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Snape Route overview
The two Adnams pubs in Snape are close to each other, and both are suitable next points for either walk. Details are given in both cases as if starting from the Crown, then passing the Golden Key.

The two routes overlap, and share some landmarks, so they are not alternative routes in both ways. Both pubs have on site car parks, but out of courtesy, check before you leave your car (at Adnams) or plan to walk first and use the pub later.
The short walk takes in some near heathland to the north of the river Alde. The long walk is in the same area, but extended so is a long loop. Both walks may be readily undertaken by the less mobile and the young. Dogs will enjoy both routes, but control is advised. The Open Access restrictions on heathland, and keep dogs on a lead (towards Aldeburgh) are to protect ground-nesting birds (such as the Nightjar), whose territorial heath habitat has diminished rapidly over the last 100 years. Open access allows us to explore remote secluded places, but in doing so, we may endanger the very wildlife we have come to enjoy.

Areas of long grass are excellent for butterflies. In spring Green Hairstreaks often congregate in secluded corners, establishing territories, perching on vantage points and chasing each other in short bursts of flight. In summer: orangey brown Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, and the diminutive Brown Argus may be seen.

Tolerant of low nutrient levels, Gorse thrives in heathland and eventually you will see the square church tower of St. Botolph's Church at Iken in the distance.

The Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 took effect in 2005, after over 100 years of public campaigning. It designated Open Access land, where you can walk freely without having to keep to paths.

This leaflet has been produced with the generous support of Adnams to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB. Adnams has been growing with Suffolk Coast and Heaths for many years on a variety of projects. We are based in Southwold, just inside the AONB and it is with this beautiful island in mind, that we have great respect for the local, social and natural environment around us. Over several years we have been working hard to make our impact on the environment a positive one, please see our website to discover some of the things we’ve been up to.

Before you set out on your walk, please take your copy of this leaflet and stop off at an Adnams pub for some well-earned refreshment.

We’d love to hear your thoughts on the walk (and the pubs), please email your comments and/or details to our website admans.co.uk.

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