

OUT & ABOUT BROADLAND

Walk no:



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Gt & Lt Plumstead

A five and half-mile scenic walk

This 5½ mile walk is around the Plumsteads that lay to the east of Norwich. Take the B1140 for approximately 4½ miles from the Norwich outer ringroad. Parking is available at the Little Plumstead Village Hall in Crowes Loke. You may encounter livestock along the route.

Directions

From the car park turn right and continue to the end of Crowes Loke. Here, turn left and as the lane bends to the left, take the footpath on the right between the hedgerow and fence. The path emerges into a field and continues with a hedge to the left. At the field boundary continue straight along a further footpath with a hedge on your left. At the end of the field path, cross the stile to the road, and turn right. You can walk safely along the path, passing Little Plumstead Hospital on your left and Little Plumstead Church. The church is dedicated unusually to St Gervase and St Protase, the only Anglican Church in England named after these Roman Saints. A brass plaque in the church commemorates Sir Edward Warner who died in 1565, and was Lieutenant of the Tower of London.

Where the road bends to the left continue straight ahead into Broad Lane. Pass the entrance to Manor Farm and continue along the lane. Take the path on your left across a wooden bridge into a field. Turn immediately left and follow the path around the field edge. The path continues with a hedge and ditch to the left, then turns right and can be clearly seen along the field edge with the hedge to the left.

At the road turn left and almost immediately right. Cross the stile and continue along the field edge path with the hedge to your right. At the end of the field edge section the path veers half left across a field towards a white house. Where the path meets the road, turn right and continue passing a small woodland on your left.

After passing the entrance to Toad Lane on your right, turn left through the gap in the hedgerow where the footpath sign directs. Follow the path with the hedge boundary to your left and at the end of the path cross the stile into the road. Turn right then immediately left into a wide track and continue with a row of tall poplars on your right.

The track then goes between two rows of poplars and emerges from the trees. Follow straight ahead along a grass track and through another avenue of trees and at the end of this track cross a stile into a lane. Turn left along the lane and shortly after a large house on your left, turn left across a field path where the sign directs.



At the end of the field pass through a staggered barrier to the road and turn right. The lane goes between houses and at the road junction turn right into Church Road then left into Water Lane signed Little Plumstead Hospital. You will pass Octagon Cottage and a small wood, on your right. Continue along the road which bends to the right signed Little Plumstead, again passing the entrance to the Church. Shortly after this turn left over the stile, and return along the path across the fields. The path continues between a hedge and a fence and emerges on to a road. Turn left and then right into Crowes Loke and continue back to the car park and the start of the walk.

