

# 'IT'S YOUR ROUND' ROUTE

## Circular scenic walk between The Westleton Crown & The Ship at Dunwich



### THE WESTLETON CROWN TO THE SHIP AT DUNWICH

ROUTE 1 - 5 MILES | ROUTE 2 - 3.5 MILES

ROUTE 1 - Step out of the front door and turn left, following the pavement until you can make a left onto Mill Street. Wander down Mill Street until you see a pair of change speed signs. After these signs, take an immediate right – you are heading to Westleton Common on a rutted path. When you arrive at the common, take a look at the map on the notice board – you are heading for the Black Slough.

Follow the path to the left of the noticeboard, bearing left as the path splits. Cross over the square towards the first electricity wire pole, picking up the trail and heading south across the common. You will see the path rising as it bears right at the end of the common, head up the hill and down the steps onto the bridleway – the Black Slough.

Head left until you reach the road where you will see a 'Welcome to Minsmere' sign on the right. Take the path that rises up through gorse to the right of the sign. Ramble along this path, keeping the fence and gorse on your right. Go through the kissing gate and down into the woods.

When you reach the second kissing gate you will come to a rutted bridleway, turn right, keeping an eye out for red deer in Hangman's Wood to your left. You will arrive at a house with lions on the gate posts, turn left and follow the track into Minsmere. Take the path that bears right and up Saunders Hill. At the top you will see Minsmere lakes and the white dome of Sizewell.

Cross the road and follow the path straight ahead and through two gates, before you reach a second road. Cross the road and head into the woods. When you reach the next road, turn right, follow the path as it bears left onto a private road – walk straight ahead keeping the cottages on your right.

You'll arrive in Dunwich woods where you can follow the Suffolk Coastal Path signs down into Dunwich. To your left you will see the ruins of Greyfriars Monastery. Shortly after you will spot The Ship at Dunwich.

ROUTE 2 - From the front door of The Ship, head left towards St James church. Wander past the church and straight across the junction onto a bridle path. Following the trail, you will pass the old graveyard and what remains of the old chapel, to your left. After about 1.5 miles on this ramble, you will pass Sandy Lane Farm on your right. Carry on into the woods.

Continue on as the heath emerges to your right. You will pass a bridleway with a metal barrier on your right and eventually the archery course to your left. Take the path to the right that skirts the edge of the archery course. You'll reach a hedge that borders the road and after 100 yards you will see a gate to the left of the hedge. Go through the gate, cross the road and through the kissing gates.

Follow the path along the edge of the field, keeping the fence to your right. In the corner of the field, you will see more kissing gates. Pass through the gates and along the path that crosses Westleton Heath. Next you will find an old chalk quarry to your right, take a left at the fork past a grove of trees.

Along the path you will come to another kissing gate and a road, turn left, then 100 yards on, turn right. Follow the trail towards King's Farm and Nash Barn. Pass the barn on your right, along an avenue of trees and onto Westleton Common. Keeping the cottage ahead to your left you will reach a road. Turn right into the village, left at the end of the road and there you will spot The Westleton Crown.

## AROUND AND ABOUT

### Points of interest along the route



#### RSPB MINSMERE NATURE RESERVE

One of the RSPB's most famous nature reserves with woodlands, marshes, heath and beach, birdwatchers can expect a huge variety of different birds with over 300 species in the areas checklist. It has been an RSPB reserve for over 50 years and pioneered the use of observation hides and management of wetland areas to enable visitors to see a sample of the huge range of birds that pass along the Suffolk coast.



#### DUNWICH BEACH

Once a thriving port and the capital of East Anglia, today Dunwich is a sleepy coastal village with a few houses, a church and a stunning pub. During the 16th Century, Dunwich was destroyed by a series of storms and floods that swept most of the town into the sea. It is worth visiting the The National Trust site at Dunwich Heath and beach to discover more of the local history, from smugglers and shipping routes to a pivotal role in the D-Day landings.



#### GREYFRIARS

Greyfriars, Dunwich, was a Franciscan friary founded before 1277 and housed 20 friars. Many of the buildings are believed to have been destroyed on dissolution, and the modern remains consist of a precinct wall, two gatehouses and some two-storey walls believed to be the remains of a cloister building, possibly a refectory or infirmary building.

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#### THE CROWN

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