.
- The original Baptist Chapel is opposite the Jolly Farmers.
- The Chapel of Light on North Road dates from the mid nineteenth century when it was a Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. In 1982 the Baptists moved here from their original chapel on West Road. Fifty yards away the house on the far corner of Dene Avenue was another Methodist Chapel. It belonged to The Primitive Methodists. It was dedicated in 1896 and closed in the early nineteen fifties.
- Once on the open fields on the footpath to Scratby, look northwards. The windfarm at Somerton can be seen on a clear day as can the church towers of Hemsby and Winterton. To the left through the trees can be seen Scratby Hall which

was once the home of John Ramey whose large wall memorial is in the chancel of St Margaret's Church. From the late nineteen forties until 1982 the hall was Duncan Hall School.

- Where the path goes to the right through the trees, it twice passes over the gas pipeline installed in 1999 to carry gas from Bacton to the new power station at Great Yarmouth.
- Great Ormesby Railway Station: The line from Great Yarmouth to Stalham reached Ormesby in 1876 but was closed in 1959. The station platform can still be seen through the trees on the left of the path.
- The Parish Church is by far the oldest surviving building in the village. Among other things, note the Norman doorway, the wall memorials and the brass on the floor in the south east corner of the nave.
- Along the road between the church and the garage, the trees on the left hand side hide the former sites of two large houses. The lodge of the home of the Lacon family stands by the road. This house is believed to have been demolished around 1960. The other house was demolished in the 1940s. The wall which runs into the woods at the end of the lay-by marks the boundary of the two estates.
- To the right off the road is Bracecamp Hall, named after a former vicar of the parish. This was formerly the church hall but since 1986 has belonged to the village.

