

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

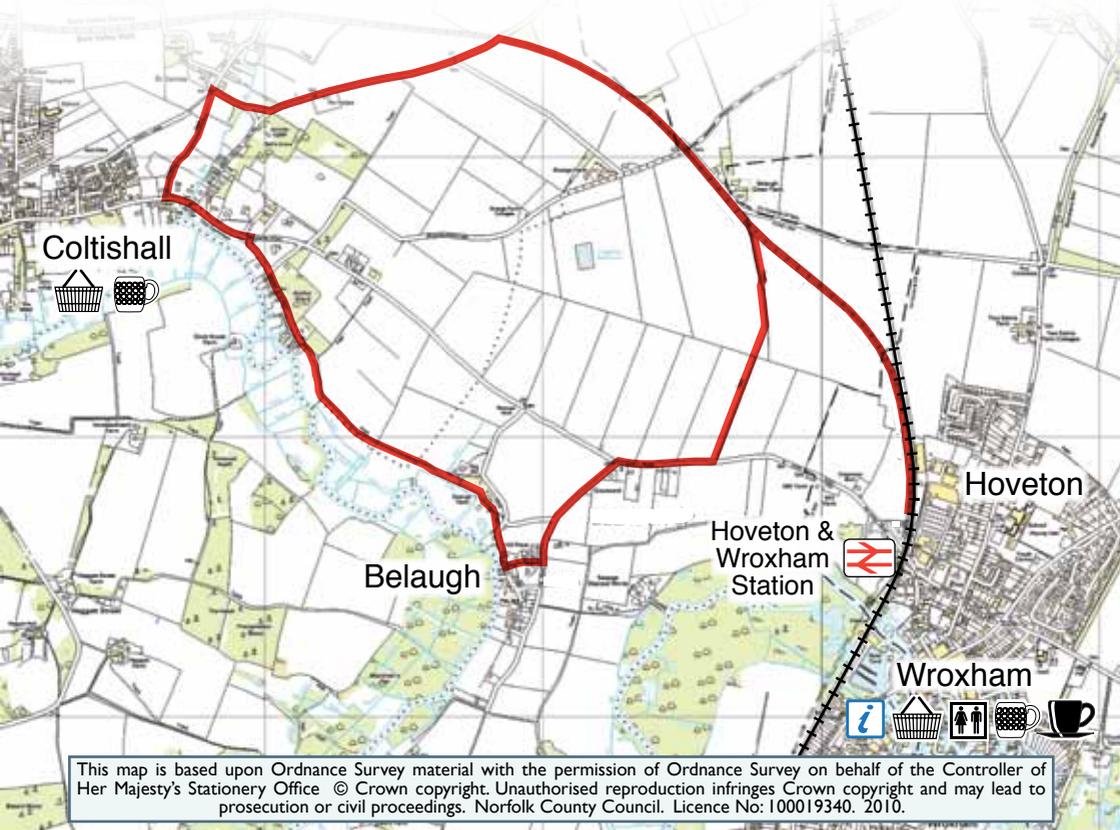
## Directions:

- 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.

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- 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*

