

## THE GREAT MASSINGHAM STROLLERS' GUIDE

### Sandy Lane - Old Norwich Road - Rougham

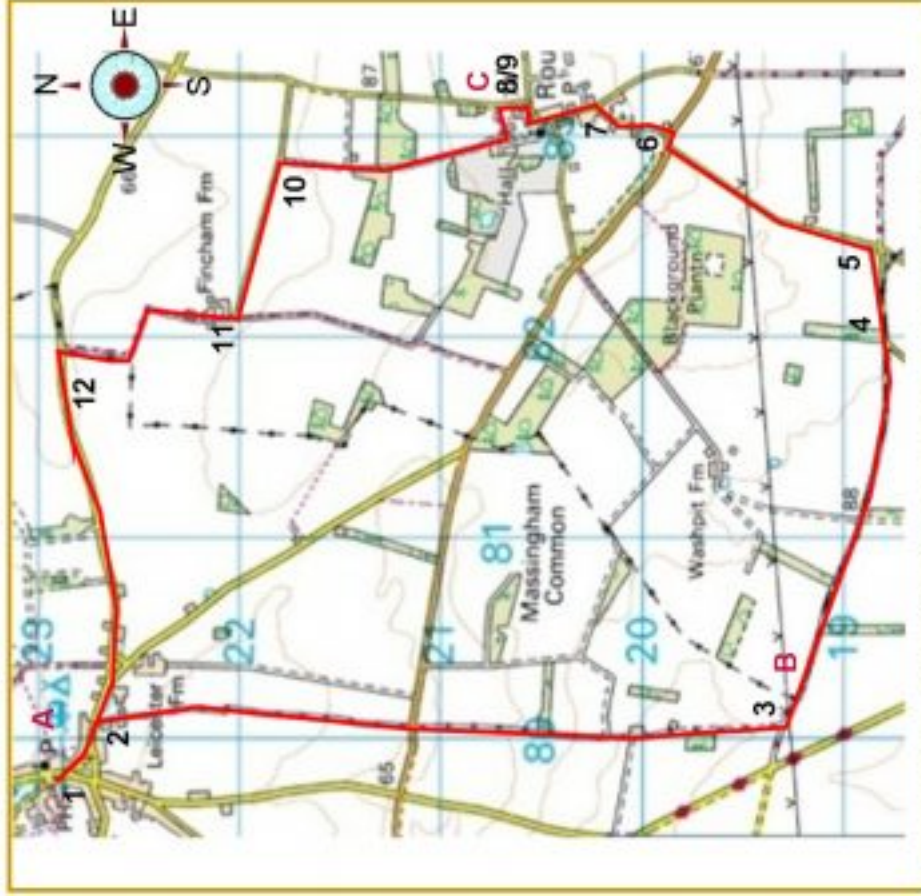


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**Distance** 8 miles **Duration** 3 ¼ hours. **Terrain** Grassy tracks and sandy roads. Some slightly overgrown stretches possible. Farmland and woods. **Numbers on map:** Direction points. **Letters on map:** Points of interest.

### Directions

1. From the Well head south down School Road and into Weasenham Road.
2. Fork right onto Sandy Lane past Rectory Row. Follow this lane to the B1145. Cross over and proceed up the hill until you come to a T junction.
3. Turn left and follow the old Norwich Road which eventually gives way to a sandy track.
4. Where the track meets metalled road again turn left.
5. At the cross roads turn left and follow the metalled road until it meets the B1145 again.
6. Fork right and take the left turn into Rougham.
7. Enter the village of Rougham passing a Primitive Methodist Chapel on your right and an old school on your left. At the T-junction turn left.
8. Pass the village shop and follow the road round to the right until you come to a row of council houses.
9. Take the footpath to the left which runs alongside the first council house until it comes to a meadow. A broken stile indicates the entrance. Cross the meadow aiming for the far end of the cottages on the left. Go through the gate and follow the farm track round past the stables on your left. Follow the track past a large cedar and thatched dovecote. Follow this track through a wooded area.
10. Coming out of the woods you will meet a metalled road. Turn left through an avenue of lime trees.
11. Turn right through Fincham Farm and at the bottom of the road turn left.
12. After about 1 mile you will enter Great Massingham again. Bear right past the school.

### Points of Interest

- A. Great Massingham.** For information on points of interest please see the Massingham Strollers Guide 1.
- B. Old Norwich Road.** Begun in the first half of the 20th century and then abandoned.
- C. Rougham.** A delightful hamlet which is part of the North family estate which evokes an idyllic rural atmosphere of 100 years ago.
- Rougham School.** Built in 1910 to replace the previous school in the village hall. Now a private residence.
- The Pump House.** Dedicated to Marianne North, a famous 19th Century flower artist. A gallery of her work is to be found at Kew Gardens. The North family own Rougham Estate and live at Rougham Hall, rebuilt in 1870. The North family welcome walkers on their estate but please respect their property so that others may follow in your footsteps.
- St Mary's Church.** Well worth a visit it dates back to the 13th century. There are some impressive brasses dating from 1404 to 1668.
- Thatched 17th Century Dovecote.** One of the very few still in existence.



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