

Bures Walks 3: The Ravensfield Round – about 7k



Leave the village on the Colne Road (up Parsonage Hill, just round the corner from the railway bridge). Having left the village, on a sharp right-hand bend, keep ahead onto a very minor road passing Bakers Hall and Master Farm on your right. Stay on this minor road for some time, ignoring various opportunities to take paths or tracks to the left. It drops into a shallow valley where a concrete track leaves to the left, and a footpath to the right. Just keep ahead, uphill.

At the top of the hill you will see a cottage ahead, on your left. Before reaching the cottage a byway leaves on your right, and this is followed until it emerges onto a field edge. Continue with hedge on left. When you see a house ahead bear left, leaving the property to your right. Follow the house boundary round to the right, and then bear left on the drive which leads to Colne Road.

[Sometimes the byway becomes so muddy or flooded that it is impassable. If that is the case continue towards the cottage mentioned above and pass it, leaving it to your left. The track ahead soon bends to the right and passes Lower Jennies Farm to your right. It too reaches Colne Road, onto which you turn right, uphill, until you reach Pricketts Hall where you will see the impassable byway emerging onto the road]

Assuming you have used the byway, turn right opposite Pricketts Hall onto Colne Road. Just round the next bend a minor road leaves to the left. Follow this, passing a bungalow on your left, until you see The Lodge and Ravensfield Farm ahead of you. Just before these buildings a byway leaves on your right and you follow this to join the Pebmarsh Road at Hornes Green. The road to the right leads back to Bures, and to the left it goes to Pebmarsh, but opposite, on a left hand bend, a smaller road goes ahead – follow this into a shallow valley.

Look out for a footpath sign which leads you to the right, into a beautiful tree-lined green lane. Follow this down until a waymark guides you into a low, wooded area. This can become boggy in

places, and people sometimes have to follow slightly higher paths along the left hand scarp. At time of writing people are getting through without much trouble. Eventually the path bears downhill to the right where you join a track left into a field.

The path crosses to the far corner of the field, where you continue ahead with the field boundary to your left, passing some barns and then emerging onto a lane.

[From the start of the potentially boggy section to this point the path is subject to a deviation order, but as that has not yet been ratified please try to keep to the described route]

On joining the lane bear left and follow it round a right-hand bend past Ferriers Barn. Stay on the lane, heading generally downhill, until it emerges at the foot of Lamarsh Hill with the railway bridge ahead of you.

If you find any of these directions inaccurate, or encounter any problems, please let me know at hughturner447@gmail.com. Thank you.