

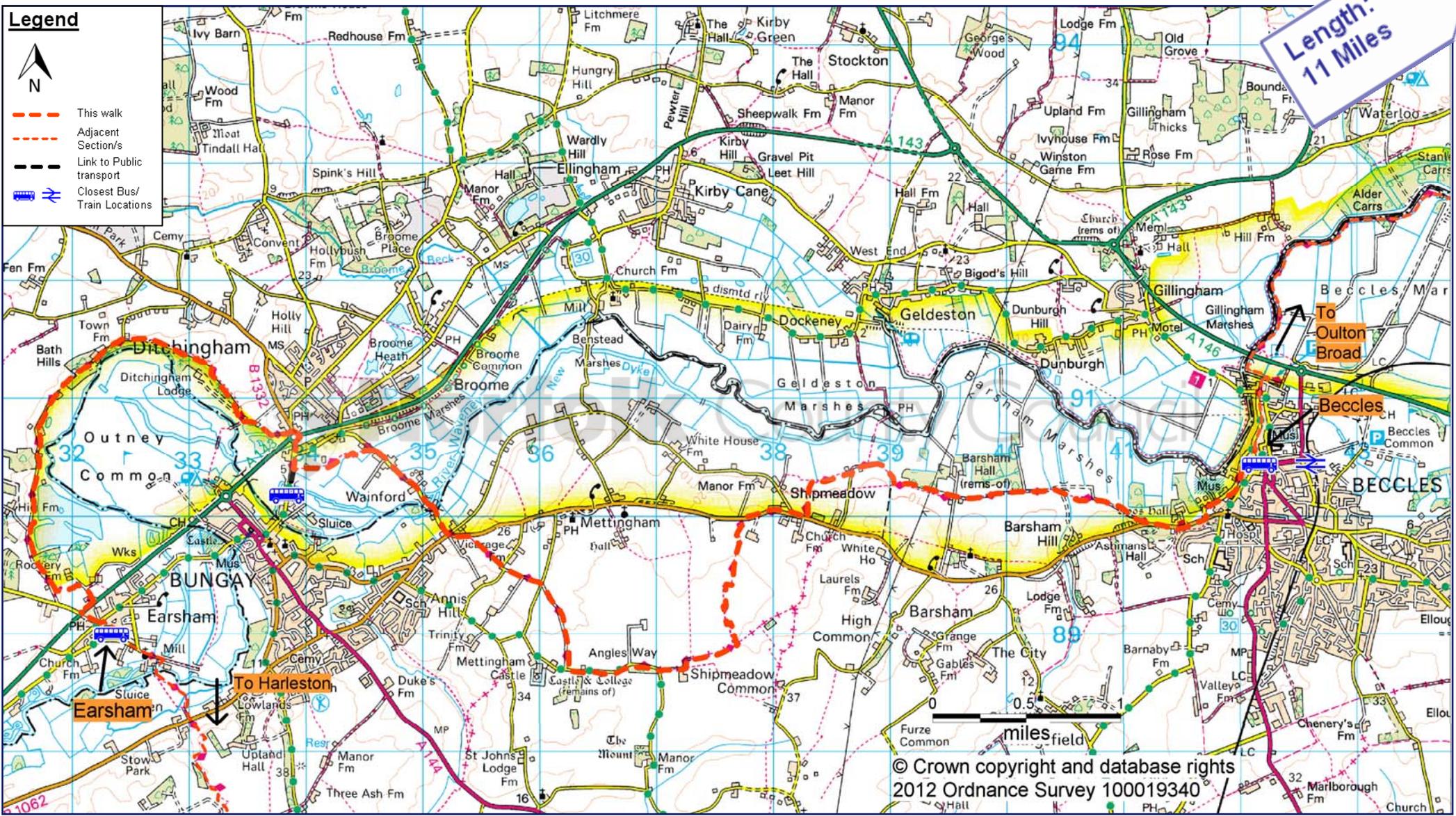
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Angles Way Long Section 3 (of 7) Beccles to Earsham

Length:
11 Miles

Legend

- This walk
- Adjacent Section/s
- Link to Public transport
- Closest Bus/ Train Locations



Along the way

This section starts in the historic market town of Beccles, a once busy Saxon fishing port reputed to have been founded in 960AD, sits above the River Waveney. Today, Beccles is a thriving modern community but still very much in touch with its history with a well preserved square, the occasional medieval jettied building amongst fine Georgian buildings. Little alleyways continue to link the river to historic streets.

After Beccles, Angles Way leaves the cattle grazed meadows in the river valley after Beccles and winds its way up the hills south of the river to explore an arable landscape, giving a chance to enjoy fine views across the valley and marshes from Mettingham, before dropping back down to cross the river into Norfolk via the bridges at Wainford.

On reaching Ditchingham, Angles Way leaves the valley with a detour north of Bungay onto the higher ground of the clay plateau, a wonderful woodland walk which through the intriguingly named Bath Hills. The sheltered south-facing slope was once a vineyard for local lords and has a totally different feel to the lush pastures and wet marshes found elsewhere along Angles Way. This section is possibly best enjoyed in the winter when the panoramic views are less covered by leaves.

This section finishes at the bus stop Earsham, a short walk from Bungay town centre and well worth a visit to enjoy the variety of shops, restaurants and pubs. Bungay is a fine old Suffolk market town rich in history with the town centre officially recognized as a conservation area by English heritage. At the centre are the remains of a 13th century castle built by Roger Bigod, along with shops, restaurants, and pubs to enjoy.

Further information on this walk is available in two short sections, including more detailed maps. See Short Sections S7; Beccles to Ditchingham and S8; Ditchingham to Earsham at www.norfolk.gov.uk/anglesway



www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails



Walk summary

This 11 mile section of Angles Way between Beccles and Earsham weaves its way through beautiful countryside overlooking the Waveney Valley from both sides.

Getting started

This section is between the Old Market in Beccles (Bus Shelter) (TM421905) and The Queens Head, The Street, Earsham (TM322890)

Getting there

Train Lowestoft to Ipswich line
Beccles Station, Station Road, Beccles
National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.
www.nationalrail.co.uk/

Bus services Anglian 80 and 88

Bus stops Beccles Market Place and The Queens Head, The Street, Earsham
Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33.
www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps OL40, The Broads and Southwold and Bungay 231 available from Ordnance Survey shop
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite

What to expect

Cattle grazed meadows, stiles, footpaths, farm tracks, quiet country roads, approx 300 metres of busy B road and A143 to be crossed twice.

Facilities

Parking and toilets, accommodation, pubs, cafes, shops,
Further information about planning a break in this area is available from www.visit-sunrisecoast.co.uk

