

A Short Walk at West Wratting

To get to start

Go through Balsham on the B1052 and follow this road, heading towards Brinkley and Newmarket. West Wratting is the first village after Balsham. Turn right up High Street (with a road sign for Withersfield and Haverhill). The Chestnut Tree is at the very far end of the street.

Distance

About two and a quarter miles. Best walked in the summer months, when it is driest underfoot.

Maps

See accompanying route map or go on to maps.the-hug.net from which you can get a free map extract. If you have any local OS Explorer maps, the one for West Wratting is map 210.

Route

Cross High Street from the front of The Chestnut Tree and walk down the lane with a footpath sign at the start of it. Pass a stable block on the left and then turn right at a low waymark post shortly afterwards. Turn left at another waymark to pass through a wood and, after exiting, turn sharp right with the wood to the right.

At the end of the wood, turn left on a path between fields, swing left at the far hedge line and, at the end of the hedge, go right at a footpath sign and cross a minor road. Go through a gap in the hedge opposite, diagonally cross the field beyond and turn left at the end, on to another road.

Turn right soon afterwards, opposite the second house on the left (the footpath sign is very hidden) and follow a narrow grass track through the trees, heading just left of dead ahead. The path carries on to the end of the wooded area. Keep ahead at the end of the trees, ignoring a waymark sign to the left and swing sharp right shortly afterwards. The waymark has toppled over at this point. A large Georgian house (West Wratting Hall) can now be seen off to the right.

Keep ahead on the grassy track which soon afterwards becomes concreted. When nearing a large grain barn ahead, go left at a low waymark and then right along the side of a field. Pass the barn. Turn right when a road is reached and follow it back to The Chestnut Tree.

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