

# DISS PUB WALK



[The Town Sign](#)

Diss is a market town, situated on the Norfolk Suffolk border about mid distance between Norwich, Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds. The original settlement, which dates back to medieval times surrounds 'The Mere', a small lake, about 10,000 years old which dates back to the end of the last ice age. Although the town has grown over the centuries it is around this area that our pub walk takes place, finishing at Fair Green, just to the south west of the town centre.

## Getting There

The most convenient way of travelling to Diss by public transport is by train. Diss is well positioned being on the main Norwich to London (Liverpool St) mainline, although there is nearly a mile walk from the railway station to the town centre. If you are travelling to Diss by bus the bus station is on Park Road (marked 'B') on map close to the start of the walk. Alternatively if you are coming by car the most convenient car park to use is the

one on Park Road (A1066, marked **CP** on map).

## The Walk

The walk starts at the bottom of Mere Street at the junction with Park Road and Victoria Road. Walk up Mere Street in the direction of St Mary's Church. Before you arrive at



[Diss Mere](#)

the first pub pause just before the tourist information office where there is a viewpoint of The Mere where you can admire the view and see the numerous ducks and geese that frequent this area. Continue a few yards up the street and on the left you come to **The Waterfront**, the first pub of the route.



[The Waterfront](#)

This 17<sup>th</sup> century pub formerly known as The Sun Inn is a large long one bar pub. During your visit here, walk through the pub to the far end you emerge onto a beer terrace with commanding views of The Mere Beers on sale here come from the Greene King Brewery.



*The White Horse*

On leaving The Waterfront turn left and walk up the hill towards the Market Place until just before the Church where on your left is **The White Horse**, the second pub on the route. Notice before you enter the pub on the opposite side of a fine old timber framed building, 'The Dolphin House', which dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and was once the house of a wealthy merchant.

*This pub is a fairly small L-shaped one bar pub with the real ales coming from Adnams.*

Leave the White Horse, cross the street, turn left and **The Saracens Head** will emerge into view on your right hand side.

This pub was originally the hall of The Weavers Guild and is a legacy that reminds us of the prosperous past of Diss, when in medieval times it was, an important commercial woollen centre.



Leave The Saracens Head and retrace your steps back to the junction with St Nicholas Street and proceed a few yards along the street until you come to on the right hand

side, the next pub on the route, **The Greyhound**,



*The building dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, although there has been a pub on this site since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It was an ex Bullards and then Watney house. Today real ales are supplied by Wolf Brewery.*

After leaving The Greyhound, your next pub is only a few yards further along St Nicholas Street, **The Two Brewers**.

*A white building with black beams it was once a Lacons pub then taken over by Whitbred but now it is an Adnams house and has a wide screen TV for showing live sports..*



## The Two Brewers



Turn right from The Two Brewers, and walk to the end of St Nicholas Street where on the junction with Denmark Street, straight in front of you is the next pub of the walk, **The Crown**,



*A large red bricked building with some mock Tudor beams on the external walls.*

From the Crown, turn right and walk down Denmark Street. You will catch glimpses of The Mere in between the houses on your left as you walk down the street until near the bottom on the right hand side you arrive at **The Park Hotel**

*This is a large Georgian building with an impressive semi circular porch at the entrance. Inside there is a small bar which is open to non-residents. The real ale sold here is Adnams.*

## The Park Hotel



When departing The Park Hotel turn right and continue to the bottom of Denmark Street. Cross Park Road at the mini roundabout and walk to the junction with Lower Denmark Street. Then proceed along Lower Denmark Street. With a terrace of old houses on your left and an old maltings on your right you will eventually emerge onto Fair Green, a rural suburb on the south west side of Diss which consists of a large green surrounded by many old houses. About half way down the green on the left hand side is **The Cock Inn**, the last pub on the route.



*A 16<sup>th</sup> century pub with beams, tiled floors and a real log fire. It has a rambling interior with many seating areas that have an eclectic mix of unmatched large armchairs. Old photos of the pub seem to suggest that it once had a thatched roof. Beers sold here are Adnams Bitter, Greene King IPA plus two guests.*

## St Mary's Church



To return back to the start, retrace your steps back to Park Road and continue along past the car park on your left and bus station on your right, and you will soon arrive back at the bottom of Mere Street, and be back at the start having completed a full circuit of Diss Mere.

