

Waveney Valley Walks - Harleston



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Harleston is an ancient market town situated at the southern tip of Norfolk, separated from Suffolk by the River Waveney. In its earlier days the town was nothing more than a collection of market traders.

The market prospered, houses replaced the stalls, and the town grew. Its future was assured when, in 1259, it was granted the right to hold a fair and a market. It is now a vibrant and lively town with several lovely shops catering for every taste. It has a small museum, several eating places and five friendly pubs.

This walk starts in Harleston, takes in some beautiful countryside, visits the village of Redenhall and its impressive church and follows the Angles Way back into Harleston.

Visitors may also want to explore Harleston – a discovery trail leaflet is available from the information centre.

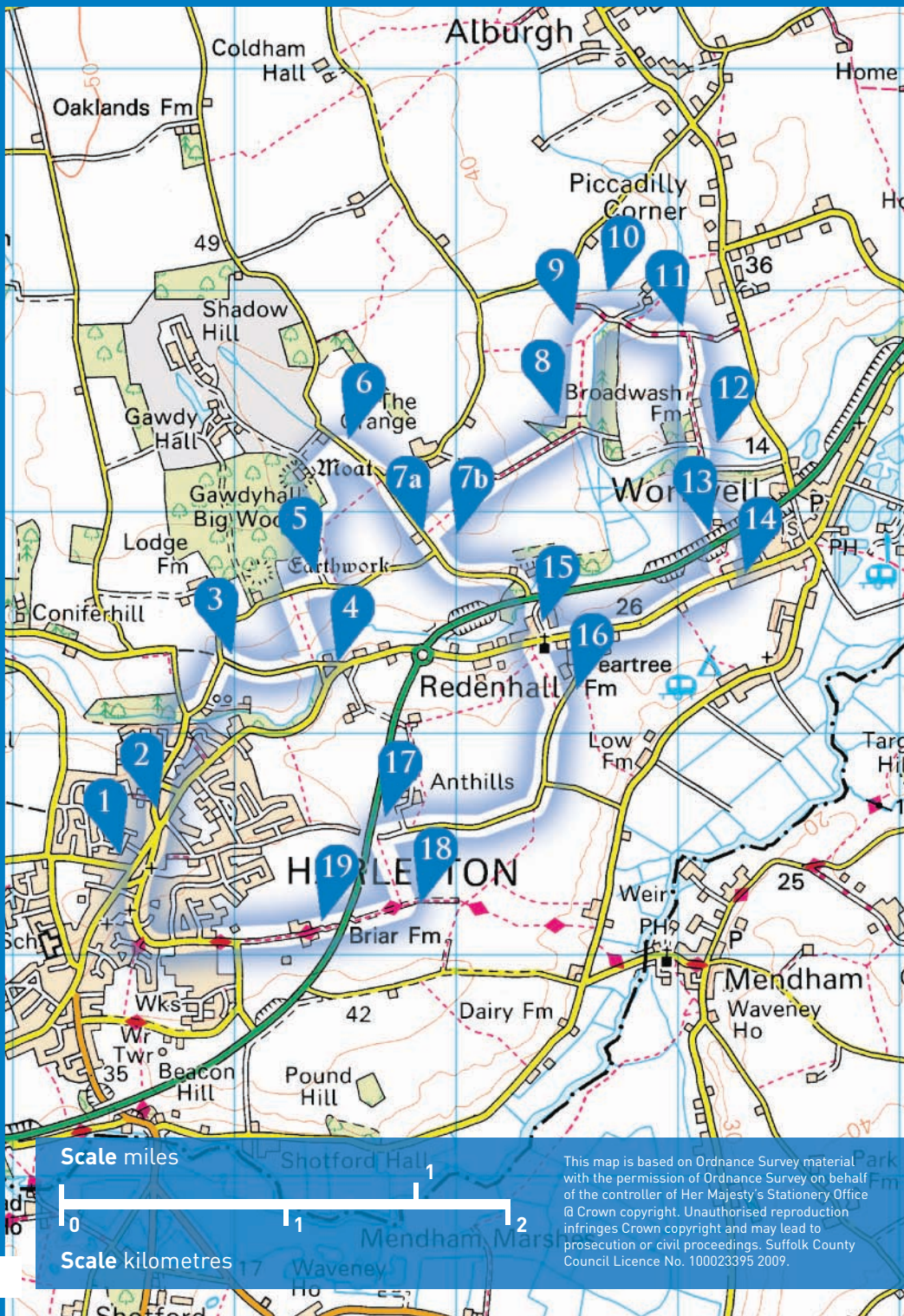


WALKING ROUTE INFORMATION

Car park	Harleston town centre. Parking in Bullocks Fair Close, just off 'The Thoroughfare' by Budgens supermarket.
Starting point	Harleston – Bullocks Fair Close
Length of walk	6.5 miles or 5 miles with shortcut
Type of walk	Easy to moderate – mostly flat
Terrain	Farm tracks, footpaths and quiet lanes. Busy A143 to cross at two points of walk.
Refreshment stops on walk	Slight deviation to Wortwell Bell Public House



- 1 With the supermarket at your back walk from the car park straight ahead and out onto 'The Thoroughfare' where you take a left turn and follow for 400m.
- 2 At the fork in the roads take the left fork up Station Hill. You will pass Blackburn Construction on your right before descending the lane. Continue over the river bridge and then take the right fork up the hill before coming to a road junction.
- 3 At the junction turn right. Walk for approx 800m and just before the bridge and cottages there will be a footpath on the left by a telegraph pole and along a line of trees.
- 4 Head uphill on the footpath until reaching the lane and turn right. Proceed along the lane for 200m until coming to a private drive on the left to a cottage backing onto the woods. There is a footpath on the right side of the drive.
- 5 Take the footpath towards the cottage and skirt the fields past the cottage and keeping the woods on your left. Follow the field all the way until reaching an opening with a cottage in front. Turn right and head down field until reaching a lane.



- 6 At the lane turn right and continue down lane until reaching two cottages on the right. At this point there is a choice of routes. For the longer walk go to 7b and for the shorter walk go to 7a.
- 7a Continue straight ahead down the lane until reaching main road A143. Cross the road up the lane marked 'Access Only'. This will eventually bring you to Redenhall Church. Turn right to just past church. Rejoin the longer walk here at 15.
- 7b Opposite the cottages on your left is a footpath bordered by telegraph poles. Continue uphill until the last telegraph pole at which point go straight ahead keeping the hedge on the left and out onto a farm track. Proceed down the track until reaching the woods.
- 8 As the track sweeps to the right take a left turn through the woods and over a stile into a pasture. Keep right and head towards the stile in the far right corner of pasture.
- 9 Cross over two stiles to the right and follow the path through the field until reaching another stile.
- 10 Cross over the stile and over the footbridge and follow the track up to the right. Continue along track for 400m until reaching large oak trees with field on right.
- 11 Turn right and follow track down into woods past house on your left. Walk through the gate and into copse. Pass a farm on your right and then straight over bridge.
- 12 Straight after the bridge fork right and follow the footpath up a steep incline and then over a stile into fields. Go diagonally left across to 3 buildings. At the edge of the field, stop to cross busy road.
- 13 Cross the road with care and straight ahead and then right and left along edge of field until reaching another road (Wortwell Bell PH is 600m to your left at this point).
- 14 Turn right and keep on footpath until reaching Redenhall Church on your left.
- 15 Just past the church cross the road and go into the churchyard. The path goes straight ahead through the churchyard with church on your left and out onto the edge of a field. Proceed along path until reaching quiet lane.
- 16 Turn right and follow lane keeping right at next junction. The lane sweeps round to the right. Keep on lane for approx 800m and then just as you see a footpath and farm buildings on right, look for a footpath signpost on the left.
- 17 Turn left along the path which follows the line of telegraph poles with hedge on left until coming to track.
- 18 At the track – part of Angles Way – turn right and follow until reaching busy road.
- 19 Cross busy road with care and then follow track and then road back into Harleston.