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# Norfolk Coast Path England Coast Path Stretch 1 Long Walk 1 (of 3) Weybourne to Cromer



Length:  
7.5 Miles



Norfolk Coast Path



## Along the way

The walk begins at Weybourne car park close to the shingle beach at Weybourne Hope. Because of its vulnerability to attack, many anti-invasion defences were constructed here during World War II, which explains the large number of concrete pill boxes that can still be seen in the area.

Weybourne Camp, a World War II anti-aircraft training camp, lies a little further west along the coast road. The camp is currently home to the Muckleburgh Collection, a privately owned military museum. Just south of the car park are the ruins of Weybourne Priory, an Augustinian priory founded by Sir Ralph Mainwaring around 1200.

The walk follows the clifftop path all the way to Sheringham along the top of Weybourne Cliffs, a Site of Special Scientific Interest important for its geology. Sheringham Park, landscaped the early 19<sup>th</sup> century by Humphry Repton, lies a mile or so inland on wooded higher ground and makes for a worthy detour if time allows.

Arriving at Sheringham, the route leads along the promenade past the early 20<sup>th</sup>-century gardens of The Lees before reaching at the top of the High Street. The Boulevard, leading south from The Lees, was constructed in 1887 to link the seafront with the new railway station.

From Sheringham, the way continues east over the top of an isolated hill, known as Beeston Bump, which is a part of a range of low hills left behind when the glaciers retreated at the end of the last Ice Age. The route continues along the top of Beeston Cliffs to reach West Runton Cliffs, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and an internationally important location for vertebrate fossils. This was where the famous West Runton Elephant, an extinct species twice the weight of an African elephant, was discovered in 1990 following a storm that revealed a huge pelvic bone.

From West Runton Cliffs the path heads inland for a short way, past caravan parks, to reach Cromer sea front where the promenade leads to the finishing point at Cromer Pier. The pier, which dates from the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, is home to Cromer's offshore lifeboat station and the end-of-the-pier Pavilion Theatre.

*Further information on this walk is available in two short walks, including more detailed maps.*

*See Short Walks S1; Weybourne to Sheringham and S2; Sheringham to Cromer*

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## Walk summary

Beginning at Weybourne, this walk follows a cliff path to Sheringham from where it climbs over Beeston Bump and continues past West Runton before arriving at Cromer Pier.

## Getting started

This walk starts at Weybourne car park (TG110436) and ends at Cromer Pier (TG219423)

## Getting there

**Train:** Cromer Station

National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

[www.nationalrail.co.uk/](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)

## Bus Service:

Weybourne – Norfolk Green Coasthopper, Konectbus 22

Cromer – Norfolk Green Coasthopper, Sanders X44, Konectbus 2

## Bus Stops:

Church (Weybourne) and Cadogan Road (Cromer)

**Traveline enquiries:** 0871 200 22 33.

[www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk](http://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](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk)

## What to expect

Grassy cliff paths, surfaced promenade in Sheringham and Cromer. There is a short easy climb up to Beeston Bump near Sheringham. Some short stretches on pavements.

## Facilities

Pub, tearoom, café, accommodation and shop in Weybourne

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