

# Sheringham via Beeston Priory



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Start point	Tourist Information Centre, Railway Approach, Sheringham • Grid reference TGI57430
Parking	Adjacent pay & display car park
Distance	2.75 miles
Details	Steep gradient, 50% soft 

## Walk instructions

From Railway Approach turn left into Station Road, then first right into Melbourne Road. At the T-junction turn right then immediately left into Barford Road. At the end turn left into Beeston Road, then first right into Priory Road. Immediately turn right again onto a tarmac path beside a stream.

Follow the stream, continuing beside the stream after a metal barrier into Back Common. Turn right at the road, walk under the bridge then bear immediately left to walk on a tarmac path through the common.

Continue ahead at the road, passing another common area on your right. Turn left into Church Lane **(to visit the Priory; continue ahead at Church Lane as the road becomes a gravel track and follow this around to the priory; return the same way)** then right onto the footpath at the end.

Just after the allotments turn left to cross the railway line then bear right at the Beeston Regis Nature Trail information panel following the Norfolk Coast Path acorn waymark towards the sea.

Turn left onto the cliff top footpath. Walk up the steps and steep slope over Beeston Bump; take a breather at the seats on the top of the hill to admire the view.

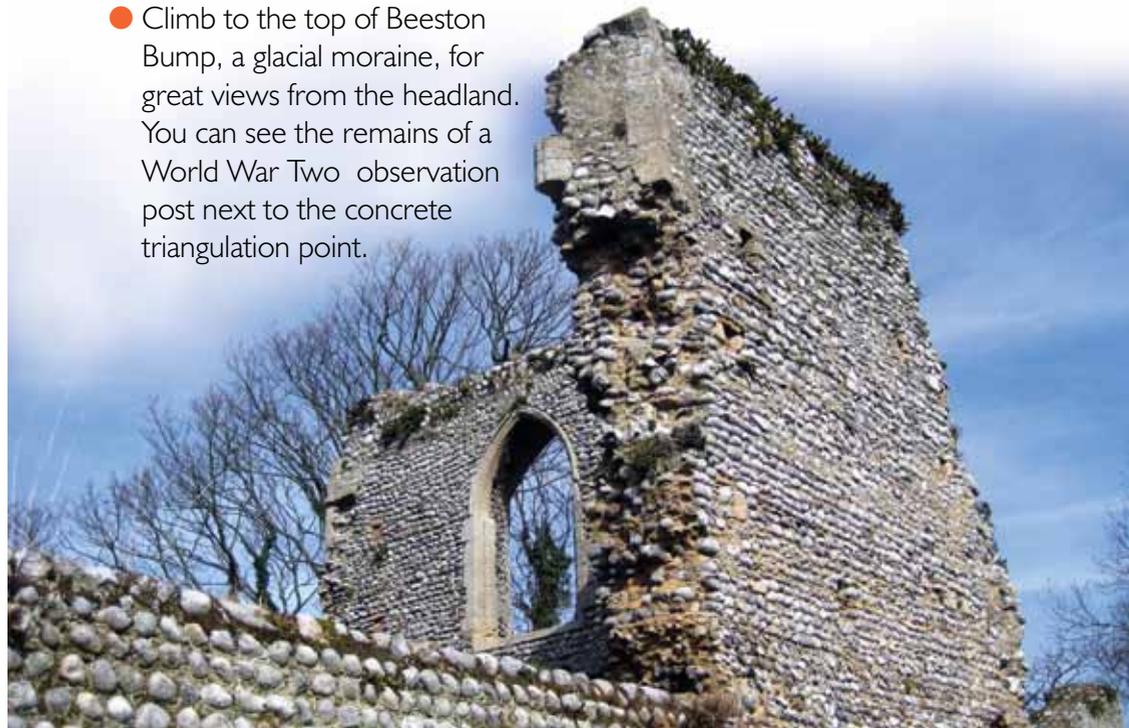
To avoid the steep climb, bear left to walk around the base of the hill, rejoining the Norfolk Coast Path on the cliff top path.

Return to Sheringham by continuing along the cliff edge footpath down to the tarmac road. Turn first right to walk down the slope and steps onto East Promenade.

Turn left and walk almost to the end of the promenade, turning left on West Promenade up the slope to walk under the Marble Arch to The Esplanade.

Cross the road and walk up to the memorial roundabout. Turn second left into The Boulevard, cross Church Street into St Peter's Road opposite and turn left at the T-junction to the start point on Railway Approach.

- The Augustinian Priory of St Mary was founded in 1216. You can see the ruins of the church and part of the cloisters along with the remains of the fishponds. A monastic building nearby survives having been converted into a house between the 16th to 19th centuries.
- Climb to the top of Beeston Bump, a glacial moraine, for great views from the headland. You can see the remains of a World War Two observation post next to the concrete triangulation point.



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Explore the remains of the Augustinian Priory before a challenging return over Beeston Bump – a great vantage point for watching sunsets.



- Purple Broomrape is a nationally rare species included in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and grows on Beeston Cliffs, a Site of Special Scientific Interest. There are a series of information panels in the meadow before the hill for the Beeston Regis Nature Trail; please stay on the footpaths to avoid disturbing delicate grassland.

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