

Walking The Three Saints





St Peter

WELCOME This map shows some of the public footpaths in and around All Saints with St Nicholas South Elmham, St Michael South Elmham and St Peter South Elmham. These three parishes make up the Three Saints South Elmham Parish Council. We hope the map will help you plan your walks through this attractive part of rural Suffolk.

ENJOY exploring but please follow the Countryside Code: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code> Respect those living and working in and enjoying the countryside; keep to marked paths and close gates; do not block access to gateways or passing places. Protect the environment: guard against accidents and fire; take litter home; keep dogs under close control, preferably on a lead; bag and remove dog waste; leave livestock, crops and machinery alone; do not pick or uproot wild flowers.



St Peter's Hall

LOCATION The Saints is an area of approximately 35 square kilometres, situated between Bungay and Halesworth. Eleven villages are scattered across a wide plateau of heavy but fertile clay soil, about 50 metres above sea level. The open commons, or greens, often surrounded by clusters of houses, are a particular feature of the landscape.

WILDLIFE The Saints is home to several protected species of birds and wild flowers. Look out for kingfishers, kestrels, sparrowhawks, buzzards, tawny owls and barn owls. In spring you might see early purple orchids, cowslips, primroses and violets. Later you might discover rare green-winged and pyramidal orchids, bird's foot trefoil and ox-eye daisies.



All Saints

HISTORY The Saints villages are rich in history. All around, you will see sturdy timber-framed farmhouses, some still thatched in the traditional manner, dating from the 16th and 17th centuries. There are several large historic houses in the Saints, notably South Elmham Hall and St Peter's Hall. Both buildings are of mediaeval origin with a wealth of intriguing architectural features. Most important of all, there are ten ancient and beautiful parish churches. All Saints has a Norman tower, a 15th century porch decorated with flint chequerwork, and typically East Anglian poppyhead pews. St Michael and St Peter both have round-arched Norman doorways and fine mediaeval fonts.



St Michael

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS You have a right to walk on public footpaths and common land. Landowners are entitled to ask you to leave land to which you have no right of access, so please keep to the footpaths. Obstructions, dangerous animals and misleading signs are all illegal. Follow this link to report right of way issues: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue>

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