

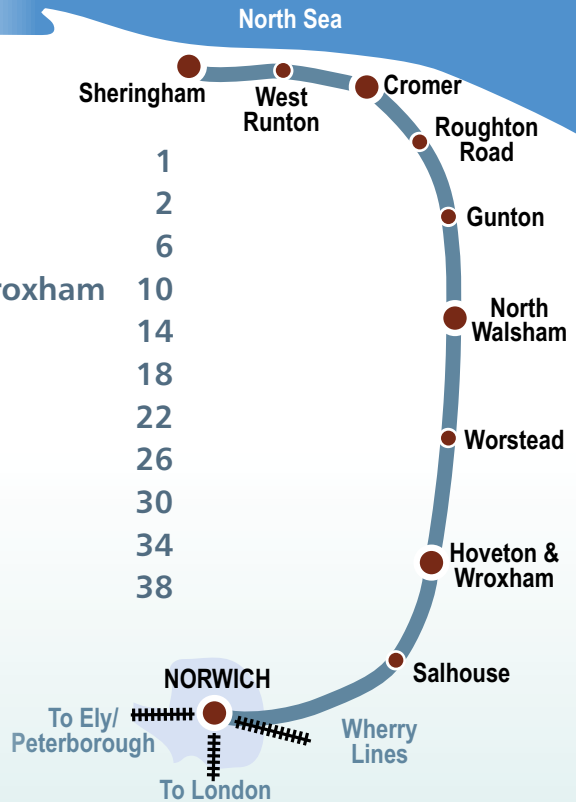


Railway Rambles *from the* **Bittern Line**



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Front cover from a mural at Cromer station c.1932. Railway posters used courtesy of the National Railway Museum/Science & Society Picture Library

Introduction

Welcome to this booklet of 10 countryside and town walks, each starting and finishing at a railway station on the Bittern Line. The Bittern Line heads north from the beautiful cathedral city of Norwich passing through the wetland area of The Broads to the dramatic north Norfolk coast.

Most of the walks are circular, although some do go from station to station. All the walks are described including details such as distances, path surfaces and facilities available.

Please respect natural habitats as you walk. Stay on waymarked paths and take litter home. Routes may pass through areas grazed by livestock – please visit our website below for advice on this. Remember that depending on the season you may encounter wet and muddy conditions or long vegetation so dress accordingly.

If you enjoyed this walk booklet you might like to try walks from the Wherry Lines, which runs between Norwich, Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth.

If you have any comments regarding these walks, whether good or not so good, tell us what you think

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Please follow the Countryside Code.

Distance	3 miles (4.8km)
Surface	75% hard, 25% soft - steps
Gradient	Moderate
Toilets	Norwich railway station
Refreshment facilities	Several pubs on route
Seating on route	Yes

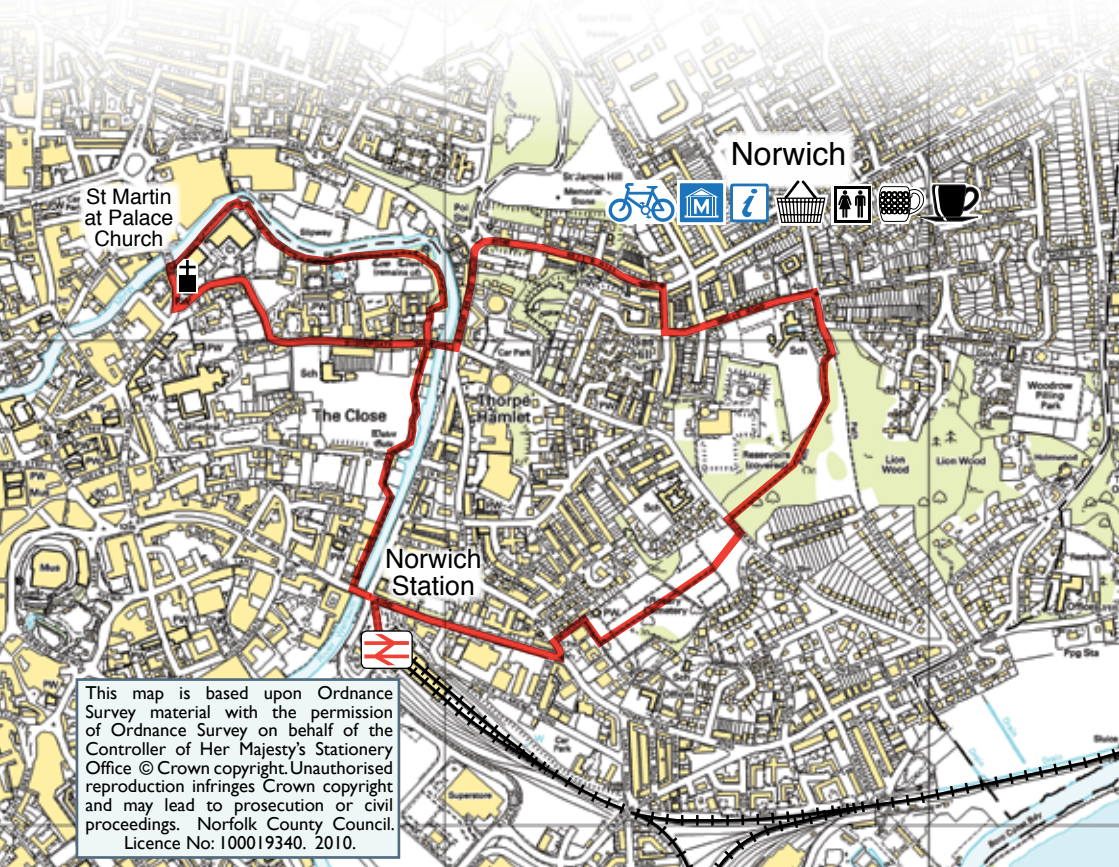
Directions:

- 1 Leave the station and cross the road and River Wensum (Foundry Bridge) and head for the Compleat Angler Inn. Turn right onto the terrace and down the steps to the Riverside Walk. (NB this walk is closed daily at dusk).
- 2 Follow the path past Pull's Ferry and look across the playing fields to see great views of Norwich Cathedral. Continue along, passing the Red Lion Inn on your right and follow the sign to Cow Tower. Pass Cow Tower on your right and continue along the path through an iron gate in the flint wall, pass a public car park and the Law Court and Magistrate's Court on your left behind the wall.
- 3 Upon reaching the road, turn left and after passing St Martin at Palace Church, turn left towards the Law Courts. Continue into Bishopgate, passing the Adam and Eve Inn (the oldest inn in Norwich) on your left.



Follow the road as it winds back to the Red Lion Inn, passing the Great Hospital and walk straight ahead over the old bridge across the river.

- 4 Cross the road ahead (Riverside Road) at the pedestrian traffic lights. Turn left towards the roundabout.
- 5 At the roundabout turn right to walk up Ketts Hill. Turn right onto Quebec Road and then left onto Wolfe Road at the junction with the Quebec Inn.
- 6 After passing Lionwood Junior School, turn right at the crossroads onto Wellesley Avenue North. Continue straight ahead (ignoring Pilling Park Road) towards Lion Wood.



- 7 After passing the gated entrance to the wood you will see two paths ahead - take the one to your right and walk over the hill, through the wood with the fenceline on your right until you meet Telegraph Lane East.
- 8 Cross the road and then turn left to find the gated entrance of the Rosary Cemetery in the wooden fence.
- 9 Wander through the cemetery taking in the peace and quiet following the labyrinth of trees, passageways and toppling gravestones to the exit in the far corner next to the chapel.
- 10 Turn left onto Rosary Road and then right onto Thorpe Road, which will take you back to Norwich station.

Cow Tower



Rosary Cemetery





Pull's Ferry

Points of interest:

- Riverside Walk along the Wensum;
- Cow Tower. One of the earliest purpose-built artillery blockhouses in England, this brick tower was built c.1398-9 to command a strategic point in Norwich's city defences;
- Lion Wood Local Nature Reserve. This is a remnant of the larger Thorpe Wood which was recorded in the Domesday Book;
- Rosary Cemetery, the oldest non-denominational graveyard in England. It was founded in 1821 on land which had been a market garden, from which it takes its name. The cemetery is rich with birdsong, butterflies and wildflowers creating a wildlife haven within the city.

Distance	5.6 miles (9km)
Surface	75% hard, 25% soft - cycle barriers
Gradient	Slight in places
Toilets	Salhouse Broad car park
Refreshment facilities	The Bell Inn, Salhouse
Seating on route	Yes

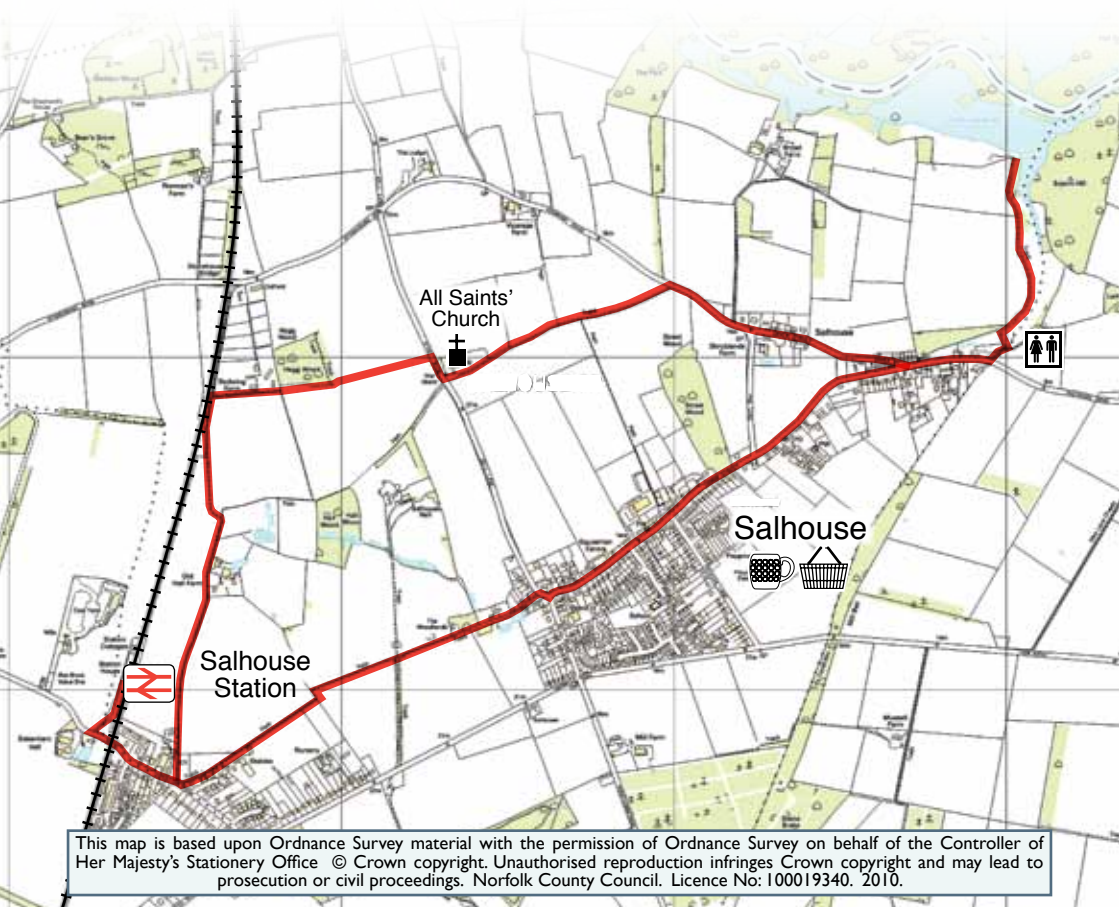
Directions:

- 1 Leave the platform and turn left. At the road, turn left and walk under the railway bridge.
- 2 Continue along this road until you reach Howletts Loke on your left (near the phone box). Take this turning onto a quiet country lane.
- 3 Follow this road for 1.2km through open fields with the railway line off to your left. At Redwing Farm turn right along a fenced path which runs along the edge of a driveway. Take this path as it passes the houses and opens out into a large field.

Salhouse Broad

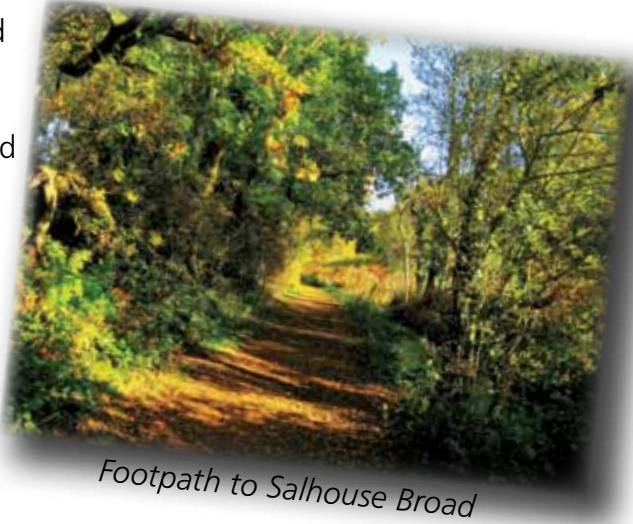


- 4 Continue straight on along the wide field-edge with the wood and then hedge on your left until you reach the main road (B1140).
- 5 Turn right and walk along the lay-by until you are opposite the church car park. Cross the road with care and head into the car park.
- 6 Walk through the car park and follow the public footpath with the churchyard on your left. This enclosed track opens up into a field-edge path. Continue along this route until you reach the road.
- 7 Turn right and follow this road ignoring all other turnings.



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- 8 The road goes gently downhill and comes to a junction where there is a small green area. Turn left.
- 9 You will soon reach Salhouse Broad car park on your left where there are public toilets. The walk leading from the car park to Salhouse Broad takes about 10 minutes and is well worth it, as it offers some excellent views of the broad and its wildlife, as well as being one of the best access points to The Broads from the land.
- 10 Retrace your steps back to Salhouse Broad car park and turn right, onto the road you arrived by.



Footpath to Salhouse Broad

Salhouse Broad



- 11 Continue straight on this road, along Lower Street. You will pass the post office and village stores on your left. Follow the road up the long and gentle hill until you reach a T-junction by the Bell Inn. Cross the road onto a tarmac track signed 'Public Footpath to Salhouse Station' (Hall Drive). Continue along this track as it narrows to a field-edge footpath, then into a hedged lane beside paddocks and eventually joining the road.
- 12 Turn right and continue along the road, under the railway bridge and then turn right again into the station.



All Saints Church, Salhouse

Points of interest:

- All Saint's Church, Salhouse;
- Norfolk reed, which is harvested for thatching material;
- The Broads were originally dug out by hand over a period of 300 years for peat which was used for fuel. Since the 14th Century sea levels have increased, giving rise to these valuable wetland habitats.

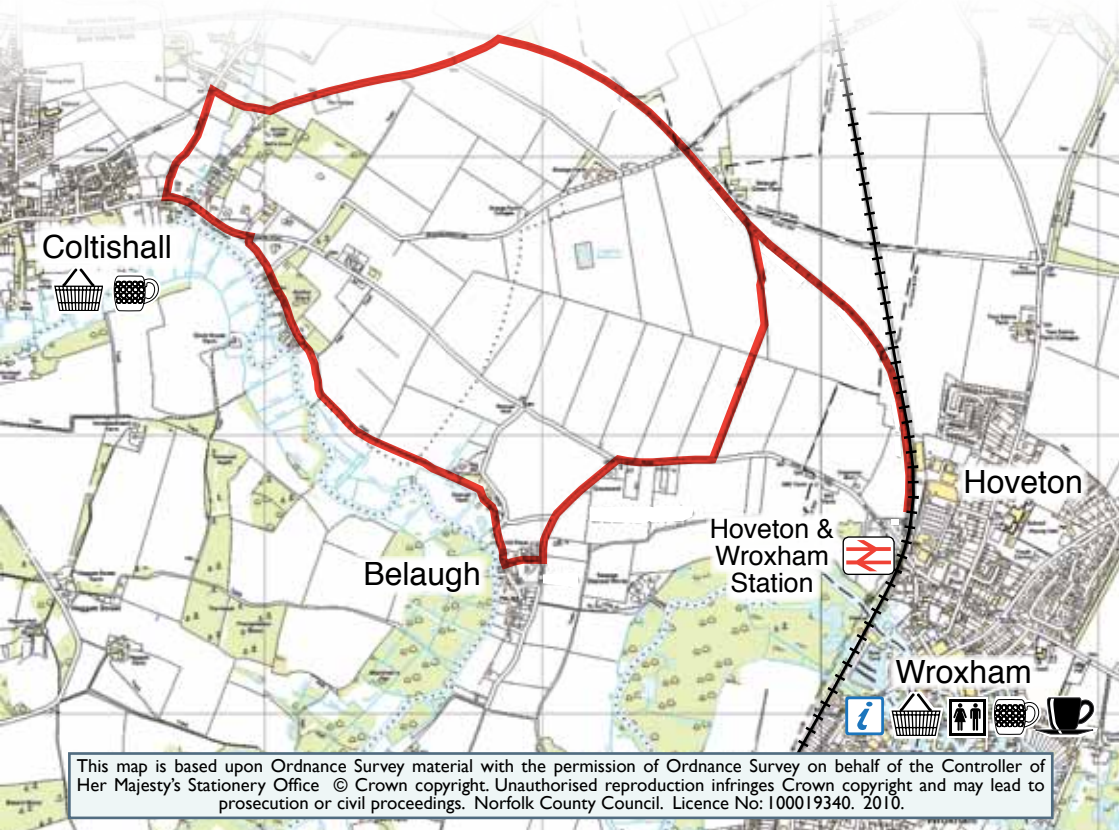
Distance	5.8 miles (9.4km)
Surface	25% hard, 75% soft - kissing gates, stiles, pedestrian gates and steps
Gradient	Slight with one steep hill
Toilets	Wroxham, Coltishall
Refreshment facilities	Pubs and cafés in Wroxham, pubs by riverside at Coltishall
Seating on route	Coltishall Common

Directions:

- 1 Leave the station and pass over the footbridge, following signs to the Bure Valley Railway.
- 2 Head towards the station building and pass behind it to join the Bure Valley Path. This path runs alongside the narrow gauge railway where you may see the stream train which runs between here and Aylsham.
- 3 Continue along this path as it climbs slightly and opens out to give uninterrupted views of the countryside. You will cross a road and pass a crossing keeper's cottage. Stay on the route until you pass under a red brick railway bridge.
- 4 Immediately after this, turn left up a flight of steps to join the road.
- 5 Turn right and follow this country lane. At the junction where there is a small wooded green, fork right and continue along this road.



- 6 When the road bends sharply right, turn left. You are presented with two options: a bridleway straight ahead and a footpath to your left. Take the footpath - it crosses the field then becomes flanked by hedges (and passes through kissing gates) ending in Coltishall village, opposite the village shop and post office.
- 7 Cross the road to the car park by the King's Head Inn. Cross the car park diagonally left where you will meet a small footbridge which takes you onto Coltishall Lower Common, a popular mooring point for Broads cruisers.
- 8 At the end of the common there is a brick and flint wall and a road to your left. Join the road and turn right past The Old Rectory and a dead-end sign. This is Anchor Street, once famous for its boat building.





Bure Valley Railway

- 9** At the end of the street, climb over two stiles into the field. Here there are two footpaths. Take the right hand path through the meadow with the hedge on your left and the River Bure across the meadow to your right. Continue along the path through the riverside meadows passing through two gates. You will eventually end up at a stile into a small loke. Cross this and walk along the loke, past a converted barn and a flint house.
- 10** Fork right on the public footpath through a kissing gate into a well maintained field. Follow the path, going over the stile at the far end to join the road. Turn right and walk towards the church and buildings of Belaugh.
- 11** On your right you will pass a riverside green, then almost immediately after the house on your left, take the narrow footpath which runs between the gardens of the adjoining houses.
- 12** When this path joins the road, turn left and you will presently meet the main road (B1354) Coltishall Road. Exercising caution, as this is a busy road, turn right towards Wroxham and Hoveton.
- 13** After passing the last house on your right, continue for 130m where you will find a public footpath leaving the road on your left through a gap in the hedge. Take this field-edge path and continue along this route, heading towards the railway embankment ahead of you.

- 14 At the end of this path you will find a set of steps leading up to the railway. Take these, turning right back onto the Bure Valley Path. Continue along this, retracing your steps from the start of this walk. Head back over the footbridge and turn left into the station.



A wherry

Points of interest:

- Bure Valley Path, following the route of the former Great Eastern Railway between Wroxham and Aylsham;
- Coltishall is thought to be the “birthplace” of the wherry sailing boat. John Allen bought a boatyard in Anchor Street, which emerged as a major wherry building centre in the latter half of the 19th Century. Allens Yard finally shut in 1974.

River Bure



Distance	5.2 miles (8.3km)
Surface	50% hard, 50% soft - steps
Gradient	Slight
Toilets	No
Refreshment facilities	The New Inn, Worstead
Seating on route	Worstead Village

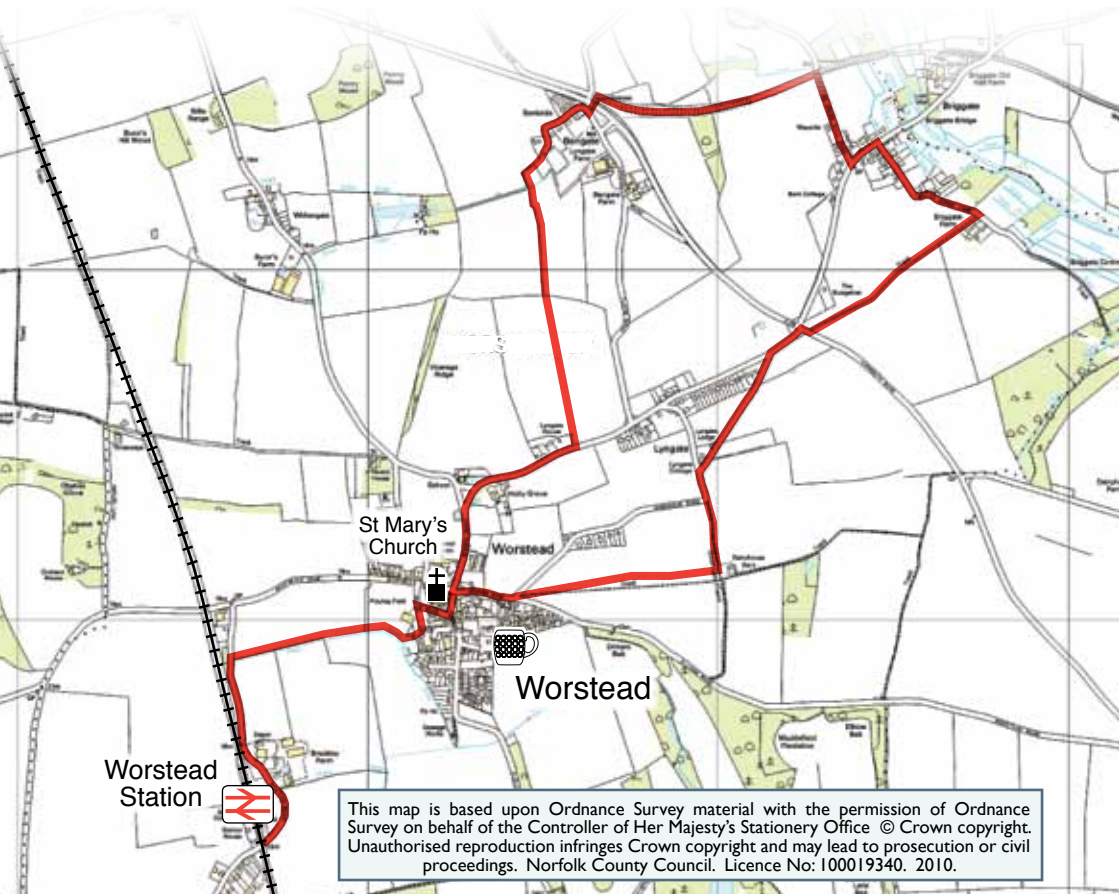
Directions:

- 1 Leave Worstead station and turn left onto the road. Continue along the pavement (which changes sides) for 600m. Where the pavement ends, take the public footpath on your right, leading towards a line of tall conifers.
- 2 Continue along this path, passing through the line of trees onto a playing field. Head towards the right hand side of the village hall, passing through the pedestrian gate into the car park. Cross the car park to its exit.
- 3 Head straight on, passing the New Inn on your right, with the church on your left. When you reach the road, turn left into the village square. Cross this and go straight on along School Road.
- 4 Continue along the road, bearing right as you pass the school on your left. After a further 350m take the public footpath on your left. It runs for a short distance along the field-edge then crosses a large field.



Tortoiseshell butterfly

- 5 Passing through the hedge at the end of this field, continue along the field-edge path. A path then joins your route from the left, but continue right, keeping the hedgerow on your right.
- 6 Turning right, then left, the path turns into a track and runs past some houses, turning sharp right and then sharp right again by the main road. Take the underpass to your left as it cuts under the main road.
- 7 Emerging from the underpass, you will find signs to Weavers' Way on your right, which climbs up steps onto an embankment. Follow this route along the disused railway line until you reach a quiet lane, with an old crossing cottage.

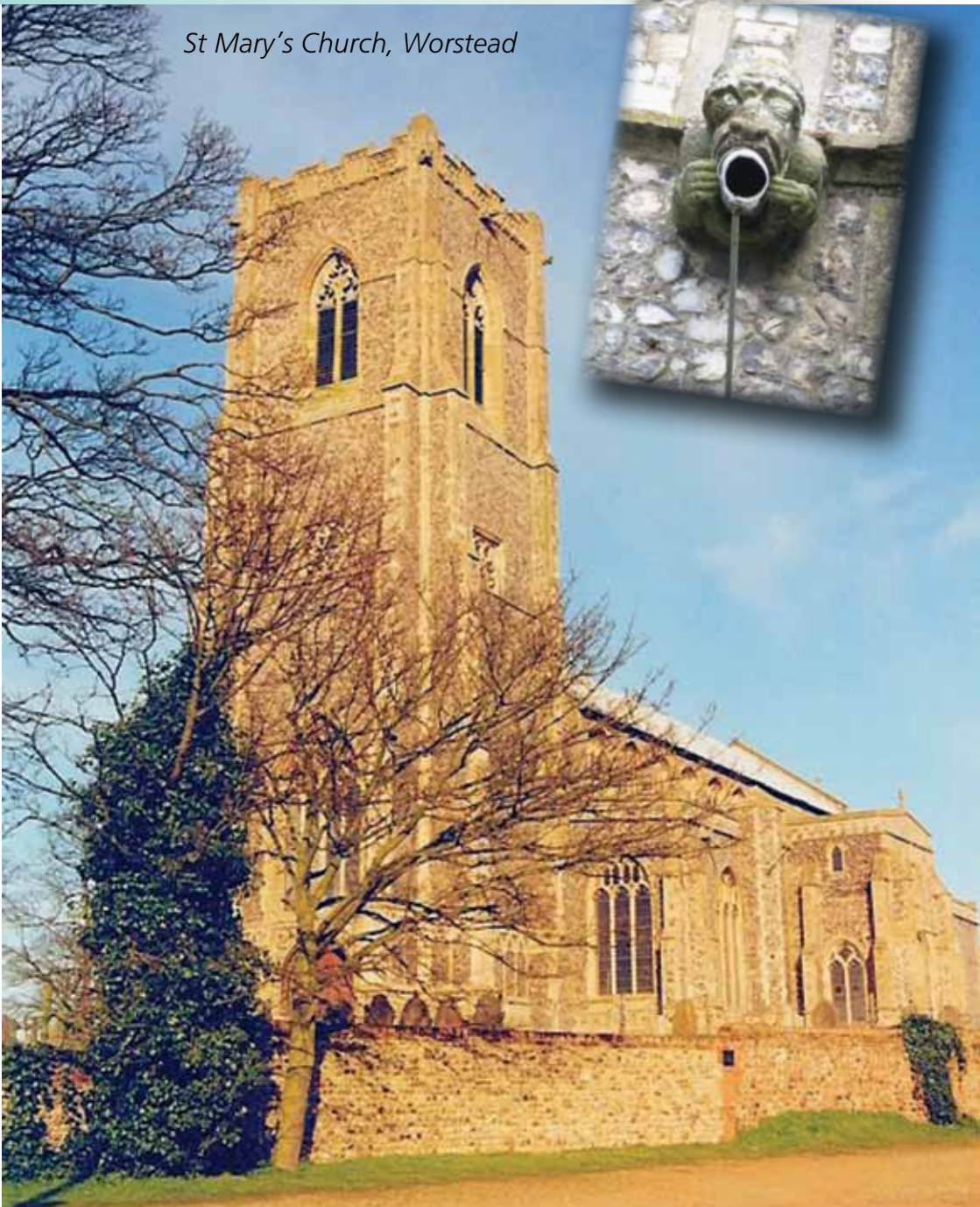


- 8 Turn right along the lane, then at the next T-junction turn left. Turn right onto White Horse Lane and continue past the bends until you find a signed bridleway to your right.
- 9 Heading towards Worstead Church, visible from this track, continue along this field edge path until you meet the road.
- 10 Taking care when crossing this busy route, continue straight on and after 100m take the lane on the left and follow it round to the left at the bend.
- 11 Shortly after this the lane will turn a sharp right, but continue straight on, along a grassy restricted byway which leads to an old farmyard. Just past the buildings and at the edge of the surfaced area, a footpath is waymarked right across a large open field heading towards the church. Follow this until you reach the village.
- 12 Take the lane towards the church, until you again reach the village square. Cross over and enter the church grounds, taking time to admire this magnificent building (especially the gargoyles!).
- 13 Pass through the graveyard and in the corner nearest the village hall there are steps. Retrace your route back through the playing field, along the footpath and turning left when you reach the road, which will lead you back to Worstead station.

Points of Interest:

- Worstead was a thriving centre for the wool trade and the fabric produced was known as "worsted", named after the village. The village prospered from the manufacture of textiles for 500 years prior to industrialisation;
- In homage to Worstead's heritage, there is an annual three day festival of spinning, weaving and crafts;
- Weavers' Way long distance path between Cromer and Great Yarmouth;
- St Mary's Church, Worstead.

St Mary's Church, Worstead



Distance	6 miles (9.5km)
Surface	25% hard, 75% soft - steps
Gradient	Slight
Toilets	North Walsham
Refreshment facilities	Pubs and cafés in North Walsham
Seating on route	No

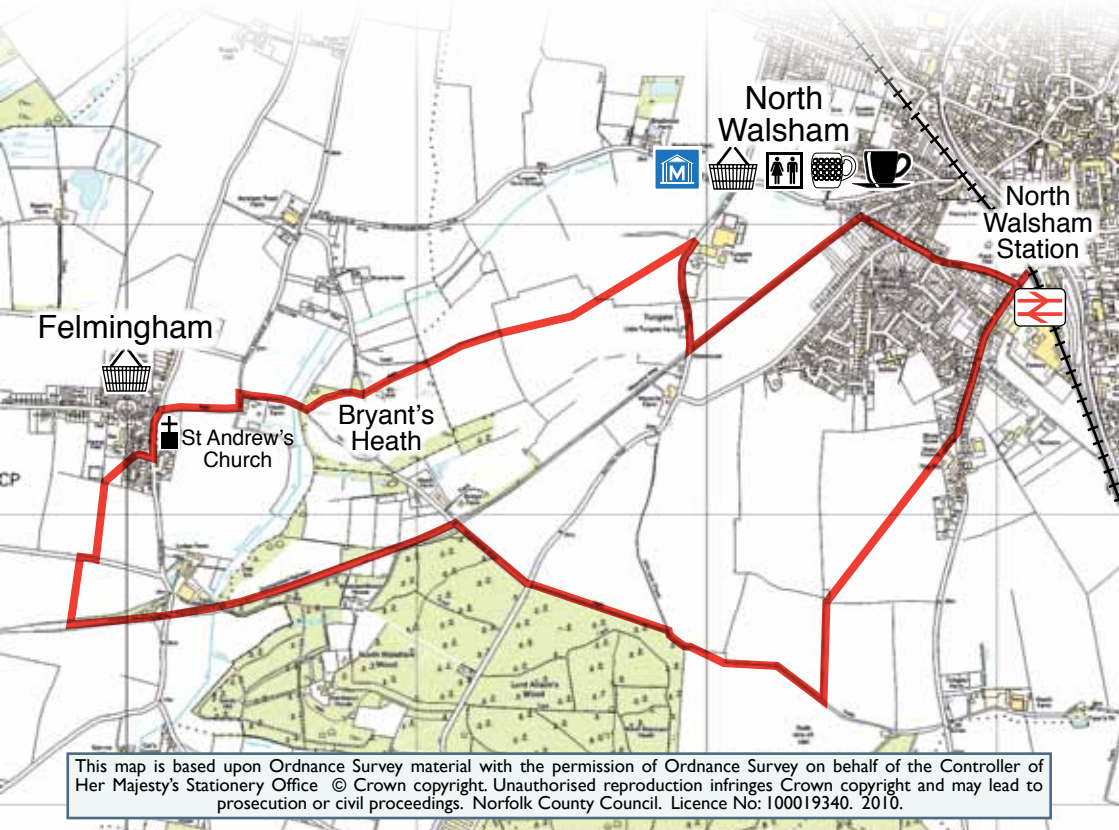
Directions:

- 1 Leave the station and turn left onto the main road, passing under the bridge. Continue straight on for 660m until you reach the two water towers. At this point you will find Stump Cross on the right hand side of the road.
- 2 Take the waymarked footpath to your right, which leads down a track for a short distance before opening out to cross a large field.
- 3 Continue along this path towards the corner of the field, where the path meets the field-edge and runs on the left hand side of a hedgerow.
- 4 Where the path joins a track, turn right and continue along this. The track will soon end but continue in the same direction, following the waymarked route along the field edge.
- 5 The path then follows the edge of Lord Anson's Wood, soon meeting a junction in the paths. Turn left here onto a woodland-edge footpath and continue until you reach the road.

View of St Andrew's Church, Felmingham



- 6 Cross straight over, heading down the no-through road towards an old railway bridge. Before passing under this, turn left up a flight of steps to join Weavers' Way, a disused railway line. Here, you can turn right for a shorter walk back to North Walsham (go to point 18).
- 7 To continue the walk, turn left and after crossing two bridges you will pass the former Felmingham railway station on your left.
- 8 Shortly after the station, the path joins Felmingham Cutting Local Nature Reserve.
- 9 Half way along the cutting, you will find two flights of steps, almost opposite each other, leading up the steep embankments. Take the flight on your right, which leads through a kissing gate at the top and across a field.



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Woodland path

- 10** When you reach the road, turn right and almost immediately left, onto another crossfield path, heading towards the corner of a hedge. Here the path turns diagonally right, crosses the field and heads towards a narrow path between the houses. Follow this until it reaches a quiet residential road.
- 11** Take a quick left then right heading towards the street. At the T-junction turn left towards the church.
- 12** Shortly after the church you will meet a busy junction at the centre of the village (care needed). Leading off to your right is a field-edge path. Follow this, pausing to look back at the church. From here you can see the evidence on the tower which suggests that the church once had a larger nave.
- 13** When you reach the end of the path, turn left onto a track and after 50m turn right onto another track which leads onto Bryant's Heath.
- 14** Just into the wooded area, take the left fork which goes over a series of rises. Continue on this route through the wood and after passing some paddocks away to your left, bear right.
- 15** As the path opens out into the heath, there is a large hollow on the right. Turn left here and after a short distance you will meet a track. Turn right and follow this track to the end of the heath, continuing slightly left along a field-edge path.
- 16** When the field-edge path ends, head across the two fields aiming for the leisure centre buildings, until you join the road.

- 17 Turn right and continue for 400m (be aware of traffic on this narrow road) until you again meet Weavers' Way. Turn left, through the gate and continue towards North Walsham.
- 18 As the path emerges onto Station Road, turn right, and at the mini roundabout take the first left.
- 19 At the T-junction, turn left, pass under the railway bridge and North Walsham station is on your right.



Felmingham Station

Points of Interest:

- Stump Cross, which commemorates the Peasant's Revolt in 1381, which was a reaction to Poll tax being raised from 4d to one shilling per adult, equivalent of 2 weeks wages;
- Lord Ansons Wood, a coppiced, semi-natural woodland;
- Felmingham Cutting Local Nature Reserve, situated in the cutting of the former Midland and Great Northern railway line (which closed in 1959). The cutting provides an excellent habitat for butterflies and is owned and managed by Norfolk County Council;
- Weavers' Way long distance path (which runs between Cromer and Great Yarmouth);
- St Andrew's Church, Felmingham.

Distance	4 miles (6.5km)
Surface	50% hard, 50% soft - steps
Gradient	Slight
Toilets	No
Refreshment facilities	Vernon Arms Inn, Southrepps
Seating on route	No

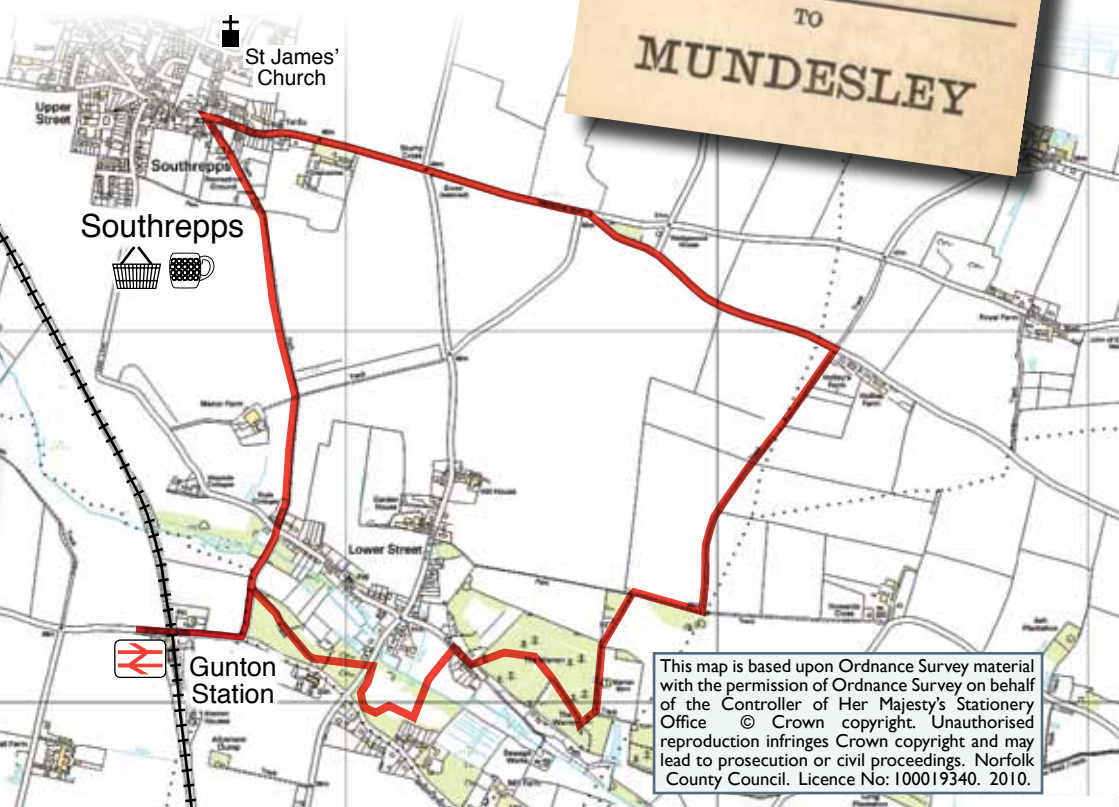
Directions:

- 1 Leave the station via the car park which leads to the road. Turn right and follow the road, taking the first left.
- 2 Continue along this road until you reach a T-junction. Directly opposite you is the entrance to a footpath which runs between the houses. Go up the steps and between the rails and continue along the field-edge path, heading towards Southrepps Church.
- 3 At the end of the field, continue along the path as it passes the bowling green, playing field and village hall on your left, eventually meeting the road.
- 4 If you wish to take a short detour to explore Southrepps Church, continue straight over into Church Street at the end of which lies the church. When you have finished return back down Church Street and turn left.
- 5 If you do not take the detour, turn right along Chapel Street, which rises up out of the village and gives some excellent panoramic views of the countryside.



Follow this road for 1km (take care as it can be busy) past a set of crossroads where you will find a stump cross, until you reach two right turns next to each other.

- 6 Take the second right turning, which leaves the road at a shallow angle and continue on until you reach a set of buildings (Oak Tree Farm). Turn right onto the track marked as a restricted byway.
- 7 When the track reaches a T-junction, turn right and follow the track as it bends left (ignoring the footpath to the right), passing a house, it then becomes a narrow path running between Warren's Barn on the left and woodland on the right.
- 8 Past Warren's Barn, the path turns right, through a kissing gate and enters woodland known as The Warren.



Follow the waymarked path through this woodland as it leads down hill, pass through the kissing gate to emerge on a residential track.

- 9 Turn right and after 100m turn left onto a boardwalk which leads through Southrepps Common Nature Reserve. If you have time, spend a while enjoying this valley fen site and its wildlife.
- 10 Continue along the boardwalk as it meanders through the site, ignoring the boardwalk that joins it on the left. Eventually, it arrives in a small car park with an information board about the common. Turn left at the road, turning right after 30m onto another boardwalk.
- 11 Continue along this route until it reaches a track. Turn left, then immediately right on the green to follow a signed public footpath through the woods.
- 12 At the road, turn left, then right at the T-junction, retracing your steps back to Gunton station.

Yellowhammer





Picture postcard from around 1930 kindly supplied by J. Daniels

Points of Interest:

- St James' Church, Southrepps;
- Flint houses in the area are thought to have been constructed during the 17th and 18th Centuries as farming expanded. The stone was collected from nearby beaches;
- Southrepps Common Local Nature Reserve covers 12 hectares and a variety of habitats such as woodland, reedbed and grassland. The commons are managed by Southrepps Commons Trust.

Distance	7 miles (11.2km)
Surface	75% hard, 25% soft - kissing gate, steps
Gradient	Moderate, (some fairly steep climbs)
Toilets	Overstrand, Cromer
Refreshment facilities	The White Horse Inn and Cliff Top Café, Overstrand Pubs and cafés in Cromer
Seating on route	Yes

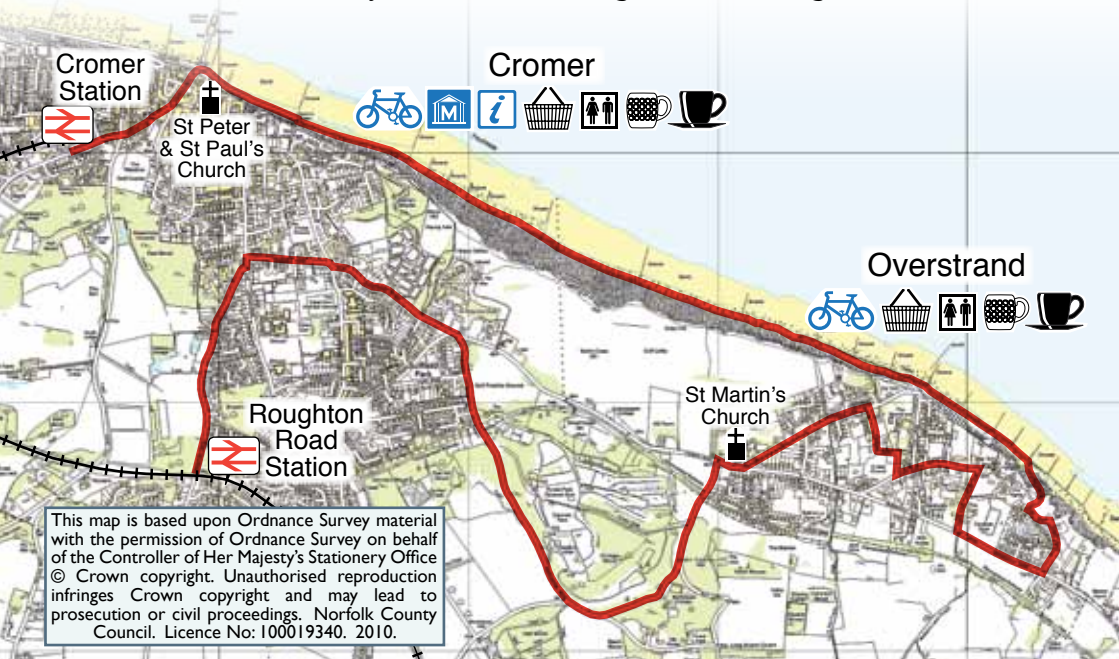
Directions:

- 1 Leave the station and walk down the steps to the road.
- 2 Turn right down the hill and follow this long, mostly residential road until it meets the main Cromer Road (A149). Cross the road, turn left then immediately right at the mini roundabout into Cromwell Road. At the next junction, where there are two mini roundabouts, walk straight over to join Overstrand Road.
- 3 Follow this road passing houses and a chalet park, until you reach a fork in the road. Here you will find a stone memorial to Clement Scott, the author who created "Poppyland".
- 4 Take the right hand fork here down Northrepps Road, which passes houses and then rises through some deciduous woodland.

"Poppyland" near Cromer



- 5 At the top of the hill you pass a chalet and camping park on your left. Follow the road as it bends round to the left at the junction and shortly after, take a left turn which leaves the road at a shallow angle and runs down hill. Pass the Country Hotel and continue down hill until you meet the coast road once again.
- 6 Turn right and immediately after the church take the footpath on the left and follow it until it joins a road.
- 7 Continue straight on, passing Hillingdon Park on your left and follow the road, turning right into Harbord Road. This bends sharply left then right and joins the main village street.
- 8 Turn left and continue through the village, past the shops, pub and Sea Marge Hotel. Shortly after, the road takes a sharp right into Carr Road and ends at a T-junction.
- 9 Turn left and continue along until you see Coast Road on your left. On this junction there are two flint cottages and beyond is Mill House, mentioned by Clement Scott.
- 10 Turn down Coast Road which bends to the left then left again onto Clifton Way. As it turns left again, take the gated road



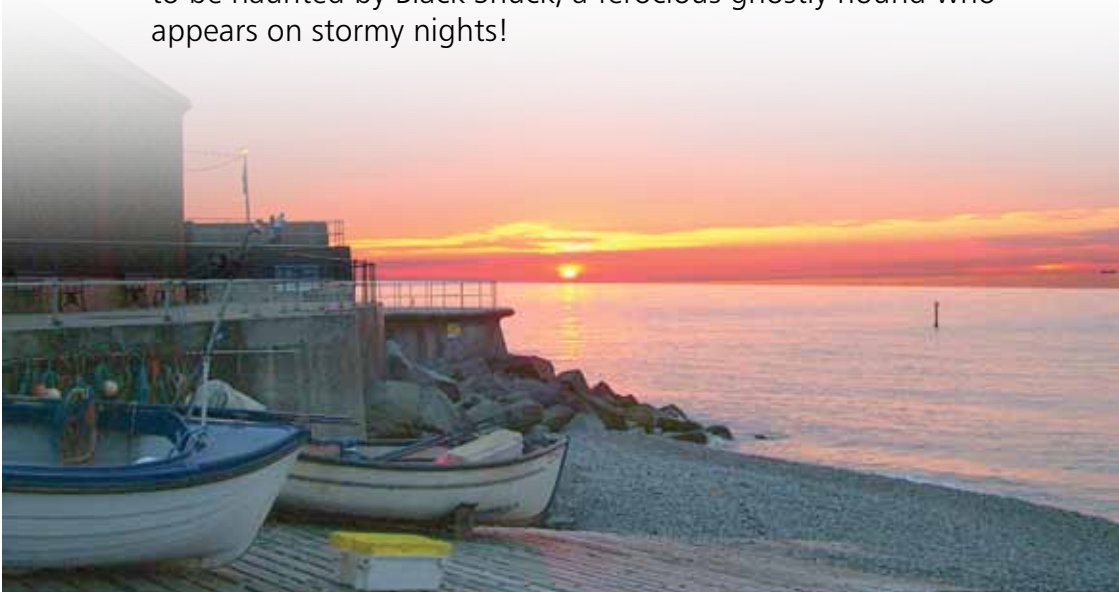
on the right and follow as it steeply drops down towards the promenade. Follow the promenade towards Cromer and just before its end, you will see a zig-zagged access ramp up to the cliff top.

- 12 At this point, you can either carry on along the shore towards Cromer (please check tide times) or take the access ramp to follow the cliff top route.
- 13 If you take the beach route, as you reach Cromer take the cobbled access ramp by The Rocket House Café. At the top, turn hard right to follow the high level tarmac footpath with railings. At the end of the path you will arrive at a viewing area with seats which gives good views of the pier. Continue on along a street named East Cliff passing the impressive St Peter and St Paul's Church on your left. Follow the road around the end of the church to meet Church Street. Turn right and after 100m, at the next junction of roads, take a diagonal left down West Street. At the end of this street, carefully cross straight over to continue on West Street (Tourist Information Centre with public toilets on your left here). Go straight over the mini roundabout and Cromer railway station will be on your right.
- 14 For the cliff top route, take the access ramp to the cliff top. At the top to your left there is the appropriately named Cliff Top Café (it has high tide times displayed outside). Turn right and pass through the car park keeping to the right edge. Pass through a gap in the hedge and a kissing gate. Follow the path along the cliff top which presently enters a golf course. Please be aware of golfing activities to your left and don't go too close to the soft cliff edge to your right! This path gives you great views of the crumbling coastal cliffs and of Cromer as you progress along it.
- 15 After 1.4km you will pass the lighthouse and soon the path becomes surfaced as it approaches Cromer. Passing the memorial to Henry Blogg ("the greatest lifeboatman of all time") follow the path around the shelter to arrive at the top of the cobbled access

ramp to the beach near The Rocket House Café. To return to Cromer railway station follow the directions in point 13 above.

Points of interest:

- Clement Scott, an English theatre critic, affectionately named the Cromer area “his Poppyland”. He visited Cromer whilst using trains to explore the east coast of England. As the popularity of the area increased, the town slowly transformed. Later, Scott lamented “The Cromer that we visit now is not the Cromer I wrote about but a few short years ago as my beloved Poppyland”;
- Erosion claimed the village of Shipden, which was lost to the sea during the 14th Century. It is said if the wind is in the right direction you can hear the bell of St Peter’s Church from beneath the sea!;
- Cromer has lost many sailors and fishermen to the sea, however many have been saved due to the courage of the lifeboat service. The first lifeboat in Cromer was stationed in 1804;
- The cliff top path between Overstrand and Cromer is reputed to be haunted by Black Shuck, a ferocious ghostly hound who appears on stormy nights!



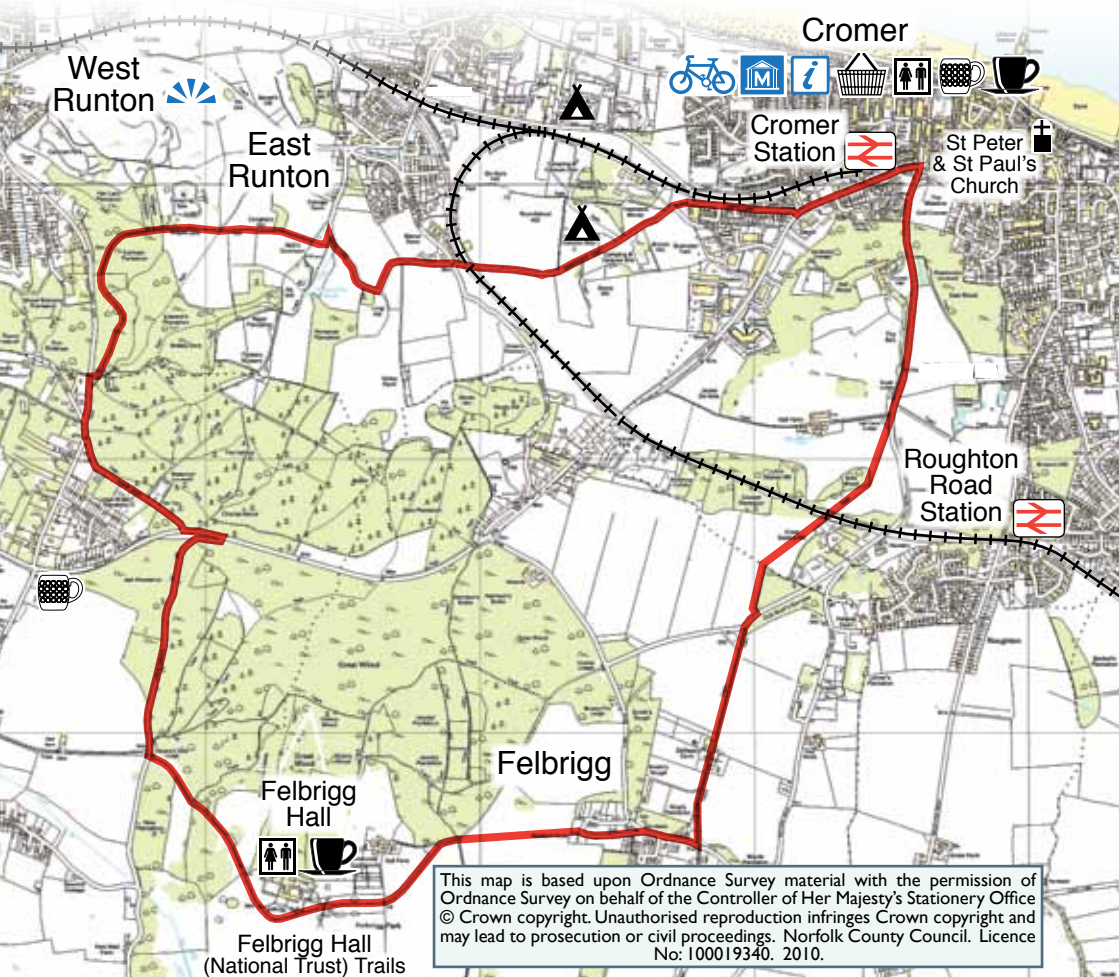
Distance	6.5 miles (10.5km)
Surface	75% hard, 25% soft - kissing gates, steps
Gradient	Moderate
Toilets	Cromer, Felbrigg Hall
Refreshment facilities	Felbrigg Hall Tea Rooms, cafes and pubs in Cromer
Seating on route	Yes

Directions:

- 1 Turn left out the station and walk down the hill.
- 2 Take the first right turning into Hall Road, past the Methodist Church on the corner and follow the road as it passes the recreation ground on your left.
- 3 Shortly after there is a surfaced path running alongside the road. Take this path passing Cromer Hall on your right. Note the stone hounds' heads on the gate posts.
- 4 Just past a pair of cottages, take the footpath on your right across the field signed as Weavers' Way. This path leads uphill towards a small copse, bends right and continues to a railway bridge. There are two kissing gates on this section of path.
- 5 Once over the bridge, the path runs along the field edge for a short distance and is then waymarked across the field to the corner of the woods. Follow this route over the field, then alongside the woods and down the steps to meet the road.
- 6 Turn right, walk along the road for 60m then turn left onto a narrow path, still following the Weavers' Way signs. Continue along the path as it opens up to give views of the countryside and then joins a surfaced track past some houses and barns.
- 7 When this track joins the main road (B1436) by the pond, cross the road with care and turn right. Continue until you reach the small village green and the war memorial. Follow the Weavers'

Way signs to the left of the green and follow the gravel track to the kissing gate.

- 8 Go through the gate and cross the field in front of you following the Weavers' Way signs, heading through a small copse in the middle of the field and continuing on until you meet the drive.
- 9 Turn left and follow the drive to Felbrigg Hall, passing through the car park towards the magnificent buildings. You can explore the hall, take one of the walks around the grounds, or simply enjoy a cup of tea in the tearoom.



- 10 Continue along the drive with the hall on your right, passing through a series of gates before meeting the road at the main gates next to the white painted house.
- 11 Turn right and follow the road through predominately beech woodland. This area is called the 'Lion's Mouth'.
- 12 As this road meets the A148, turn left to walk along the wide verge until you are opposite the road marked with no entry signs. Cross the busy road here with care.
- 13 Follow this road keeping right until you reach a crossroads signed for Roman Camp and Beeston Regis Heath.
- 14 Turn right across a gravel car park, taking the first left hand turn down a sunken track, signed towards a caravanning and camping site. At the campsite entrance continue straight on following the Norfolk Coast Path signs passing the campsite on your left.
- 15 Continue along this path, go straight on at a crossroads of paths, through two kissing gates, over a plank bridge and into an open grassy area. The path then meets a junction of tracks.

Felbrigg Hall



16 Follow the track signed as the Norfolk Coast Path. This becomes enclosed, curls to the left then joins a track on a bend. Carry straight on past some farm buildings to the road.



St Peter and St Paul's Church, Cromer

- 17** Cross straight over, passing under the railway bridge and follow this track, ignoring all the paths leaving to the side. Eventually, you will come to a crossroads of minor roads.
- 18** Cross over, heading between the houses and follow this residential road until it joins the main road.
- 19** Turn left and continue down the hill where you will find Cromer station on your left.

Points of interest:

- Felbrigg Hall is a Jacobean mansion set in landscaped gardens. The house was built by the Wyndham family during the 15th Century and was the inheritance of future Wyndham generations until the estate was sold in 1863;
- The final owner of Felbrigg Hall, Robert William Ketton-Cremer, was passionate about the woodland and is thought to have planted 200,000 trees over 40 years. When he died in 1969 the hall, its contents and estate were bequeathed to the National Trust;
- The Felbrigg estate covers some 1760 acres of parkland and mixed woodland. The dominant feature is the 520 acre Great Wood which shelters the house.

Distance	5.5 miles (9km)
Surface	50% hard, 50% soft - kissing gates, steps and gates
Gradient	Moderate with occasional steep slopes
Toilets	East Runton beach car park or Cromer
Refreshment facilities	Pubs and cafés in Cromer and West Runton
Seating on route	Yes

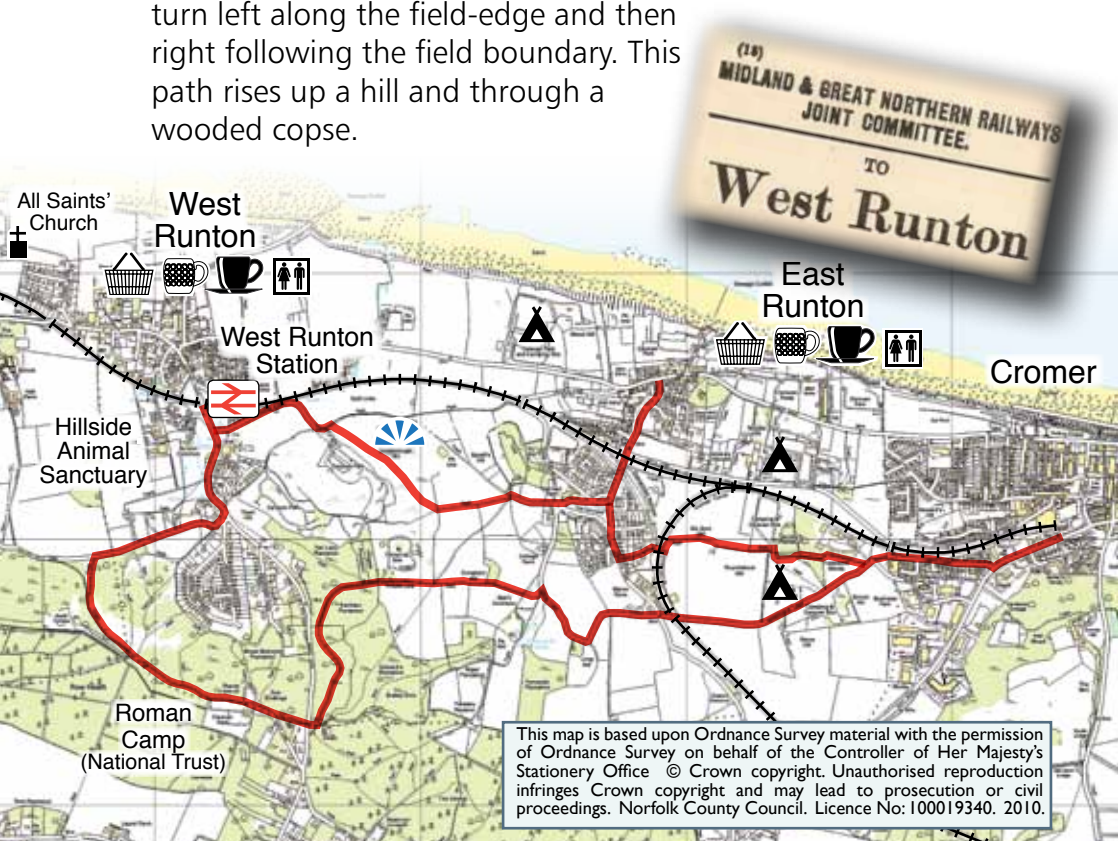
Directions:

- 1 Leave West Runton station and turn left. Turn left again into Station Close, just before the Links Hotel.
- 2 Continue along this surfaced track as it leads down the edge of the golf course then turns right to cross the golf course. As the road turns a sharp right, next to a picket fence, turn left and follow a narrow footpath for a short distance before turning right through a kissing gate. Climb the steps and follow the well worn path over Inceborough Hill until you reach another set of steps. Walk down the steps, through the kissing gate and follow the path across the field.
- 3 At a junction of paths, bear right into a hedged, sunken path. On meeting the road turn left, keeping the green on your right.

View of West Runton from Inceborough Hill



- 4 You will come to a T-junction, with a pond on your right. Turn left here and follow the road under two large railway bridges, past a pond and then to a T-junction. Turn right into the village of East Runton, where you will find shops, toilets and access to the beach.
- 5 When you have finished in the village, retrace your steps under the bridges and then past the pond.
- 6 After 200m, turn left up a track leading to houses, signed as a public footpath. Take the narrow path straight ahead, between two fences, through the gate and cross the railway line. This stretch of line is known as the 'Cromer Curve' so called because it curls in a big 'U' shape back towards Cromer.
- 7 Having crossed the railway line, passing through another gate, turn left along the field-edge and then right following the field boundary. This path rises up a hill and through a wooded copse.



- 8 The path then runs between two fields, towards a campsite. Cross the track with a gate on your right and follow the waymarked footpath into a wooded area. As you leave the trees, the path passes between two planted areas, bends left then right and follows a low flint wall. At the end of the wall, the path meets a track.
- 9 To continue on to Cromer, turn left, cross the tarmac road and follow the residential road until it joins the main road. Turn left and continue down the hill, where the station will be on your left.
- 10 To complete the walk, turn right when you meet the track and continue up and over the hill, past the campsite and under the railway bridge, following the Norfolk Coast Path signs.
- 11 Cross the road, onto the track. When the track turns sharp left, continue straight on and follow the path as it bends right then emerges onto a open area with a junction of tracks.
- 12 Continue to follow the Norfolk Coast Path, crossing a plank bridge and passing through two kissing gates.
- 13 Keep following the Norfolk Coast Path, with the campsite on your right, onto a sunken track. Follow the track as it rises up the hill, go through the gravel car park to meet the road. Cross the road and follow the signs to Roman Camp (National Trust).

View from Roman Camp



- 14 Follow the track through Roman Camp with the car park on the right and the caravan park on the left. Continue along the track following the Norfolk Coast Path signs until the track widens out. Pass through wooden cycle barriers onto a path that descends through a wooded gully. Halfway down this path, bear right to cross an open meadow, with great views to the sea in the distance.
- 15 When this path meets a track, turn right and follow it with the woodland on your right. Keep following this track, ignoring all other paths, past houses and eventually you will reach the road.
- 16 When you reach the road, turn left again and follow it back towards the station passing the Hillside Animal and Shire Horse Sanctuary and Runton Common to the left. To avoid walking on the road, it is possible to walk through the common and emerge back on the road shortly before the bridge.
- 17 Turn right before the bridge back into West Runton station. Whilst waiting for the train, admire the station garden, maintained by the Women's Institute.



National Trail Fingerpost

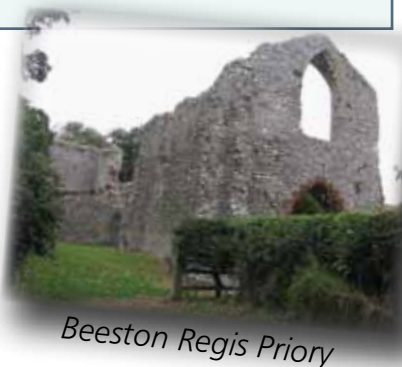
Points of interest:

- Incleborough Hill is an important site for wildlife, dominated by gorse. The southern boundary is an ancient bank with hedges of hawthorn and English elm. The top of Incleborough gives an excellent view of the coast between Cromer and Sheringham;
- There are ten commons in East and West Runton, forming a network of valuable habitats. They are linked with a network of public footpaths and cover an area of fifty acres;
- The Roman Camp was not actually a Roman settlement or camp. The surrounding woodland and heathland around the camp is dotted with shallow circular iron-working pits dating from about 850 to 1150AD. At 336 feet above sea level, Roman Camp is Norfolk's highest point.

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

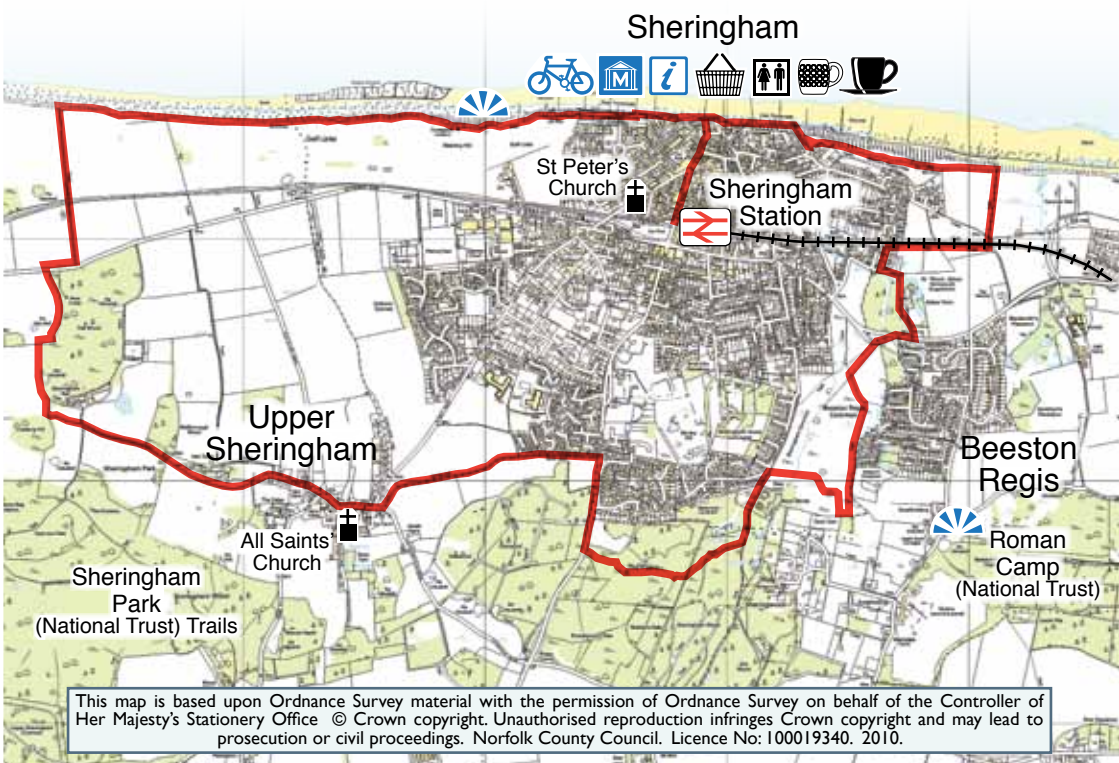
Directions:

- 1 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.
- 3 Continue along the promenade past the toilets until reaching a set of steps on your right signed with the Norfolk Coast Path acorn.
- 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.
- 8 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.



Beeston Regis Priory

- 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.
- 13 Pass the first right turn, marked with a square stone encribed 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.
 - 22 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.
 - 23 Turn right and follow the Norfolk Coast Path, alongside the golf course, over Skelding Hill towards Sheringham.
 - 24 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).

Sheringham Steam Train



- 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.
- 26 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.



View from Skelding Hill

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).

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