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Opening times: -

Due to the seasonal variations in our opening times we recommend checking our website or call the above number where a member of the team will be pleased to assist

Bawdsey Peninsula Pubs

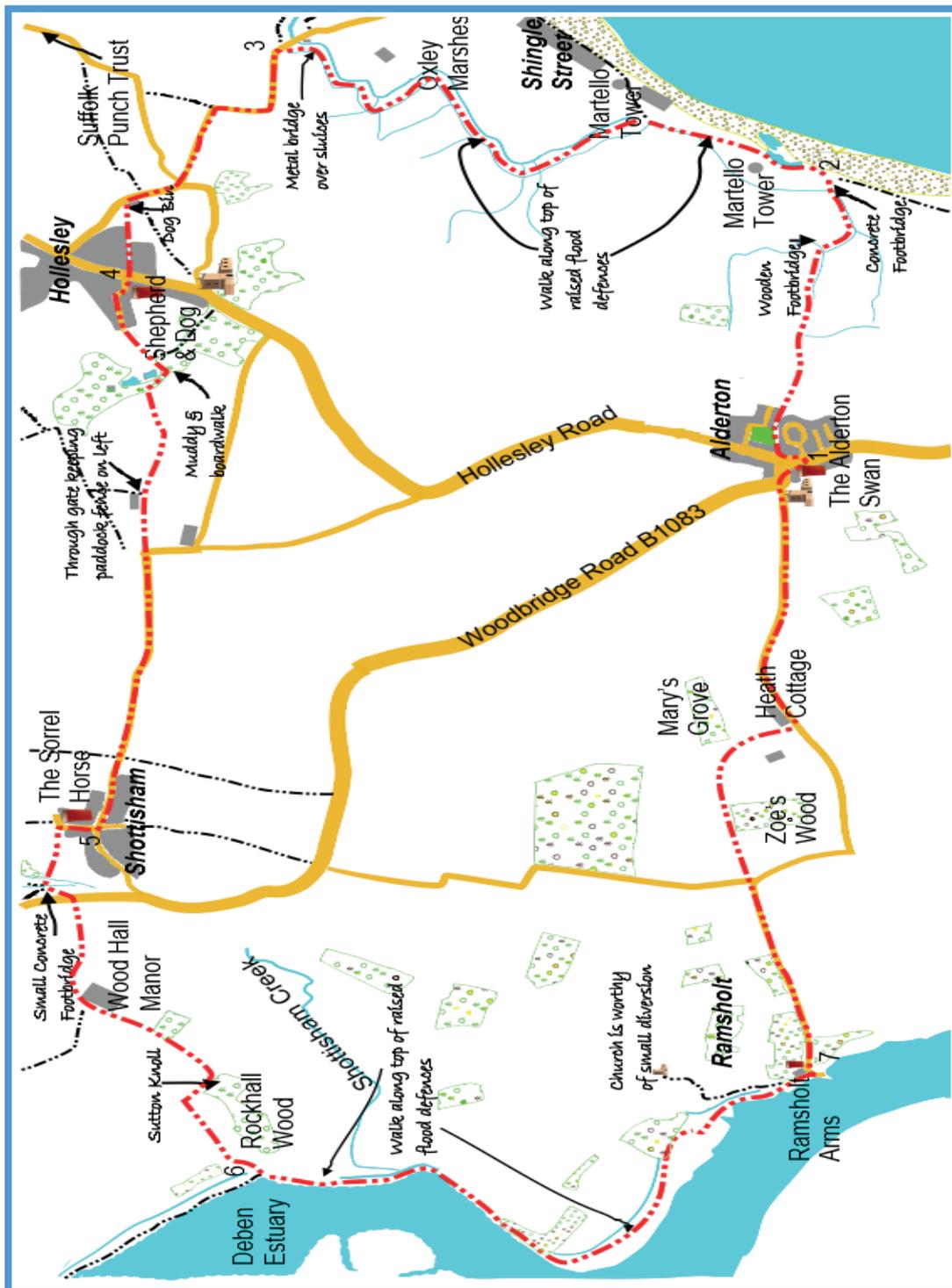
Approximately 21.5km / 13.4m

A long walk taking in four distinctly different pubs. Estuary and sea views as well as glorious heathland walking

Can be muddy in places, with some steep and uneven paths. Not suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs or cycles

Route also available free to follow on smartphones from www.ViewRanger.com

1. Leave **The Alderton Swan** crossing the road and turning left. At the crossroads take the right hand rough track that is Beach Lane. Continue along this passing houses into open country side. On reaching a small ditch keep this to your right and continue over two footbridges until reaching the elevated sea defences. Turn left towards Shingle Street.
2. Enjoy the sea views as you walk northwards with lagoons on your right. There is much evidence of old military structures of past eras. After approximately 800 m a flood bank is to your left. Take the path along the top of this and continue until reaching the road.
3. At the road turn left and continue along the road until reaching a crossroads. A small diversion may be taken by following the first right to The Suffolk Punch Trust Café. However, the route takes the larger right turn towards the main part of Hollesley. After approximately 300m, as the road bends to the left, there is a footpath on your left with a dog waste bin at the end. Take this path until reaching the road where **The Shepherd and Dog** can be found on your left.
4. After suitable refreshments the walk is continued by going along Tower Hill Road and then Stebbings Lane, at the end of which is a track that you follow. After some distance the track forks, go right over muddy ground and boardwalk until reaching a meadow. Part way along the meadow a gate can be seen on your left, take this continuing along the path between two fields. At the far side there is a large gate; go through the gate. Stay close to the fence on your left until reaching a track that leads to the road. At the road continue straight until finding **The Sorrel Horse** on your right at the junction of Church Lane.
5. After suitable refreshments, continue along Church Lane to the allotment fence where you turn left. This path leads to a meadow where you go over a small footbridge. Here go diagonally to the left where the main road is crossed. Follow the drive to Wood Hall Manor Hotel. On reaching the buildings take the track to the right then follow the footpath sign that takes you across the farmland to the rear. A small wood is on your left as the path turns into a farm track. At the second wood turn right staying on the track, but take time to view Sutton Knoll on your left which is of geological and historical interest. After leaving this little gem behind the path turns left towards the Deben Estuary. Stay on the path, which diverts to the left just prior to the estuary.
6. On reaching the banks, savour the views then turn left towards the sea. The path keeps reasonably close to the water most of the way. Prior to reaching the fourth pub on your walk the beautiful Ramsholt Church can be seen standing proud above the landscape on your left. A short diversion can be taken to view the church, one of only 38 round towers in Suffolk. Once back on the river bank **The Ramsholt Arms** can be found, where again suitable refreshment can be taken.
7. The walk continues by going up the hill from the pub to the crossroads. Here a footpath can be seen continuing across open farmland. Take this and pass through the edge of Zoe's Wood, but veer slightly right prior to Mary's Wood eventually reaching the road to the right of Heath Cottage. Turn left along the road back to Alderton, where **The Swan** will be awaiting your return with further refreshments.



Please follow the Countryside Code whilst on this walk, especially: -

- Take litter home with you
- Dogs to be kept on leads or close control as there are working farms with livestock in the area
- Take dog excreta away to ensure others can enjoy the walk.
- Do not damage trees and other vegetation as these provide valuable habitat for the wild life.
- Care must be taken on the roads; they are relatively quiet but agricultural vehicles use them at all times of the day.
- Stay on the designated footpaths.



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