

## KEEPERS COTTAGE CIRCUIT

Distance: 1½ miles/2.4km

**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 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 to the start 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, Wednesday- Saturday. 10am – 3pm. Cordy's Lane, beside the railway crossing.

This is a short, simple, circular route. You will walk on field tracks, bridleways, and a few metres along a road without any pavements. There will be attractive views over fields. Probably best to avoid after heavy rain.

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

② A few metres on your left just before the properties there is a bridleway called Keeper's Track. Turn left here and shortly keep to the marked bridleway on your left and follow the track through the trees. You should see some interesting **Anti-Aircraft Site** Cold War Buildings on the right.

③ After about 400 metres the main path veers to the right. However keep straight on a narrow bridleway. Almost immediately take the footpath to the left towards the **Port of Felixstowe**. There are interesting views here towards the **Felixstowe Docks**. In winter you should be able to see the river Orwell. If you turn around you will see the grounds of **Keeper's Cottage**. At the bottom of the slope walk through metal staggered barriers. (This area may well be muddy after heavy rain.) Continue walking straight on towards the power lines.

④ About 100 metres after going under the power lines there is a marker post, turn left. Continue along this path until it joins a bridleway.

⑤ Turn left on to the bridleway and walk straight back to the car park on your left. There is a bench along this track from which you can see lovely views over the countryside to the river.

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

