

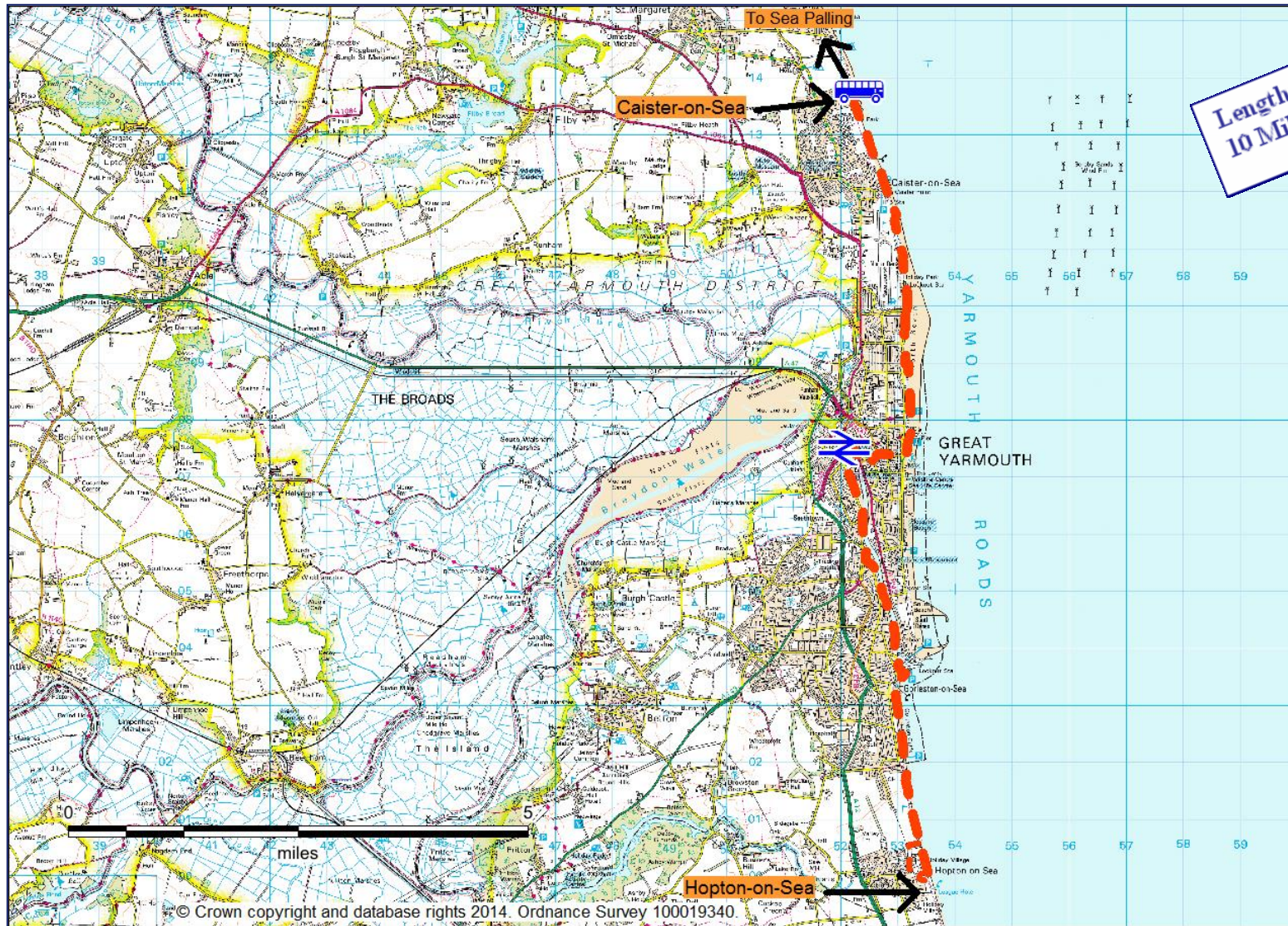
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Coast Path Stretch 2 Section 2 (of 2) Caister-on-Sea to Hopton-on-Sea

Legend



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



Length: 10 Miles

Along the way

Starting from the line of a disused railway on top of the sea wall, this walk soon descends to the beach. At the southern end of Caister-on-Sea, the route passes Caister lifeboat station. The old lifeboat shed, just metres from the coast path, has been converted into a museum, where visitors can learn about the station's proud heritage, and the meaning of the motto 'never turn back,' now emblazoned above the door.

Beyond the lifeboat station is the beginning of the low-lying dunes of the Great Yarmouth North Denes SSSI. These accreting sand dunes are most important for their little tern colonies, which support almost ten percent of Great Britain's breeding population. From here, the walk delves into Great Yarmouth, a working port town that upholds a long and robust maritime heritage alongside its more modern tourist industry. The coast path is just a short distance from the town's busy market, and there's a wealth of historic buildings and museums in which to explore Yarmouth's past. Beyond the hubbub of Yarmouth's 'Golden Mile,' Gorleston Quay offers the chance to witness the workings of a modern port up close.

From the concrete and rust of this industrial giant, it's just a stone's throw to Gorleston's hidden gem of a beach, whose golden sands host the final leg of this walk to Hopton. With views off to the horizon and soft sand underfoot, it's a place to savour the sea air and relax. Hopton beach used to be bigger, and historic photos show a wide beach more like Gorleston's, packed with sunbathers. Recently created rock groynes provide sheltered inlets, the perfect place to cool off with a swim after your walk. In the case of high or extreme tides, there is an alternative route that can be taken between the southern end of Gorleston's beach and Hopton-on-Sea. This route is signposted on the ground.

For further information please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails

Walk summary

Wide beaches and long promenades bookend the maritime industrial heart of Norfolk.

Getting started

The walk starts at Second Avenue, Caister-on-Sea.

Getting there

The 8 bus service stops at Second Avenue, Caister-on-Sea and the X1 bus services stops on Lowestoft Road, Hopton-on-Sea. Car Parking is available at the east end of Second Avenue, Caister-on-Sea (charges apply) and a limited amount of parking is available on Beach Road, Hopton-on-Sea.

National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

www.nationalrail.co.uk/

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33.

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

Roughly fifty percent sand and sandy tracks, and fifty percent pavement and metalled road.

Facilities

The whole length of this walk is packed with cafes, restaurants and accommodation options, though these become sparser in the final few miles. There are public toilets at the route's start point and at various obvious points along the way, but not at the finish point.