

BRAMFIELD,
THORINGTON
AND
WENHASTON

Blyth Valley Churches

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6 mile
Walking
Route

Walk up the lane past the pub to St Andrews Church to admire the detached round tower, Rood Screen, and the monuments to the Rabbet family. On leaving the church turn left with the crinkle-crankle wall ahead of you back down to cross The Street, heading for, and past, the village field, school and hall. Bear right a few yards farther on entering, and keeping to the left-hand boundary of Castle Meadow.

Keep on through the gate in the corner of the meadow leading into the next agricultural field, staying on the left. As you leave that enclosed field by the corner gate strike out in the same direction across the field ahead aiming for the right-hand edge of the copse in the middle-distance. Make sure you are to the right of the ditch as you make your way across the next field heading for the gap in the hedge boundary beyond the track in front of you.

The right of way continues straight on to the trees ahead at the kink in the field boundary on the far side of that field. Turn left and keep right on the field margin passing a high seat used for stalking deer. At the bottom of the field make your way round the end of the hedge walking a few yards to the left before turning right to cross the field to a stile in a hedge to the left of a scrubby retting pit.



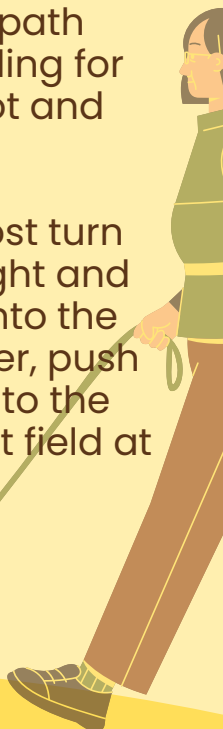
Head straight across Thorington Hall Farm meadow to a gate giving access to a small interesting field, cross this and enter the next field either by the stile or a gap in the hedge in the corner to the left. Cross the agricultural field to proceed along the left hand edge of Hall Wood. Turn left following the field edge joining a more defined track passing a derelict house on your right, before entering another large field. Keep right and look out for a concealed but waymarked hole in the hedge.

Go through it and turn left and in the corner ahead continue through some nettle and brambles to a pedestrian gate giving access to the garden of The Old Rectory. Keep left and pass through a gate and a narrowed section turning right on to the lane then right again to visit St Peters Thorington. One of the Browns related to Capability the Landscaper was Rector here.

Leave the church and head up the track opposite to the Balancing Barn, ducking onto the path to your left at the gate to Suffolk Wildlife Trusts Church Farm depot. Drop down through the wood and scrub to a gate, turning left onto an often soggy water meadow. Head for the gated bridge which will appear ahead of you. Cross it and head for the right-hand side of the cottage in front of you. Go through the gate up the path next to the cottage and turn right onto the track. Follow it round across Black Heath looking out for Adders and listening for Nightingales. Cross the road and keep the bungalows to your right. Paths in this corner of the heath converge on a track leading on to Hall Road.

Turning right will take you to The Star. Turning left will take you towards the school and opposite the village hall, St Peters Wenhaston. Call in to admire the doom. On leaving turn right and continue as the track reduces to a path between paddocks and passes to the left of the pigstile before left heading for Church Farm. Cross the yard and head past the Suffolk Railway depot and cross over the Bramfield Road to the storage clamp.

Turn left across the field at the end of the hedge and at the marker post turn right towards the poultry unit. Drop down keeping the sheds to your right and turn left on to Bartholomews Lane. A few yards farther on, turn right onto the path just shy of the hedge bounding the field opposite. At the top corner, push through the gap and follow the left hand field edge round the corner to the right with a copse to your left then cut down at an angle across the next field at the waymark as it peters out.



At the bottom of the hill head for the bridge and up the hill on the other side keeping to the right of the boundary. Follow it round to the left at the top, then right cutting through the hedge gap then right past an old van. Head down an increasingly well defined track to the corner in the road opposite Holly Tree Farm. Turn right and follow Low Road past Bramfield Meats turning left at the crossroads onto The Street and finding your way past the United Reformed Church and The Old Bell pub to your car.