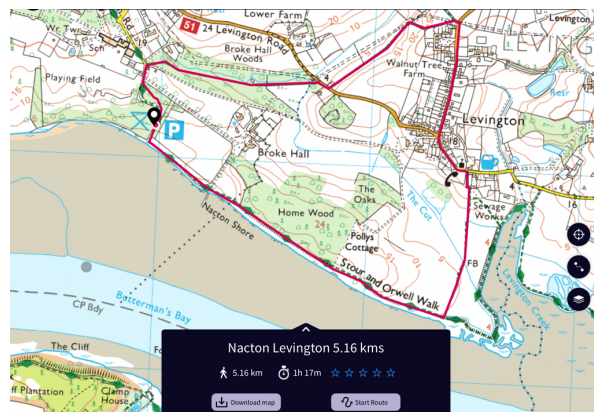


Levington/Nacton

Tuesday 4.5.21 setting off at 9.45 am

We will meet at **Suffolk Levington Car Park IP10 0ES** marked by the large blue P on the map, about 25 minutes drive from Coddtenham.

Exit the A14 at junction 57 and follow signs for Nacton and brown signs to Nacton Picnic Site. Head down Nacton Road then turn right down Church Road past St Martin's Church and Orwell Park School then slight right onto Shore Lane; the free car park can be found at the end.



We start with a walk through Broke Hall Woods, then across the fields to the top of Levington. The Church of St Peter, built in 1636, is known for its red brick tower and The Ship Inn (sadly currently not open until 12 noon Wed- Sat and 10-4 on Sundays) is famous in my family for its enormous and utterly delicious sausage rolls! The path leading down to the water's edge in front of the pub is the "Pilot's Way" pilots used it to join visiting ships and help navigate their way up to the Port of Ipswich.

We however continue on foot, following the Stour and Orwell Walk for a short distance along the coast of the Orwell Estuary. The Stour and Orwell is a 63km long distance path which runs from just above Manningtree, around the coastline to Felixstowe, where it joins the Suffolk Coastal Path. The area teems with bird life as both the Stour and Orwell estuaries are together classed as a Special Protection Area for birds. There are lovely views across the river to Pin Mill and the coast of the Shotley Peninsula and even to the cranes of the Port of Felixstowe.

We also have views of the fine Regency, Broke Hall, built by James Wyatt in 1792 with a park designed by Humphrey Repton. The red brick house was the seat of the Broke family for generations but has since been converted into flats. We finish by crossing the picnic site and heading back to the car park. (Cont)



All Nordic Walkers are welcome but please book your place in advance unless you have a Tuesday fixed day pass.

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