

## Walk 2

# Weavers' Way Aldborough



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Distance	4.75 miles (7.6 kilometres)
Surface	60% unsurfaced, 40% surfaced - stiles (3)
Toilets	No
Refreshment facilities	Black Boys and Red Lion Inns
Seating on route	Aldborough Green, Thwaite Common, Chapel Lane, Aldborough

### Start point:

North side of Aldborough Green.  
OS Grid Reference TG 184 343.



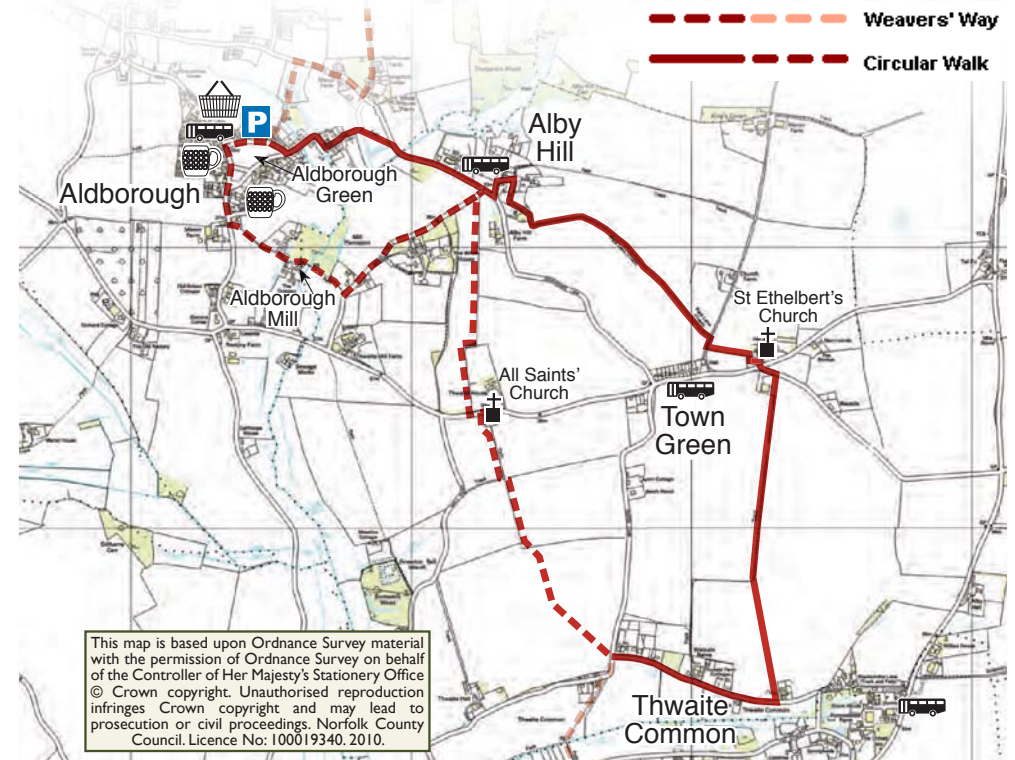
Village sign

### Directions:

- 1 Walk along the road with the green on your left, following Weavers' Way signs. At the T-junction opposite the Black Boys Inn, turn left and follow the road along the western edge of the green.
- 2 Beyond the green, just after the houses, continue on Weavers' Way by turning left along a surfaced drive towards the old mill. The drive turns into a gravelled area opposite the converted mill. Bear left across the gravel between the garages and the mill building following the public footpath and Weavers' Way signs. The path crosses a concrete bridge and then follows a field-edge to a lane.
- 3 Turn left and follow the lane up a rise (Middle Hill). Just before the road junction (with post box) turn right at the public footpath sign (Weavers' Way) and follow the field-edge path

until you reach a metal gate and stile at the next road. *If you wish to cut short your walk turn left by the post box and follow the instructions from point 10.*

- 4 Turn left and then immediately right to follow the public footpath around the edge of All Saints' Church, Thwaite. The footpath follows the field-edge down and back up the hill. At the pond on the top of the hill, bear left diagonally across the middle of the next field.
- 5 The path eventually comes out on a lane. Turn right and then quickly left to follow the lane which runs along the north edge of Thwaite Common which will be on your right. Parts of Thwaite Common are registered common land and County Wildlife Site.





*Thwaite Common*

- 6 Pass the old school house on your right and after 130 metres just before a property called Thwaite Barn turn left onto a public footpath which passes along the edge of a planted wood. The footpath then heads crossfield to a farm track – aim just to the left of the nearest telegraph pole.
- 7 On meeting the track follow it to the right and you will soon pass some farm buildings just after which you meet a lane. Turn left at the road and head towards the church (St Ethelbert's).
- 8 Cross the road and go through the gate into the churchyard. Follow the public footpath through the gravestones to the far corner. Walk through the gap in the bank and turn left on the grassy field-edge path.
- 9 At the road turn right and after 40 metres turn left at the public footpath sign onto a hedged path (Pack Lane). Eventually the

small settlement of Alby Hill is reached. Follow the path as it winds between the houses and at the first junction of tracks turn left and left again at the next T-junction.

- 10 Turn right at the lane and continue straight on (ignoring the lane on the left) and pass by the school on your right. The lane crosses over a stream and 50 metres beyond take the public footpath on your left (via a stile) across the meadow.
- 11 Exit the meadow by crossing a stile and plank crossing and turn left at the lane and follow the lane back to Aldborough.

**Points of interest:**

- Aldborough Green has hosted a traditional fun fair annually on Midsummer's Day since the reign of King John and village cricket makes a picturesque scene in summer;
- Aldborough Mill is on a site that had been in use since before Domesday and every few hundred years a new mill would be built to replace an earlier one. The mill is now converted into residential accommodation;
- All Saints' Church, Thwaite;
- Thwaite Common is a large area of species-rich grassland with blocks of scattered scrub. The marshy areas support large numbers of orchids;
- St Ethelbert's Church, Alby.



*Orchids on Thwaite Common*