Known locally as ‘The Garden of Suffolk’ the village of Yoxford is approached across the pastures of Rookery Park, one of three country houses that surround the village.

The village is a short distance from Darsham station and was once a staging point on the London to Yarmouth turnpike. The Street (A1120) is most picturesque, lined with an agreeable mix of buildings of various ages and styles, and includes a pub.

1. The path starts at the side of the railway bridge abutment opposite St John’s Rd.
2. Turn left away from railway, heading across the field towards the fingerpost on the road.
3. Path leaves farm track. Go diagonally (i.e. half left) to the far corner of the field.
4. The path goes off left along a narrow field.
5. Turn left keeping to the field edge; don’t follow the track into the wooded area.
6. Continue straight ahead across the park, following the line of ancient oaks.
7. Two paths bear to the right across the park, leading either to the village centre (aim towards church) or via the side of Pins Wood for the most direct route to the station.
8. Cross roads with extreme caution.

**Planning your walk**

**Time:** Allow about 3 - 4 hours

**Suggested map:** Explorer map 212 Woodbridge and Saxmundham (almost all the route); also map 231 Southwold and Bungay

**Refreshment:** Carry sufficient food and drink for the whole of the walk; there are no pubs or shops midroute, but several at either end. Village shop and Griffin and King’s Head in Yoxford. Darsham Nurseries cafe near station level crossing. Village shop opposite Yoxford church, shop at garage near station.