**Circular Walk 1**

About 2 hours duration and 5 ½km in length.

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- At a junction of paths by a bench seat overlooking the village, turn right downhill to the village.
- Walk down the road to your left reaching the village shop, cross the main road (B1078) and walk through the churchyard.
- Leaving Coddenham Church, cross the road and head towards Coddenham House. This was once the rectory. The path follows the driveway past its lowest point then bears left before the house, towards a gate and stile.
- After walking next to the walled gardens of the house the path follows a sunken track; the former route of the road to Needham Market.
- The path passes through a wooded area and after a stile it follows the edge of a wood with an open field on your left.
- Soon you are descending along a track. Turn to the right (north) on reaching the road, and follow the narrow lane known as The Hollows.

**Coddenham, an ancient village**

Coddenham was probably the largest settlement in Suffolk in Roman times. Roman earthworks can be seen at the Rare Breeds Farm, near Baylham Mill (note: Mill not open to the public), at Lower Street, Baylham, just inside Coddenham parish. The current A140 and the road to Crowfield both follow the former routes of Roman roads. In the 17th century, Coddenham was home to the radical Puritan, William Dowsing.

**Where is Coddenham?**

Coddenham is 7 miles north of Ipswich and just 2 miles east of junction 51 A14/A140.

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  - Soon you are descending along a track. Turn to the right (north) on reaching the road, and follow the narrow lane known as The Hollows. Immediately to your right next to a private driveway are the remains of a lime kiln. Continue along the surfaced lane passing Lime Kiln Barn on your right. At the back of the field on your right can be seen an outcrop of chalk - all that is now visible of the extensive quarry pits that once occupied the area. Follow the bridleway to the right (northeast) along the valley floor and up through a gap between trees into the next field. Continue left along the hedge to a crossing of paths in front of a wood.

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CODDENHAM
Two short circular walks from the village of Coddenham

KEY TO MAP
- Circular Walk 1
- Circular Walk 2
- Public Footpath
- Bridleway
- Byway
- Car Park

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Circular Walk 1
About 1 ½ hour duration and 4km in length.

- Turn right to walk up beside the wood where the houses forming the hamlet of Coddenham Row once stood. The next landmark is Coddenham Wood. Turn to the south here and follow the major farm track called The Drift, bearing left and then right as you walk along two field edges eventually descending toward the village.
- Shorty before reaching Coddenham village the path leaves the track, bearing to the right just after a hedge, and crosses a field descending to join Blacksmith’s Lane at a stream crossing point. Continue left along the byway to one of two footpaths on your right which cross the stream and return you to the village hall car park; or go straight ahead along the road to the village centre.

Circular Walk 2
About 1 ½ hour duration and 4km in length.

- The walk begins in School Lane opposite Blacksmith’s Lane. Turn left out of the car park along the road to reach the start. The village lockup still stands in School Lane near the start of the footpath, which winds uphill and eastwards behind a house, then up a steep slope to the junction of paths. Continue uphill past the bench seat, with the main street below and to the right.
- Upon reaching the top of a driveway cross over the stile in front of you. This area is called Mill Hill and some of the foundation stones of a post mill still exist in the area. Continue ahead with the hedge on your right, then walk left along the edge of a narrow field to the far corner and turn right (east) to walk along a wide grassy track. Fork left where the track enters a private playing-field and continue beside the hedge and fence, then right over a plank bridge located in a gap in the hedge to reach Cooper Road.
- Continue to the left (northeast) along the road.
- After a short distance turn right (south) past a pond, along a footpath between hedges. Cross a track and continue through a gap in the hedge opposite. At the junction with the B1078 cross straight over and take the short path ahead to reach Rectory Road. Turn right (west) along Rectory Road. After the houses a short detour is available on your left, by taking the footpath uphill to Hemingstone church. Return to Rectory Road downhill opposite the church on a narrow road. Alternatively continue beside Rectory Road along the edge of an open meadow as far as Hemingstone Hall, a magnificent brick building on the right. Turn right (north west) immediately after Hemingstone Hall following a track. There are abundant wild flowers to be seen in the spring along this part of the walk.
- At the end of the track the path continues forward beside a house and enters Broom Hill. This tract of managed public open space has several distinct flora areas from open grassland through broom, gorse and bramble heath to mature woodland. Climb the hill to take in the excellent views across the valley to Needham Market.
- On returning to the main path at the bottom of the hill, continue to a kissing gate. Here there is a choice of routes. Walk ahead, through the gate and along the bottom of the slope to the church. Alternatively, take a short climbing path to the right to the corner of a garden and then bear slightly left (north) along Love Lane past cottages to the High Street re-joining the road near the Duke’s Head PH. Go down the hill to reach the village centre and then along School Lane from the shop to return to the village hall car park.
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