

## Route directions

The walk starts & finishes in Ospringe but as a circular walk it can begin in Oare or at any point on the route. Parking in the Oare is limited to on street while there is free public car park in Ospringe.

1. Leave the car park and take care to cross to the pavement on the other side of the very busy A2 main road. Alternatively, turn RIGHT and walk down to the pedestrian crossing. Now turn LEFT and walk up the hill toward the mini roundabout. Turn RIGHT onto the footpath located just before the large directional road sign. Continue on the path toward the railway line. Cross the railway, again taking extreme care and continue on the other side to the road. Turn LEFT, continuing straight on to the open green space ahead.
2. Cross the green, keeping the play area to the LEFT aiming toward the top RIGHT corner. Turn LEFT on to LOWER ROAD and continue on, passing a green space on the RIGHT & the school on the LEFT where shortly after at the bus turning point, bear RIGHT following the pavement. Go through a metal barrier onto a road where there is a pair of damaged metal gates on the LEFT. To the RIGHT of these there is a footpath going behind the houses to emerge onto a road. Continue LEFT along the road where just after crossing ATHOL PLACE take the footpath on the RIGHT. Follow this to meet the main road which is BYSING WOOD ROAD.
3. Cross the road to another footpath opposite. Follow this narrow path between fences to where it meets another path and turn LEFT. A short way further on take another path on the LEFT which winds its way between high metal security fencing through the M&S distribution depot. The path will eventually emerge onto the Western Link Road.
4. Cross this very busy road with caution and turn RIGHT. After a few steps turn LEFT onto a byway where a little further on the path goes between Grove Cottage & Grove Bungalow and then rises slightly to meet a kissing gate into a field. Continue across the field to emerge at the top of the rise overlooking the village of Oare & Oare creek. Here the path divides, LEFT to continue on the route or RIGHT, down hill toward the creek where there is a pub (The Castle) and a cafe. (The cafe is open Tuesday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm.)

5. The upper path continues to a lane and emerges onto the road through the village, opposite the Three Mariners public House; turn LEFT at the road. Coming from the Castle pub or cafe simply follow the road up through the village passing the Three Mariners on the RIGHT.
6. Continue on the road to where it bears LEFT at a junction with Uplees Road. Continue ahead on Uplees Road for a few steps to the footpath on the LEFT. Follow this path as it rises over the field and down the other side toward farm buildings and a lane. At the lane cross over to a footpath opposite. Follow the path ahead, across the fields toward LUDDENHAM where it emerges onto a lane opposite the church.
7. Turn LEFT and where the lane bears LEFT continue straight ahead on the grass track to a kissing gate. Follow the path through 2 further kissing gates and uphill to meet a lane. Turn LEFT on the lane and follow it going downhill to a bend in the road and a footpath on the RIGHT, alongside a tall wooden fence. Follow this path across the fields going gently uphill to meet a lane. Turn LEFT and after a few steps to a triangle junction of lanes. On the far side of the triangle take the marked bridleway and follow the path alongside a line of trees. Follow the path to the valley bottom where it turns RIGHT toward the railway line. *(The map shows this path turning half right further up the hill but the path has been cut through the crop at the valley bottom)*
8. Cross the railway line, again with extreme caution and follow the path uphill to meet the A2 main road opposite the drive to Judds Folly. Yet again, cross this very busy road with extreme care and go straight ahead onto the drive. After a short distance take the footpath on the LEFT, through the parkland, going through a series of gates and crossing another drive.
9. The path eventually reaches a corner of the park through another gate into a field. Follow the lefthand edge of this field to a junction of path & tracks and a large grey barn on the right. Turn LEFT down the track for about 200yds (180m) to a footpath on the RIGHT. Take this, passing through allotments to meet a road. Turn LEFT and retrace steps back to the A2 where the car park is to the LEFT and the SHIP INN a few steps along the road to the RIGHT.

### Between Ospringe & Oare

**A circular 5 1/4 mile (8.6K) walk; the first part through an urban landscape, then gentle rolling farmland hills**



From where is this photograph taken?

