

This is an ideal walk for families and dog-walkers. It includes dramatic views of the Stour estuary and opportunities to see wildlife. Perhaps the highlights are the opportunities to view Grayson Perry's "A House for Essex" or "Julie's House" commissioned as part of the Living Architecture programme. It is a lavishly decorated folly cum artwork, clad with green and white dimensional tiles which depict the life of Julie Cope, the fictitious saint to whom the home is dedicated.

Planning Your Walk

- Walk length is approximately 2 miles. It can be muddy in places if it has been raining.
- There is no public access to Grayson Perry's 'A House for Essex'.

Directions

1. Leave Wrabness Station and walk up the slope and you will see the community shop (which is opens for restricted hours) on your left, and the station garden on the right where you can sit and enjoy the garden.
2. Turn right at the top of the slope and walk straight on the tarmacked path. On the right there are lots of wildflowers and if you are lucky you may hear a nightingale sing. If you walk late summer, you will be able to pick the blackberries.
3. You pass Wrabness village hall on your left then come to a turning on your right called Church Road. Turn here and walk over the railway bridge and pass Shore Farm on your right. Look across the fields on your left and you may see swallows flying over and hear skylarks singing. On your right are views of the broad estuary of the River Stour and Grayson Perry's house. In the distance you can also see Felixstowe docks.
4. Continue straight until you arrive at All Saints Church Wrabness which has an outside bell tower and is well worth a look. After the church walk back the way you came for about five minutes and turn left down Stone Lane (there will be signs for the caravan site) It says Private Road and foreshore and public footpath.
5. As you walk down Stone Lane you will pass many oak trees and, on your right, get another view of Grayson Perry's house.
6. Walk past the caravan site on your right towards the estuary and turn right down a grassy path keeping the estuary to your left. There are agricultural fields on your right.
7. Continue along the path and walk slightly to your right up a slight incline, the path now becomes single file for a short while. You will be close to the shoreline where you will see Sea Lavender in the summer as well as many birds including Curlews, Oyster Catchers and Brent Geese. Look across the estuary which divides Essex and Suffolk and you will see Holbrook Royal Hospital School on the Suffolk coast.
8. At the end of the field turn right (there are woods in front of you) and keep to the footpath at the edge of the fields with the woods to your left. There is a slight incline, in the distance you will see Grayson Perry's House which you walk past.
9. Continue straight ahead, cross over the railway bridge and you will see Wrabness Community shop on your right.

