

LOOK OUT FOR...



◀ The small stream on your left as you walk along Stone Beck Lane is the River Bure on its way to the Norfolk Broads. In the field behind it you may be lucky to spot a barn owl in flight.

▶ The 'Cuckoo' bridge used to carry the M&GN railway line into Melton Constable. The track was removed in the early 1960s.



◀ Rarer and larger than rabbits, brown hares are best seen in the spring and early summer before the crops get too tall.

▶ Roe and muntjac deer live in the woods but will sometimes venture onto grassland or agricultural land. Muntjacs are the UK's smallest deer species.



◀ Ponds attract dragonflies and the smaller damselflies during the summer months. Frogs, toads and other amphibians are more visible during spring when they spawn.

▶ The woodland near Ridlands Cottage is one of the best places locally to see bluebells in March/April.



BRISTON WALKS

WALK 1: 2.5 miles / 45 minutes

Ridlands Road



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WALK 1

Ridlands Road

Approximate distance: 2.5 miles

Estimated walking time: 45 minutes

Accessibility: Level roads, footpaths and farm tracks. Parts of this walk can be muddy at times.

- 1 Start at Briston recreation ground car park. Turn right onto Stone Beck Lane.
- 2 When the road bends to the right carry straight on under the railway bridge and turn left immediately onto footpath. When you get to the next field turn right, keeping the hedge on your right.
- 3 As you approach the conifer plantation turn right. Follow this track, keeping the plantation on your left. Continue on this track, with the drainage ditch on your left. Follow the path as it bends sharp left, passing the large pond on your left.
- 4 Turn right at the field and keep to its edge as the track passes to the right of the game sheds.
- 5 When you reach the gravel road, turn right, keeping the farmhouse on your left and farm buildings on your right. Pass through gate and follow the track as it veers right.
- 6 Turn right, keeping woodland to your left, and on past Ridlands Cottage. Keep on Ridlands Road until you pass under railway bridge again and take the right fork back to the recreation ground.



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