

Despite its name, Brampton station is nearer to Redisham, a village associated with East Anglian writer Adrian Bell, who farmed nearby in the 1940s before moving to Beccles.

His book 'Apple Acre' gives a charming, evocative and often amusing account of life and work in the local landscape of those times. The route passes through the green parklands surrounding Redisham Hall, a delightful interlude in a predominantly arable countryside.

Cattle often graze the Redisham Hall meadows, so keep dogs under close control.

- 1 From the station platform go over the level crossing and along the road to a sharp right bend.
- 2 Cross the field ahead in the same general direction as the road from the station, passing close to the mid-field pond to meet a hedge at the corner of the field.
- 3 Cross the field ahead on the line of the first and third electricity poles, making for a hedged corner.
- 4 Cross the footbridge to continue on the other side of the hedge.
- 5 At path junction, cross plank footbridge, then go left to follow field edge path.
- 6 Go right on a long, field-edge bridleway, becoming a track at the side of the wood, then by the side of a stream to pass farm buildings and walled gardens near the hall.
- 7 Where the main drive swings right, keep ahead through a gate to cross grazed parkland following a stream on your left.
- 8 Look left for the continuation of the bridleway across a wooden bridge, not ahead across rough ground. Follow between hedges and bear left to the road at the driveway to Pound Farm.
- 9 Just beyond the school, the bridleway goes off to the right.
- 10 Cross the bridge and go right towards Old Hall Farm and road at Ringsfield church. Follow the road left for 150 yards.
- 11 The bridleway branches right to Lodge Farm.
- 12 Opposite farm buildings the bridleway branches right.
- 13 Follow track left round the bend, keeping to the right of the hedge, then continue to the road.
- 14 At a sharp corner turn left along a sunken track, leading to the busy B1062: cross with care, go right on grass verge path, then left into Puddingmoor.
- 15 Cliff House steps lead up to the museum and town centre. The rail station is 1/3 mile along Station Road.



River Waveney at Beccles

Planning your walk

Time: Allow about 3 - 4 hours

Suggested map: Explorer map 231 Southwold and Bungay

Refreshment: Carry sufficient food and drink for the whole walk; there are no pubs or shops directly on the route

Useful info: The Horseshoes Inn, Ringsfield Corner is about ¼ mile off route along Cromwell Road.
Beccles visitor info - 01502 523442
Beccles & District Museum - 01502 715722

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