## Acle



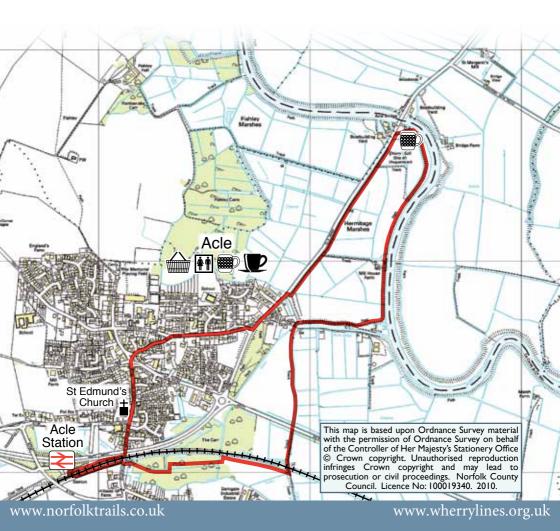
Distance	3.5 miles (5.7km)
Surface	25% hard, 75% soft - gates
Gradient	Slight
Toilets	Yes - Acle village centre
Refreshment facilities	Bridge Inn and Tea Rooms, Hermitage Restaurant, pubs and cafés in Acle
Seating on route	Yes

### **Directions:**

- 1 If you have arrived from Norwich, cross the footbridge over the railway tracks. Exit the station via the footpath signed to the village.
- At the road, cross to walk into Damgate Wood straight ahead. Follow the boardwalk over the small dyke to your left. Continue on the path through the woodland.



- 3 The path will lead you out of the wooded area and onto a path bordered by paddocks to the right and the train line to the left.
- 4 Follow this path through a small wooded area to a junction, where you will see a level crossing to your left. Walk through the gates, cross the railway exercising caution and continue on the footpath to meet the A47 Acle Straight.
- Immediately opposite you is the entrance to the next part of the route. Again, exercising caution, cross the A47 and continue on Weavers' Way.



# Walk 8

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- 6 Continue on this path to meet Acle Dyke. Bearing right, pass around the end, keeping Acle Dyke to your right hand side. Walk along the signed Weavers' Way footpath to meet the River Bure.
- 7 Turn left, following the river bank to Acle Bridge. Walk through the grounds of the Bridge Inn to reach the main road by the bridge.
- 8 Turn left to walk along the pavement back towards Acle.
  Although the pavement comes to an end after 40m, there is a signed footpath to your left that runs parallel to the road. Follow this and just past the Hermitage Inn cross the road (care) and turn right down Old Road.





- 9 Follow this road to the village centre, then take the village street past the King's Head Inn. At the bend by the church, continue straight ahead down Reedham Road, where you will see a bridge over the road ahead.
- 10 Walk under the bridge and turn right to walk back to the station.

#### **Points of interest:**

- Damgate Wood, which is home to a variety of species including water voles in the dykes and the unusual 'water soldier' plant, which rises and falls in the water depending on the temperature;
- Acle Dyke, home to many Broads yachts and cruisers;
- Boatyards on the River Bure, where boats are available for hire;
- The Manor House on the corner of the village centre was the headquarters for the home guard for this area during World War Two. See if you can spot its disguised pill box!;
- Weavers' Way long distance path between Cromer and Great Yarmouth;
- St Edmund's Church, Acle.

