



WALK TO DENHAM STREET AND BACK – 4.5 miles

The walk starts in the car park of the Pennings nature reserve. The reserve is situated just off the B1117 around ½ a mile east from the centre of Eye by Abbey Bridge where there is a pointer post directing you to the reserve.

Expect some sections of the walk to be muddy after wet weather.

Use OS Explorer Map number 230 (Diss and Harleston) to enjoy this walk and the wider area

THE WALK

Turn right out of the car park and walk along Ludgate Causeway, passing the Old Cherry Tree pub on your right.

The road soon narrows and deteriorates as it climbs steadily uphill (yes, a hill in Suffolk!). At the top, fork left onto a narrow bridleway between trees.

You emerge onto Fiddler's Lane (unnamed). Turn right and enjoy the views to the left over rolling, wooded countryside. Reach the junction with Cocks Road.

Forking very slightly left at the triangle cross the road and look, to the right of the small commercial area, for a narrow footpath between two wire fences. At the end of this footpath veer slightly left and immediately right along the path which continues alongside a well-established hedgerow.

After about 120 metres turn right over a sleeper bridge and then turn left. Walk for around 20 metres then turn right onto a grass track. Continue along the grass track for about 250 metres, then turn right and immediately left to continue along a field with the hedge on your left.

Pass through three fields and continue on the track as it enters a wooded avenue which becomes a more densely wooded area.

Emerge onto open fields and continue until you reach the minor road at Denham Street. Turn right and walk along the road for 600 metres, passing Bush Farm and Chez Wedrewolf (Flowerdew in reverse!) on your left.

Turn right onto a footpath at Street Farm workshops and cross over a field. You are now heading back to Eye.

At the end of this field, by a small pond, turn right and then immediately left to follow the field edge. After about 200 metres go over the railed bridge and follow the path into the field on your right. Walk along the edge of the field, with the hedge on your left, and go through a wide gap into another field.

Keep the hedge on your left and continue until you come to a footbridge with rails on your left. Go over the bridge, cross the farm track and go over another railed footbridge, keeping the hedge on your right.

With the hedge always on your right, you will pass through four fields. Go down a footbridge to leave the fourth field, turn left and then right through a kissing gate. Cross the lawned area onto a tarmac track. Continue on the track passing Uplands Farm on your left.

When you arrive at the junction with Cocks Road, cross over the road and follow the path with the hedge of Uplands Cottage on your right.

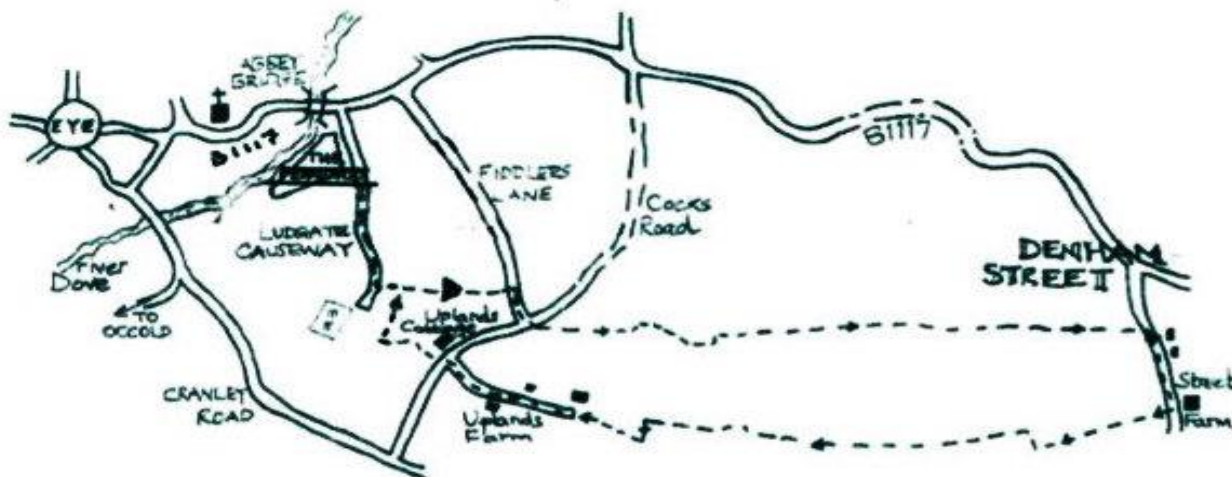
After around 130 metres, at a pointer post on your right, turn left, straight across the field, heading for a gap in the hedge. Go through the gap, descend carefully to the path and turn right along the path, with the hedgerow on your right.

Soon you will re-join the bridleway. Turn left and retrace your steps down to the Pennings from where you can start the Eye Circular walk should you wish.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Eye is on the route of a Monday to Saturday bus service which connects Diss and Ipswich. The service is numbered 112/113/114 and you will find the timetables at www.suffolkonboard.com/buses/timetables/ or www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk.

The Eye-bound service has a stop around 170 yards to the west of the short approach road to Diss railway station. The station is on the Norwich/London Liverpool Street main line which has connection points at Norwich station to the north and at stations at various points south. Diss station is around four miles from Eye.



THE MAP