

Rockland St Mary

Points of interest

- Surlingham Church Marsh RSPB Nature Reserve
- Ruins of St Saviours church and final resting place of naturalist Ted Ellis
- Views across the Yare Valley and Rockland Broad
- The Ted Ellis Trust at Wheatfen Nature Reserve
- Easy access footpath to Rockland Broad Bird Hide

Walk Details	
Walk Time	3 ½ hours
Distance	7 miles
Surface	50% Soft – can be very muddy in winter, 3 stiles
Gradient	Moderate in places
Facilities	Surlingham Ferry House Inn, Coldham Hall Tavern, New Inn
Starting point	

OS Grid reference TG 327046 - Rockland Staithe car park.

Car parking

Parking is available at Rockland Staithe, opposite the New Inn.

Directions

- From the Staithe, walk up the hill along the Street for just over a mile, passing the Post Office/Stores.
- Turn right just past a small electrical sub station onto the footpath, turning right again along the rear of the houses. Turn left at the conifers that line the field edge.
- Follow the field edge path, continuing along a green lane until reaching Holloway Road.
- Turn left onto Holloway Road, then right at the junction onto Cross Lane.
- At the junction, cross over Bramerton Lane to the footpath opposite. After a short distance, the footpath turns right, go through the gate and straight on down the track to Surlingham Church.
- At the church, turn left, before turning right to follow the edge of the graveyard.
- Continue along the track at the edge of the RSPB Reserve to the ruins of Saint Saviours Church and the graves of Ted and Phyllis Ellis (Founders of the Ted Ellis Trust Wheatfen).
- Returning from the ruins, turn right and follow the main path, a board walk, past a shooting range and over three stiles to reach Ferry Road.
- Turn right on Ferry Road and take the left fork along The Common.
- Turn left to Coldham Hall Tavern following the loop past the Sailing Club dry berths to join The Street again.
- Turn left and follow The Street and The Covey past the entrance to Wheatfen Nature Reserve and follow the field edge path.
- Opposite Broad Hall Farm, turn left through the gap in the bank and onto a grassy track across the field with great views across Rockland Broad.
- Pass by the farm buildings and follow Green Lane to New Inn Hill.

 Turn left and follow the road back down to the Staithe.