

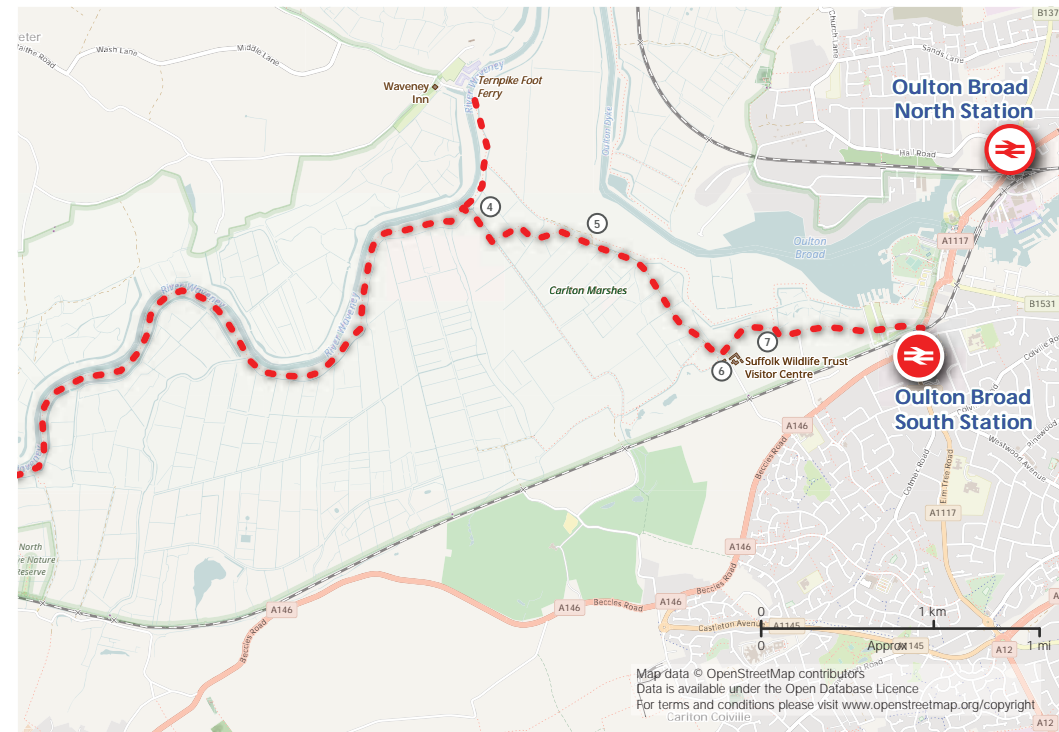
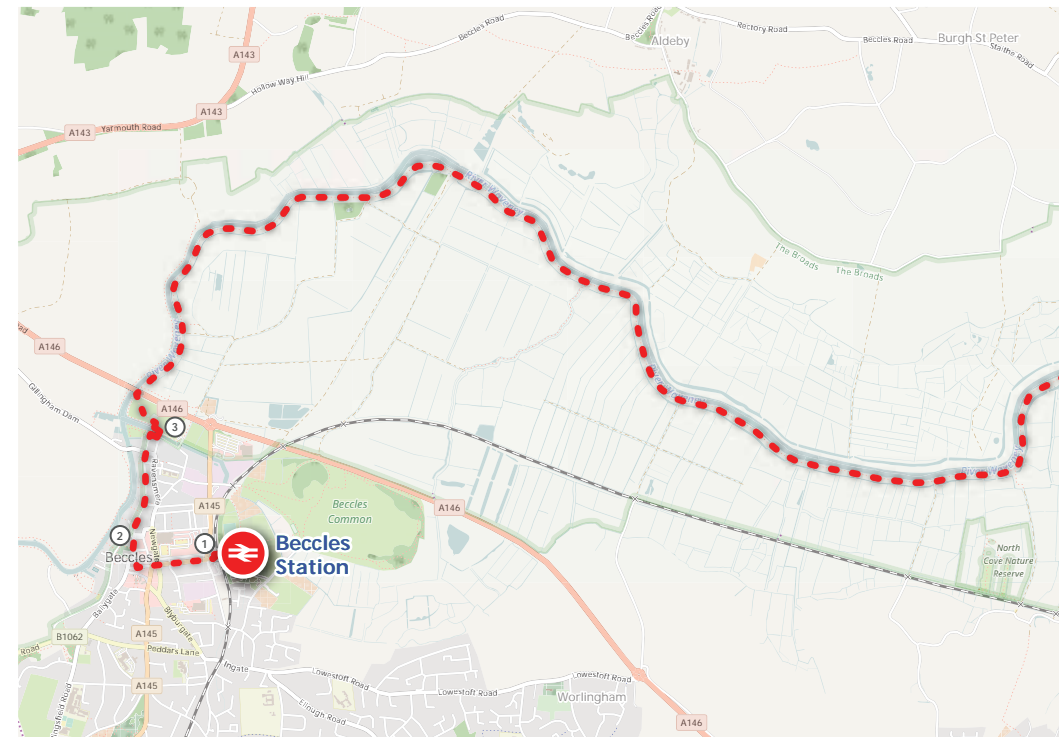
21 Angles Way from Beccles

Beccles - Oulton Broad South - 10 miles / 16.1 kms

This walk follows part of the Angles Way, a waymarked regional route for long distance walkers linking the Broads at Yarmouth with the Brecks at Knettishall Heath near Thetford.

Beccles is a lovely country town that amply repays exploration. In Northgate, look out for the plaque on the house where farmer-writer Adrian Bell once lived. In the same street the boldly painted 'Smith & Eastaugh' sign on a Dutch-style gable proclaims 'Wherries constantly attend the Traders & Steam Vessels for conveying goods to and from the wharf.' Nowadays the Waveney is alive with pleasure craft in summer but out of season the river and adjacent marshes offer glorious isolation and solitude. From the bank-top path there are ample opportunities to enjoy the panorama across Castle Marshes, a Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) reserve.

- 1 Go along Station Road to the town centre, then right by the magnificent church tower towards Old Market bus stand.
- 2 Continue along Northgate to the quay.
- 3 Cross the footbridge to the play area, then go left along the waterside path to the main river. Follow the riverbank path to the right under the bypass and continue for 6½ miles.
- 4 Follow Angles Way waymarkers sharply right off the riverbank. The path is along the top of an embankment at the side of a broad dyke, or continue ¼ mile on riverside path to Waveney-River Centre foot ferry.
- 5 Beyond the single gate, follow Angles Way to SWT visitor centre, or go left to join marsh-side path with views of Oulton Broad.
- 6 Turn left through the visitor centre car park and continue on the path beyond.
- 7 Ignore path off left - keep to Angles Way through small fields, passing entrance to Ivy House Country Hotel; then through holiday village to Marsh Road (track) and Oulton Broad South station.



Planning your walk

Time: Allow about 4-5 hours

Suggested map: Outdoor Leisure map 40 The Broads

Refreshment: The Waveney Inn (via foot ferry); Ivy House Country Hotel. Plenty of choice at Beccles and Oulton Broad

Useful info: Suffolk Wildlife Trust - 01473 890089 www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org
Waveney River Centre www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk; to call ferry 07500 571232