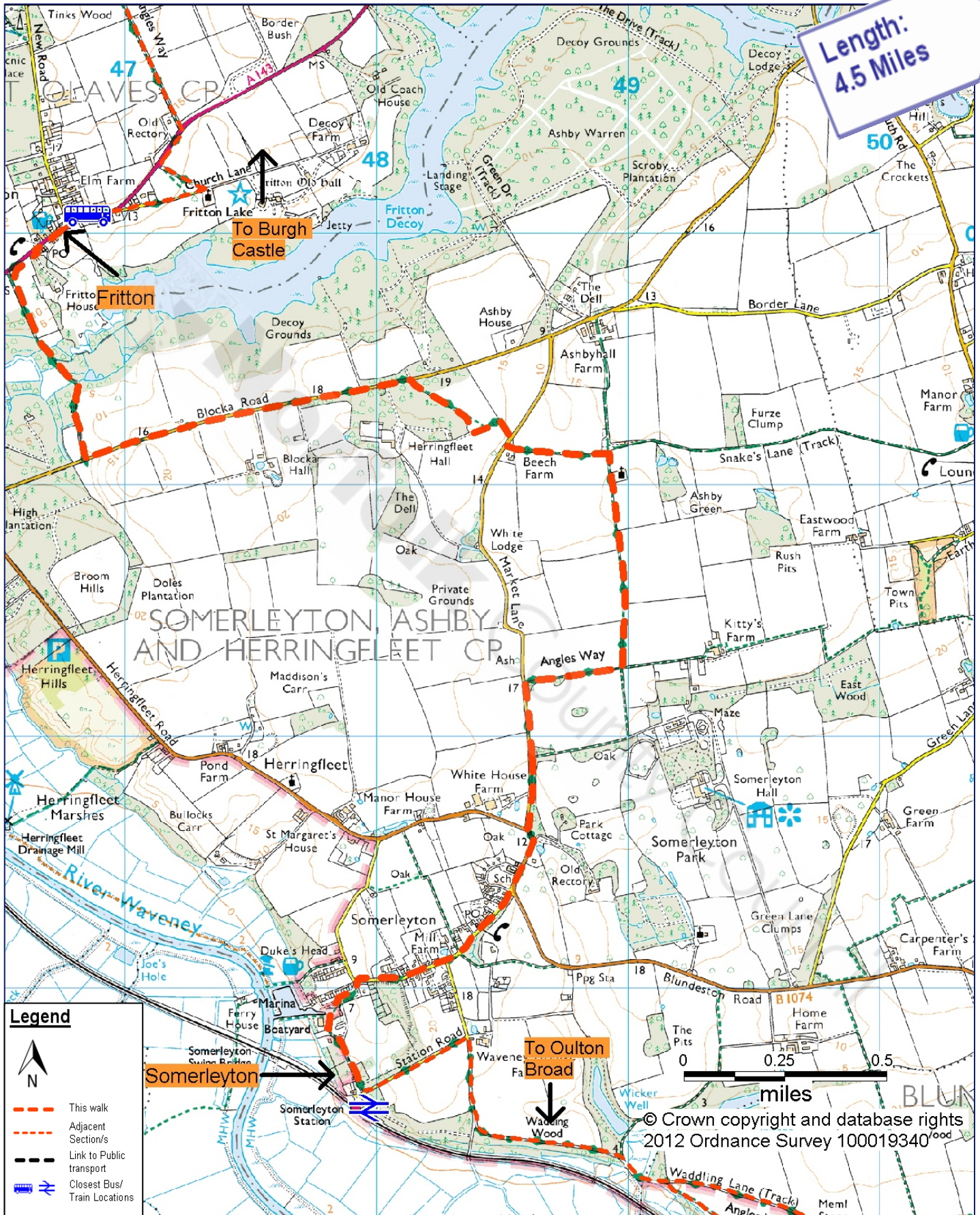


Angles Way Short Section 3 (of 18) Fritton to Somerleyton

Length:
4.5 Miles



Along the way

The walk crosses from Norfolk to Suffolk on a bridge over a stream in the wood at Fritton. This stream is Blocka Run and it flows into Fritton Decoy, a large lake half of which is in Norfolk, half in Suffolk. The lake has long history of different uses. It was originally a medieval peat working, later used as a bird decoy after it had flooded.

A secret training facility was located at this 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. One of the training exercises involved floating tanks across the water, and one tank that sank is still on the bottom. The museum at Fritton Lake has parts of two wartime fighter aircraft that crashed into the lake.

Along the way you will see the pretty St Edmund's Church in Fritton and the isolated Ashby Church, St Mary's, with its impressive round tower and thatched roof. Look out for a memorial to a British bomber crew close to the gate at Ashby Church.

On the way to the picturesque village of Somerleyton, named after a peace loving Viking, Sumarlithi, you pass the magnificent Somerleyton Hall. Originally a Jacobean residence, Somerleyton Hall was re-modeled in 1844 transforming it into a fine example of an early Victorian Hall in Anglo-Italian style, with magnificent cared stonework, fine state rooms and beautiful gardens. The Hall and gardens are open to the public.

Walk summary

Stroll for 4.5 miles between Fritton and Somerleyton on country roads, woodland and farmland tracks, passing ancient flint churches and the stunning Somerleyton Hall along the way.

Getting started

This section is between The Decoy Tavern in Fritton (TG467000) and Somerleyton Train Station, Station Road (TM479965).

Getting there

Bus service Anglian 81

Bus stop The Decoy Tavern, Beccles Road, Fritton.

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33.

Train: Lowestoft to Norwich line. Somerleyton Station, Station Road.

www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

www.nationalrail.co.uk/

Maps and guides

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

What to expect

Footpaths, farm tracks and quiet country roads, no stiles, one slightly busier road section of approximately half a mile.

Facilities

Accommodation, camping, pub, shop
Further information about planning a break in this area is available from www.enjoythebroads.com



www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails



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