



PUB WALKS with Darcy

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This month Darcy has a summer day out by the seaside with a walk from The Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh

A trip to Aldeburgh – with of course fish and chips – is high on many peoples ‘summer fun’ to do list however having a dog in tow possibly doesn’t make this the easiest outing.

As lovely as Aldeburgh is, the May through September dog ban on the main town stretch of the beach, means that as a destination it may not be the first thought for dog lovers. But this new walk, starting and ending at The Wentworth Hotel, puts the town firmly back on the map.

Although this feature is called ‘Pub Walks with Darcy’ our underlying aim is to offer our readers venues where dogs are welcome and The Wentworth certainly is. The hotel’s owner, Michael Pritt, enthusiastically welcomes our four legged friends with only the formal dining room off limits. If you haven’t visited The Wentworth it really is worthwhile. It is a warren of great places to sit and relax whatever the time of year and the front terraces, over-looking the beach, must be one of the best places to enjoy fish and chips – and avoid the queues!

The walk itself at just 2.5 miles can easily be completed in an hour but should you wish to linger on the beach – the walk takes you outside the dog ban zone – or make a visit to the impressive Scallop sculpture the choice is yours and the walk time can easily be extended. Having left the beach section the walk crosses the RSPB North Warren Nature Reserve, definitely a place to take your time, with beautiful views across the marshes back to Aldeburgh. Near the end of the route the walk follows a footpath through the immaculate Church Farm Holiday Park so please keep your dogs on a lead at this point.



THE WALK

Distance: Approx. 2.5 miles

Time: Approx. 45 minutes – 1 hour

Terrain: Good paths and optional shingle beach walking

Stops: The Wentworth Hotel

Ordinance Survey Map: 212

Start Point OS reference: 466 571

As always please keep your dog under close control and follow any advisory signs. For a printable version of this and more than 60 previous walks go to: www.essentialssuffolk.com/dog-walks where you will also find more pictures of each walk route.

1. With your back to The Wentworth cross the road on to the path opposite. Turn left and walk towards Thorpeness. After a short while you will come to some bollards in the path and a beach shelter on your right. This marks the start of where dogs are allowed on the beach. Continue on the path for approx. 10–15 minutes (depending on your pace) until you come to a wooden post on your left. As you look left you will see a Footpath (FP) sign on your left across the road. The FP sign is just before a derelict single story building.
2. Cross the road and follow the FP sign taking the path across the marshes. Shortly after the path turns to the right and then back to the left you will reach a ‘junction’ with a sign that reads ‘This is a Permissive Footpath’.
3. At the junction turn left and follow the path until you reach some houses.
4. At the houses follow the path left and follow the yellow FP sign through the fence into the Church Farm Holiday Park. Please observe that there is a sign here that reads ‘Please keep your dog on a lead at all times’. Follow the road through the centre of the holiday park and exit either through the main gate or the staggered gap in the fence beyond the gate if the main gate is closed.
5. Cross over the road and turn left.
6. At the T junction you will see a sign for ‘Thorpeness’ and ‘Town Centre’. Cross over the road on to the path and turn right towards the town centre returning to The Wentworth which will be on your right.

