



Waveney Valley Walks Bungay – The Bigod Way

Bungay is a fine old market town rich in history and the town centre is officially recognised as a conservation area by English Heritage. At the centre are the remains of Roger Bigod's castle rebuilt in 1294 on the site of previous castles.

This walk starts in Bungay, follows the river valley to Earsham before ascending historic Bath Hills overlooking the valley, joining the Angles Way and then dropping back to Bungay.



WALKING ROUTE INFORMATION

Car park	Car park Bungay – there are several car parks in Bungay all suitable for joining the walk
Starting point	Bigod's Castle in the centre of Bungay
Length of walk	5.5 miles
Type of walk	Easy to moderate – mostly flat with gradual incline of Bath Hills
Terrain	River bank, quiet lanes, footpaths and farm tracks
Refreshment stops on walk	Earsham – Earsham Queen Public House, Ditchingham – Duke of York Public House



- 1 The walk starts from Bigod's Castle in the centre of Bungay. With your back to the Castle take the footpath signposted Castle Inn to your right. The footpath opens up into the Castle Inn courtyard/car park before reaching Earsham Street.
- 2 Turn left on Earsham Street and head out of Bungay. Keep on the footpath on the right. Over the first bridge on the edge of Bungay and onto the second bridge.
- 3 At the start of the bridge cross the road and take the track/footpath keeping the stream on your right. Follow for approx 800m until you see a footbridge across the stream.
- 4 Cross the footbridge and follow the track into the village of Earsham, past some cottages on your left and then also the impressive All Saints Church until reaching Lodge Cottage on the right.
- 5 In between Lodge Cottage and No 20 follow the footpath signposted 'Angles Way Beccles'. This footpath takes you through the village past the village hall crossing the old A143 to the Earsham Queen into Station Road until you reach the bypass. Take care here to cross the busy road again into Hall Road.
- 6 After 200m turn right to follow Bath Hills Road. Pass an old water filled quarry on the right before reaching the main quarry. Continue along the small lane.
- 7 At Valley Farm and Cottage keep walking ahead along the track through the wooden gate. Bear left along the track with hedges either side and continue through into woods.
- 8 Pass through the gate and walk up the drive ahead.
- 9 At the top of the hill near 'The Wood House bungalow', bear right signposted 'Bigod's Way Bungay 2 miles'. A pleasant walk through woods and fields to the left, before reaching a stile and dropping down toward a driveway. Cross the driveway through gate into woods.
- 10 In to woods take the footpath signposted to the left which eventually reaches the village of Ditchingham with the Duke of York public house on the left.
- 11 Turn right and take care to go cross roundabout with old Maltings buildings on left and follow Falcon Road back into centre of Bungay.

● FURTHER INFORMATION

Whilst in Bungay take time also to explore the town with the town trail or the Real Ale trail. Both leaflets are available from the Tourist Information Centre.

Consider walking along the Angles Way 7 miles to Beccles and get the bus back. For timetable information contact Traveline on **0871 200 2233** or visit **www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk**

