

Dunwich to Walberswick

Marshland Meander



The Ship at Dunwich to Walberswick | A round route

7 miles | 11.4 km | 2.5 - 3 hours

Leave The Ship and head west through Dunwich, out of the village towards the Dunwich War Memorial.

As you leave the village, cross the Dunwich River via the small bridge. Take the next right, indicated by a footpath sign and the entrance to Dingle's Tea Room. At the fork, keep right and continue north along the established gravel footpath, with Dunwich Forest to your left and Dingle Marshes to your right. Keep following the main path north as it winds around the western edge of the marshes.

At the fork, take the path to the left into Dunwich Forest and continue through the woodland. Take the second path on your right, heading east towards the coastline. You'll eventually leave the woodland near a house. Follow the path around the house to your left, then continue behind a second house and onto a tree-lined pathway.

Continue through another small area of woodland, Sandymount Covert. On leaving the woodland, keep to the path on the right, following it around Dingle Hill and towards the marshland.

When you reach Dunwich River, turn left and follow the riverside path as it meanders towards Walberswick. Continue with the river on your right until you reach Dunwich Bridge. Pass the bridge without crossing it, then take the next trail on your left, heading away from the river and across the heathland.

Join the adjacent field and follow the path around the corner to the right. Shortly afterwards, exit the field on the right and continue along the footpath.

Follow the path until you reach the corner of the allotments behind Walberswick Village Hall. Turn left and continue towards the road. Here, head east, passing the entrance to the village hall and continuing into the beach car park.

Head directly onto the beach, then turn right and follow the coastline south along the length of the beach back towards Dunwich. Continue until you reach Dunwich Beach Café. Leave the beach via the car park and follow the road back into Dunwich and to The Ship.

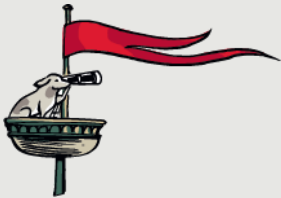
Around & About

Points of interest along the route



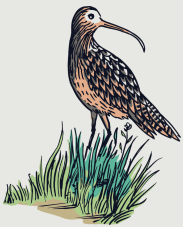
DUNWICH FOREST

Managed by Forestry England, Dunwich Forest consists of over 2000 acres of mixed woodland and lowland heath running adjacent to Dingle Marshes. Dartmoor ponies graze on the northern sections and it's a habitat for local butterflies and birdlife.



DUNWICH

Once a thriving port and the capital of East Anglia, today Dunwich is a sleepy coastal village with a few houses, a church, museum and our 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 museum to discover more of the local history, from smugglers and shipping routes to a pivotal role in the D-Day landings.



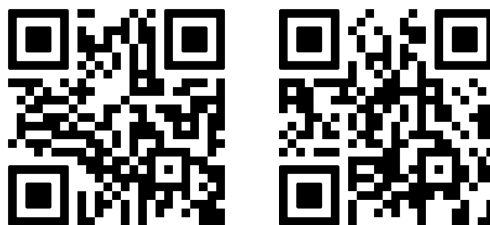
DINGLE MARSH

Dingle Marshes is a peaceful stretch of wetland on the Suffolk coast, sitting between Dunwich and Walberswick. Managed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the reserve is made up of reedbeds, freshwater pools, grazing marsh and coastal shingle, creating an important habitat for a wide variety of wildlife. Keep an eye out for marsh harriers overhead and wading birds around the pools, while the reedbeds provide shelter for species including bearded tits and bitterns. The landscape here is constantly shaped by the sea, making it a particularly wild and distinctive part of the Suffolk coast.

Supporting Dunwich Heath

Following the Dunwich Heath wildfire, you can support the recovery of this special part of the Suffolk coast by donating directly to the National Trust's Dunwich Heath Appeal or the RSPB's Minsmere Wildfire Appeal.

Scan the QR codes to find out more about each appeal and how your donation will help support the recovery of the landscape and its wildlife.



<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/support-us/appeals/dunwich-heath>

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