

Bradfield St George

Start & Finish Points: Bradfield St George Church (TL 907 599) Mileage: 5.2 miles

This is a pretty walk taking in the village of Little Whelnetham and its church, following a disused railway track, orchards and routes in Rushbrooke wood. Paths and tracks are mainly good but towards the end of the route one path was overgrown with nettles and there was an uncleared path across a small sugar beet field.

With your back to the church turn left down a track. At a road walk to the right of a small triangular road island then left down a road. About 50 yards after passing a double bend sign turn right by a partially-hidden footpath sign, walking on a green path. When you come to a road turn left. At a sign that says 'Oakey Ley' on your right, walk between the sign and the seat by a footpath sign (soon having a fence to your left).

At a stile, cross and carry on in the same direction. You soon cross another stile to your right. Once across carry on in the same direction, having a field to your left. When you come to a field boundary turn left, the path will then swing to the right.

At the field boundary turn right across a plank bridge and immediately turn left. The path will then swing to the left, then cross a footbridge and carry on in the same direction. The path will then swing to the left for a few paces and then turn right over a ditch. Once over turn right, walking on a track. At a T-junction of tracks turn left. The track will then become a path which will take you into some bushes. Just before you come to an old railway bridge, turn right by a footpath sign down an embankment and carry straight on having an orchard to your left. The track will then swing to the left then to the right then to the right again. It will then swing to the right onto a Tarmac drive and turn left.

At a crossroads turn right, signposted Little Whelnetham. When you come to a footpath sign on your right ignore that and turn left up some steps. Once up walk straight ahead on a disused railway. Just after going over an old bridge turn right across a stile and immediately turn left with a hedge to your left. The path will then swing to the right now having a fence to your right. Then turn right through a gap in the hedge just before a footpath sign. Then swing left with the path. When the path becomes a concrete drive just carry on in the same direction.

At a road turn right and then a quick left by a footpath sign, walking on a hard-surface track that will immediately swing to the right and left. The track will then become a path going through trees. When the path comes onto a road turn left and at a footpath sign to your right, turn right. Just after going over a ditch turn right by a footpath sign, having a ditch to your right, then quickly turning left by a footpath sign, having trees to your left and then a fence.

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Stick to this path as it goes through trees across a bridge. Once you emerge from the trees carry on in the same direction, having a field to your right. At the boundary of the field cross a bridge in front of you, then a track and a field in front of you, slightly diagonally right. Once across, cross a track and carry on in the same direction by a footpath sign. Just before you get to a gate turn left across a footbridge. Once across you are faced by a field, cross this slightly diagonally right aiming for a footpath sign the other side onto a road turn right. When you come to the triangular island to your right, turn right then immediately down a track by a footpath sign back to the car park.

