



PUB WALKS

with Darcy

For this month's pub walk Darcy returns to the pretty village of Pettistree visiting the dog friendly Greyhound Inn

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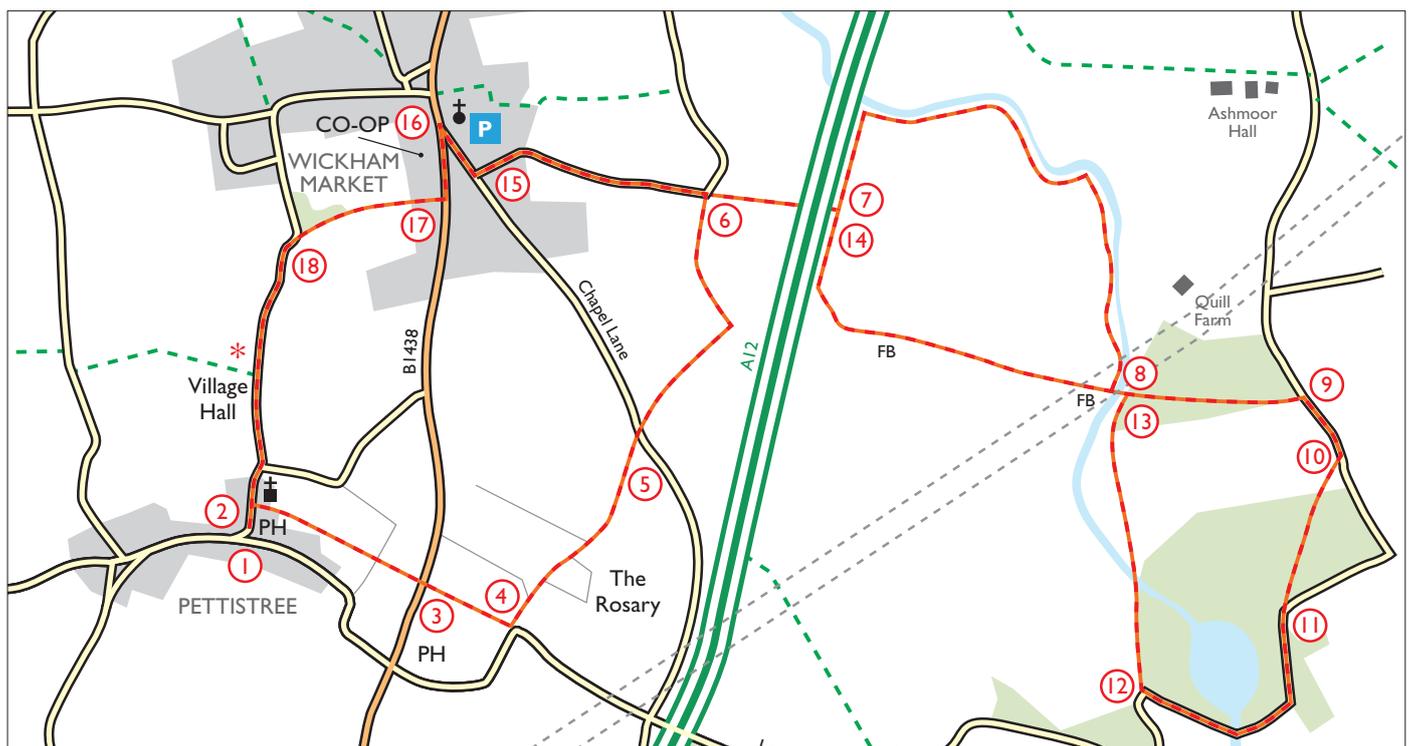
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One of the things I love about Suffolk is that it is a county that constantly offers lovely surprises and this month we have been introduced to a beautiful walk just 15 minutes from our home but one of which we were totally unaware.

We must have driven down the A12 toward Woodbridge literally hundreds of times and glanced at the cows and geese grazing on meadows to our left. When we have sustained heavy rain we often comment on the flood plain but never had I considered that a network of paths meandered through it offering stunning walks.

This walk builds on a previous route from Pettistree and at just under two hours it is perfect for the coming summer days. A combination of open fields, riverside walking, woods and passing by the impressive Ashe Abbey, it is a walk that I imagine will deliver fresh delights with each season and one we look forward to regularly repeating. There are some stretches of quiet road walking and one more major road to cross but all can be easily and safely negotiated.



THE WALK

Distance: Approx. 5 miles

Time: Approx. 1 hour 45 minutes

Terrain: Easy paths and tracks. Short stretches of road walking. One busy road to cross

Stops: The Greyhound Inn, Pettistree

Ordinance Survey Map: 212

Start Point OS reference: 298 548

As always please keep your dog under close control and follow any advisory signs. For a printable version of this and previous walks go to: www.essentialssuffolk.com/dog-walks where you will also find more pictures of each walk route.

1. From the Greyhound car park turn right and walk toward the church.
2. At the church turn right at the footpath (FP) sign and pass through the churchyard. Head for the wooden gate directly ahead. Keep to the right of the field heading for a metal 'pull apart' gate. Pass through the next field and one more metal gate. Once through this gate cross the field ahead aiming for steps up a small bank. This bank is the where the path meets the road which can be busy.
3. Cross the road and over the low stile opposite. Once over the stile cross the field heading for a wooden gate.
4. At the gate turn left and walk down the track passing a house. Continue straight ahead. As you follow the path you will see a FP sign ahead, (by two telegraph poles that are next to each other) this marks where the path meets another, but much quieter, road.
5. Follow track opposite. After a short walk the path turns left by a telegraph pole and emerges at a group of houses.
6. At the last house –Whistlecraft – turn immediately right and continue under the bridge.
7. After the bridge turn left. When you reach the river turn right and follow the path until you meet a white metal bridge. (approx. 15 minutes)
8. At the bridge turn left and then continue straight ahead until you reach the road.
9. Turn right and walk along road for approx. 130yds until you reach a wooden gate and FP sign on your right.
10. Pass through the gate, across the field and cross the stile before the road.
11. Turn right and walk along the road for approx. 650yds until you reach a FP sign on your right. (Ashe Abbey marks approx. half way)
12. Turn right over wooden bridge, along the path and then over another bridge until you meet a kissing gate. Pass through the gate and continue straight ahead keeping to the right of the field (not an obvious path) until you meet another kissing gate.
13. Turn left and pass back over the white bridge and continue straight ahead. Follow this path until you reach the underpass.
14. Turn left and continue straight ahead re passing Whistlecraft – now on your left – and walk along a quiet stretch of road. After approx. 400 yds the road bears to the left and then after another 100yds you will reach a junction.
15. At the junction turn right and then after approx. 75 yds pass behind the war memorial on your left meeting the main road.
16. At the main road turn left and walk to the Co-op.
17. Immediately after the Co-op follow the Restricted Byway sign on your right and follow the path beside the field. After a short while ahead you will see a white post which marks where the path meets the road.
18. At the road turn left and follow it until you reach the Greyhound.



Stewart & Louise McKenzie welcome you to the Greyhound Inn Pettistree

One of the oldest pubs in Suffolk in a beautiful village setting. Chef Louise handcrafts the seasonal menu using locally sourced ingredients. Stewart serves a selection of local ales and an expanding array of single malt whiskys.

Woodburning stove and board games in the bar.

Water bowls and biscuits provided for friendly dogs!

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