

Holly Tree Farm Barns – Cratfield to Homersfield Cycle Ride

Overview: A ride north to the beautiful River Waveney at Homersfield, taking in some Suffolk hamlets

Distance: 23 miles

Elevation Gain: 730 feet

Time to complete: 2.5-3 hours

Refreshments: The Black Swan at Homersfield (about half way) is recommended for lunch and a pint

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There is a scrollable, online version of this route available from the Holly Tree Farm Barns website www.hollytreebarns.co.uk

5. Take the side road left into Homersfield village. The Black Swan is at the far end of the village near the bridge. It serves food every day and is a very nice, old-fashioned pub.

4. Cross the B1123 and continue through Mendham, after which there are a couple of steepish hills.

3. Head up the hill on Gules Green Lane. Turning left at the junction with Pegg's Lane and follow the road all the way to Withersdale Street. The lane emerges onto the B1123.

2. Turn left at the junction in Silverley's Green onto the straight Roman road. Continue ¼ mile to another fork at Little Wittingham Green. Bear left on Cratfield Road. Follow the road to the left at the T junction to where Gules Green Lane turns off to the right. If you wish to visit Fressingfield (pubs, shop) continue a further half a mile, then return to the Gules Green Lane junction

1. At the end of the Holly Tree Farm barns driveway turn right into the village. Take the first right (Manse Lane) and follow it round to the T junction Turn right along Swan Green Lane, and at the end right again to Swan Green. At the fork bear right towards Silverley's Green

6. Staggering out of the pub, take the right fork at the green and return along the riverside stretch, but bear left up St Cross Road to the crossroads. Head straight across and uphill towards St Cross South Elmham.

7. Once in St Cross South Elmham bear left at the first junction, and right at the second (just coming out of the village) towards St James South Elmham. Turn right again at Frog Hall.

8. At St James South Elmham turn right at the T junction onto The Street. At the T junction approaching Metfield turn right. At the crossroads in Metfield turn left and join the B1123.

9. Continue on the B1123 for 2 miles until the road turns sharp left. Turn right here (North Green Road) signposted Camel Centre. Follow the road as it twists and turns past the Camel Centre. When you reach Moat House Farm turn left. This is the road into Cratfield village, and Holly Tree Farm Barns is on your right just before the village.

