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Norfolk Coast Path England Coast Path Stretch 1 Long Walk 2 (of 3) Cromer to Mundesley



Length:
8 Miles



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Along the way

The walk starts at Cromer Pier, which dates from 1901 and is home to both the town's offshore lifeboat station and the Pavilion Theatre. The way leads uphill behind the RNLi Henry Blogg Lifeboat Museum before descending to the beach. The Overstrand Cliffs that stand up to 70m high above the beach are a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest and are considered to be the best example of a soft cliff habitat in East Anglia.

The beach walk comes to an end on reaching Overstrand promenade. Although once a crab fishing centre like Cromer, the village became better known as a holiday destination for wealthy Victorians in the late 19th century when it was dubbed 'the village of millionaires'. Some of the grander buildings in the village, like Overstrand Hall and The Pleasaunce, both designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, date from this period.

From Overstrand, the way follows the promenade before leading inland past the edge of Overstrand Disused Railway county wildlife site, an extensive area of scrub and coppiced woodland. After a short road section, the route heads back towards the sea and along the top of Sidestrand and Trimmingham Cliffs, another Site of Special Scientific Interest. The church of St Michael's that stands on the main road a little way inland was built as a replacement for an earlier church that used to stand on the cliff edge before finally being claimed by the sea in 1916.

The route continues past the small village of Trimmingham where the Perpendicular-style Church of St John the Baptist has a short, heavily buttressed tower. Just before reaching Mundesley, the way heads back to the sea at Mundesley Cliffs county wildlife site. Passing a caravan park you can see a conical early 19th century brick kiln that has since been converted into a house. The route finishes at the Old Coastguard Lookout Station in Mundesley, a small two-storey building that now serves as the Mundesley Maritime Museum.

Further information on this walk is available in two short walks, including more detailed maps. See Short Walks S3; Cromer to Overstrand and S4; Overstrand to Mundesley
www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkcoastpath

Walk summary

Beginning in Cromer, this follows the beach east to Overstrand before taking a gently meandering route a little way inland to pass through the village of Trimmingham before arriving at Mundesley.

Getting started

This walk starts at Cromer Pier (TG219423) and ends at Mundesley's Old Coastguard Lookout Station (TG314367)

Getting there

Train: Cromer Station

National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

www.nationalrail.co.uk/

Bus Service: Cromer – Norfolk Green Coasthopper, Sanders X44, Konectbus 2
 Mundesley – Sanders 5, 34, 35B, 55

Bus Stops:

Cadogan Road (Cromer) and Station Road or High Street (Mundesley)

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33.

www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 252, Norfolk Coast East, Cromer & North Walsham, available from Ordnance Survey shop www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

What to expect

Rural and urban paths, pebbles and hard sand on beach. There is a concrete ramp at Overstrand. Some short sections along pavements next to traffic.

Facilities

Pubs, cafés, tearooms, accommodation and shops in Cromer and Mundesley