

Aldwark Village Ramble

Distance: Just under 4 miles / 6 km

Duration: 1.5–2 hours at a steady pace

Terrain: Flat bridleways, farm tracks, and quiet lanes. Can be muddy after rain.

Start/End Point: St Stephen's Church, Aldwark

Route Instructions:

1. **Begin at St Stephen's Church**, standing by the interpretation panel. Walk through the village along the main street, passing cottages and the village pub to your left.
2. Just beyond the pub, continue onto **Rice Lane** - a signed bridleway leaving the village. This straight track leads you gently out into open farmland with wide views.
3. **Stay on Rice Lane for about a mile.** The bridleway then bears right, with open fields to both side – bare left and cross a small dyke here and continue with **Haddock's Plantation** woodland on your right.
4. Follow the edge of the wood, turn right and then turn right again into the trees. You will see signs here to keep dogs on leads. The path threads through the woodland, down a vehicular grassy track and neatly **between Grange Cottage and the farm outbuildings.**
5. Continue on the narrow grassy track behind the cottage and bare left around the field. Through a large farm gate and wide grass area in front of you and then right towards **Rising Sun Farm**, follow the footpath signs through the farm, large barns to your left, farm house to your right, bare right after the house, left at the end and then on past **The Fisheries**, a series of coarse angling ponds, on your left until you reach **Straight Lane.**
6. **Turn right down Straight Lane** and enjoy the easy walk back to the main road, where you turn right and back into Aldwark village.
7. Follow the road through the village, where you will see the pub in front of you at the corner and follow the road left until you return to **St Stephen's Church**, with the entrance to **Aldwark Manor** opposite.