




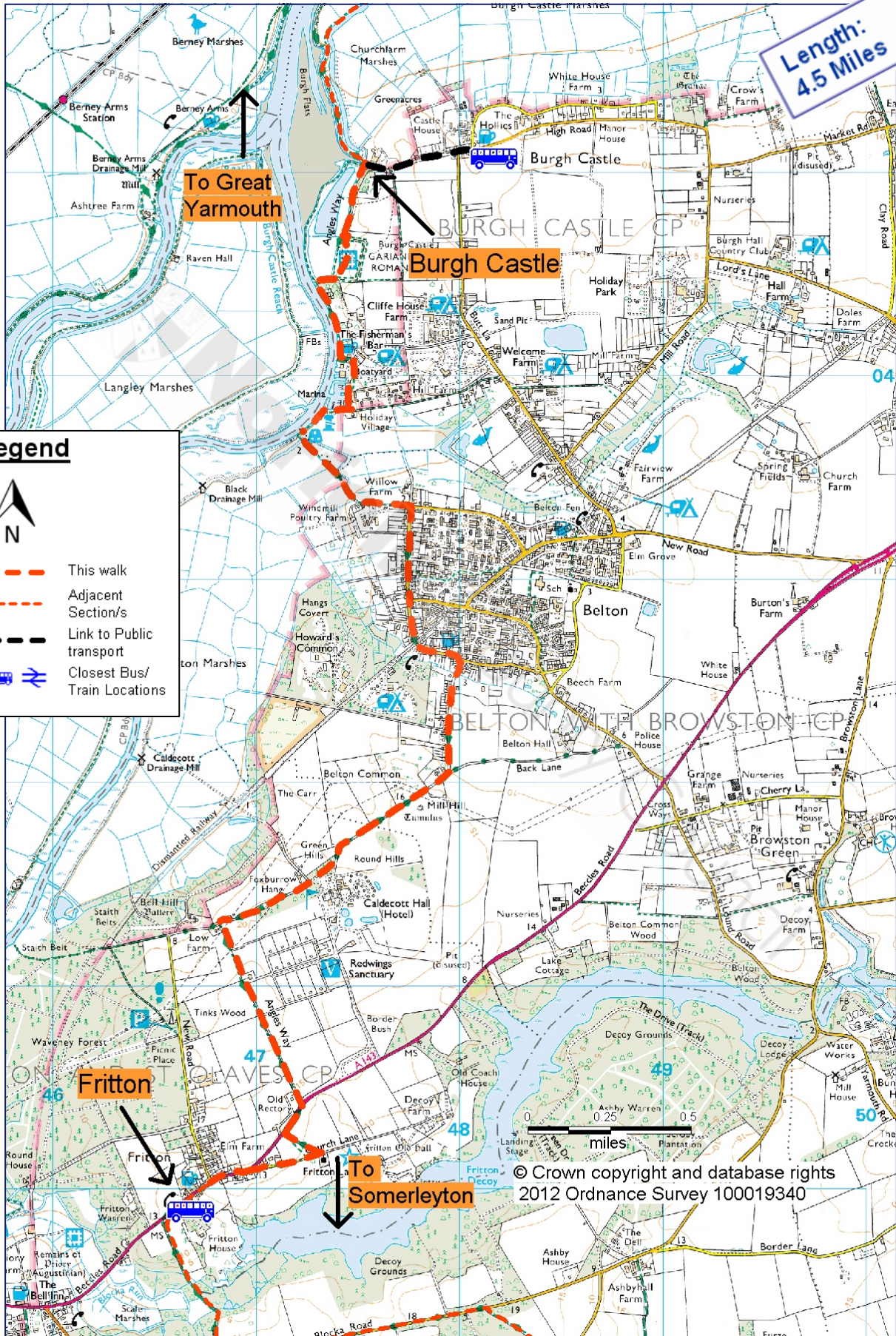


Angles Way Short Section 2 (of 18) Great Yarmouth to Burgh Castle

Length:
4.5 Miles

Legend

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



Along the way

The Roman fort at Burgh Castle is a survivor of a network of similar forts known as the Saxon Shore Forts built in the late 3rd century to protect the coast against Saxon invasion. Two Roman forts stood either side of the great estuary open to the sea, the other fort being at Caister-on-Sea.

The Burgh Castle Roman site continued to be used by successive generations. It was a cemetery in middle Saxon times and possibly also the location of a monastery founded by St Fursey in the early 7th century. A Norman motte and bailey castle was constructed within the fort. In more recent times, scallops were cut out of the cliff over the marsh when materials were dug out for a neighbouring brick works. Many Yarmouth buildings are built with bricks stamped 'Burgh Castle'.

The round towered medieval church next to the Roman fort is the church of St Peter and St Paul's. A close look at the walls will reveal reused Roman tiles, almost certainly from the ruins of the fort.

Take your binoculars to look out over the tidal mudflats of Breydon Water at low tide to see heron, oystercatcher, golden plover, great crested grebe and widgeon looking for the invertebrates living where salt and fresh water meet. One of the best viewing points is from the viewing platform on the cliff face overlooking the expanse of water.

Fritton Lake is a country park which offers an opportunity for rest and refreshments. A secret training facility was located at Fritton Lake during World War Two. British, American, and Canadian units came to be trained in the use of American made amphibious Sherman tanks ahead of D-Day.

Walk summary

Enjoy stunning views over a landscape of reed-choked marshes and mills from the substantial remains of the Roman fort at Burgh Castle on a 4.5 mile stretch of Angles Way to the village of Fritton.

Getting started

This section is between Burgh Castle, St Peter and St Paul's Church (TG476050) and The Decoy Tavern in Fritton on the A143 (TG467000).

Getting there

Bus services First Bus 5

Bus stops Queens Head, Church Road, Burgh Castle and The Decoy Tavern, Beccles Road, Fritton

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 2233

www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL40, The Broads, available from Ordnance Survey shop
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite

What to expect

Open access at the Roman fort. Riverside footpaths, farm tracks, no stiles, village streets and a short section of the busy A143.

Facilities

Accommodation, camping, pub

Further information about planning a break in this area is available from www.enjoythebroads.com