

BLOFIELD TRACK

Distance 1.4 miles/2.1km

Start: Searsons Farm, Cordys Lane

Trains: Greater Anglia Railways run a regular service from Felixstowe and Ipswich stations every hour and all stop at Trimley Station. This is about a 0.5 km from the start. Turn left out of the station and make your way to the end of the houses in Cordys Lane.

Buses and bus stop: Felixstowe Flyer buses numbers 75 and 77 from Felixstowe and Ipswich stop at the top of Station Road. It is about 1 km from the bus stop walking along Station Road which becomes Cordys Lane after the level crossing. Searsons farm is at the end of the properties in Cordys lane on the left.

Car Park: There is a small free car park opposite Searsons Farm, Cordys Lane.

Eateries: The Mariners pub, High Road. Gullivers Fish and Chips, High Road. Mrs I Crafts is a cafe with drinks and homemade cakes, Wed- Sat. 10am – 3pm. Cordy's Lane, beside the railway crossing.

This is a circular route on the level. You will walk on field tracks, bridleways, woodland paths, and a road without any pavements. You also go under one railway bridge. Though this is a very short walk, **we would not recommend a family with young children to do this** as you will have to cross a road where container trucks regularly travel along and there is no pedestrian crossing. Also you need to cross a pedestrian railway level crossing with wooden gates and freight trains regularly run along this line, so you will need to cross with great care. There is also an area of water after heavy rain which is not fenced off.

① From the car park, turn left (north east) along Cordys Lane and go towards the train station.

② 130 metres on your right, just after no 47, Cordys Lane there is a bridleway called **Blofield** Track. Turn right here and follow the bridleway through Blofield Meadow. On your left you will see daffodils fringing the wood on your left in March.

③ After 370 metres from the road you will come to some stumps and bollards across the track. Pass through these and continue on the bridleway under the railway bridge. Continue on the track. In winter you should be able to see containers on your right through the trees. You then come to an area of water on your right. Continue until the bridleway merges with a tarmac track and then on to Nicholas Road.

④ At this point you will need to keep on the pavement with the road on your right. Continue a short distance ignoring a track to your left, until you come to an area of yellow hatching on the road. Opposite on the other side of the road is a footpath.

⑤ Cross the road very carefully looking out for container lorries. Then go along the bridleway through the trees. In winter you will be able to see containers either side of the track through the trees.

⑥ You will soon come to an unmanned pedestrian level crossing gate with wooden gates. ***Cross with great care*** as freight trains regularly use this railway line to and from the **Port of Felixstowe**.

⑦ When you have crossed, turn left along the bridleway.

⑧ After a very short distance, you will come to another footpath on your right going across a field with a hedge on your right. Go along the path past a second field. You will have a good view of the cranes from **Felixstowe Docks** here.

⑨ Follow the farm track round to the right and then shortly after there is a footpath that goes to the left. This area can be very muddy after heavy rain. The path eventually leads to the bridleway that goes to **Searsons Farm**.

⑩ Turn right here and walk back to the car park. There are lovely countryside views to your left. As you approach Searson's Farm, you will see the Cartlodge, Barn and Bidwells buildings to your right.

N.B. The words that are emboldened can be referenced in a separate Gazetteer also found in this section of the website.

