# **Sheringham**

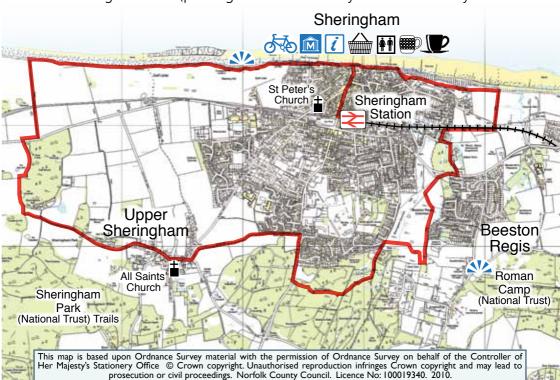


Distance	8 miles (12.8km)
Surface	25% hard, 75% soft - long flights of steps especially Beeston Bump and the Gazebo
Gradient	Moderate with some steep slopes
Toilets	Sheringham promenade
Refreshment facilities	Pubs and cafés in Sheringham
Seating on route	Yes

### **Directions:**

- Turn right out of the station and head down the main street, passing the clock tower, to the seafront.
- 2 Turn right and go down the steps onto the promenade.
- Continue along the promenade past the toilets until reaching a set of steps on your right signed with the Norfolk Coast Path acorn.
- Beeston Regis Priory
- 4 Go up the steps and continue up the hill past the seats turning left at the top.
- 5 Follow the Coast Path over Beeston Bump (excellent views!).
- 6 Continue to the caravan site boundary and turn right to the railway line (note Beeston Regis nature trail on your right).
- 7 Carefully cross the railway line and turn immediately right to follow a track between the railway and allotments. Presently, the path turns left into residential street.
- At the end of the street turn left onto a track and right at the paddocks to follow a grassy track past a gate where you will see Beeston Regis Priory on your left.
- 9 Continue on the track to the coast road. Carefully cross the road, turn right and shortly bear left into the layby. Take the signed public footpath on your left to Beeston Common.

- 10 Continue straight on until you reach a crossroads of paths with a pond on your right.
- 11 Turn left and follow this path over a bridge and continue up hill, following the edge of the common, through the wooded area turning right in the top corner. Follow the waymarked circular walk and cross another bridge to eventually join the road.
- 12 Turn left and head up the track past the water pumping station entering Sheringham Woods through some bollards.
- Pass the first right turn, marked with a square stone enscribed SGW Co 1934 and after about 100m take the next right turn, marked as a Pathfinder access trail. Follow this narrow path uphill. Continue to follow this undulating path through the woods.
- 14 After passing a small clearing at the bottom of a hill, continue straight across (passing a four trunked sycamore tree on your



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- right) rising up a steep slope where just before an area of conifer trees, a track crosses the path. Turn left and follow the track up the hill.
- 15 At the top, at the junction, bear right to continue straight on down the hill, following the blue arrows on the waymark posts. Continue to follow these to the car park.
- 16 Turn right down the main road. As you pass Beech Avenue on your right, cross the road and turn left into a grassy track signed as a public footpath. Continue along this track to Upper Sheringham.
- 17 Turn right and carry straight on at the junction and pass through the village, passing the church and village reservoir on your left.
- 18 The road bends right then sharply left, where you continue straight on to the pedestrian entrance to Sheringham Park.
- 19 Follow the surfaced track through the park, passing Sheringham Hall on your right. Where the track bends continue straight ahead to the pedestrian gate.
- 20 At the gate, turn right and follow signs to Gazebo, which gives excellent views of the north Norfolk coast.
- 21 On leaving the Gazebo, turn right following the red arrows until you reach the coast road.
- Carefully cross this busy road and continue to follow the red arrow route, as the path turns immediately right along a field-edge then left on to a track which passes over the Poppyline railway and continues to the cliff edge.

Turn right and follow the Norfolk Coast Path, alongside the golf course, over Skelding Hill towards Sheringham.

As an alternative, a safe and easy route down to the beach is available before you climb Skelding Hill. From here you can walk along the beach to rejoin the promenade at Sheringham (don't forget to check tide times).



- 25 For the route over Skelding Hill, continue past the lookout into Sheringham. Just after the boating lake you will reach a stepped bridge. Turn right and follow the path left past the toilets and under the bridge onto the lower promenade and turn right.
- Follow the promenade over the Fisherman's Slipway, with the Henry Ramey Upcher Lifeboat Museum on the right.
- 27 Go up the promenade slope and turn right onto the main street.

  Bearing left at the clock tower, continue back to the station.



#### Points of interest:

- The Clock Tower is known as the symbol of Sheringham. It was built in 1962 as a water reservoir, fed by the springs from Sheringham Woods;
- Beeston Regis Priory was established in 1216, and was a refuge for pilgrims travelling to Walsingham;
- Sheringham and Beeston Regis Commons. The Commons comprise grassland, heath, marsh, fen and woods and hold a rich variety of plants, insects and birds. Both Commons are presently under the management of Natural England and the Beeston Common Management Group;
- The village reservoir in Upper Sheringham was erected slightly prematurely in 1814 to celebrate the defeat of Napoleon. It is fed by a spring and for many years was the principal water supply in the village;
- Sheringham Park (together with the Hall) was designed in 1812 by Humphry Repton, the great landscape designer. The park is now owned by the National Trust;
- North Norfolk Railway The Poppyline. You can take a trip by steam train between Sheringham and Holt (5 miles).