

Coastal Walk – 4 ½ miles

Orford Ness, Suffolk

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This fascinating walk along the Suffolk coast is full of intrigue. Orford Ness spent most of the 20th century as a Top Secret military test site. Now open to public at selected times, everyone can see the ranges of habitats and beautiful scenery. Opening 26 Mar- 25 Jun, Saturdays only; 28 Jun- 1 Oct Tues- Saturdays; 8 Oct- 29 Oct, Saturdays only

Getting there:

Road: Access from Orford Quay, Orford town 10ml E of A12 (B1094/1095), 12ml NE of Woodbridge B1152/1084.

Foot: Suffolk Coastal Path runs via Orford Quay

Bus: County Travel 160, 182 from Woodbridge (passing Melton).

Rail: Wickham Market 8ml.

Cycle: NCN1 1ml.

Ferry: Access only via ferry *Octavia*.

Maps and start grid ref: OS Landranger 156 gr TM 429 494

Facilities available: Toilets and pub in Orford.

Terrain: Easy to Moderate walking conditions

Distance (m): 4.5

Accessibility: Height gain of 5-15 metres.

Points of interest:

Take the ferry to Orford Ness and begin the walk at the Red trail sign. Keep on this path looking out for the following features:

1. From Quay on the Ness head upriver on track, turn right on the 3rd track
2. Pass the bomb ballistic building and follow track to the bridge and cross the creek
3. Range of habitats including salt marshes and grazing marches
4. First World War airfield site and firing range
5. 18th century Lighthouse

Follow the Red Trail path back towards the beginning and take the ferry back to the car park.

Property contact: Tel 01394 450057 (infoline)

NT Properties nearby: Dunwich Heath: Coastal Centre & Beach and Sutton Hoo.



