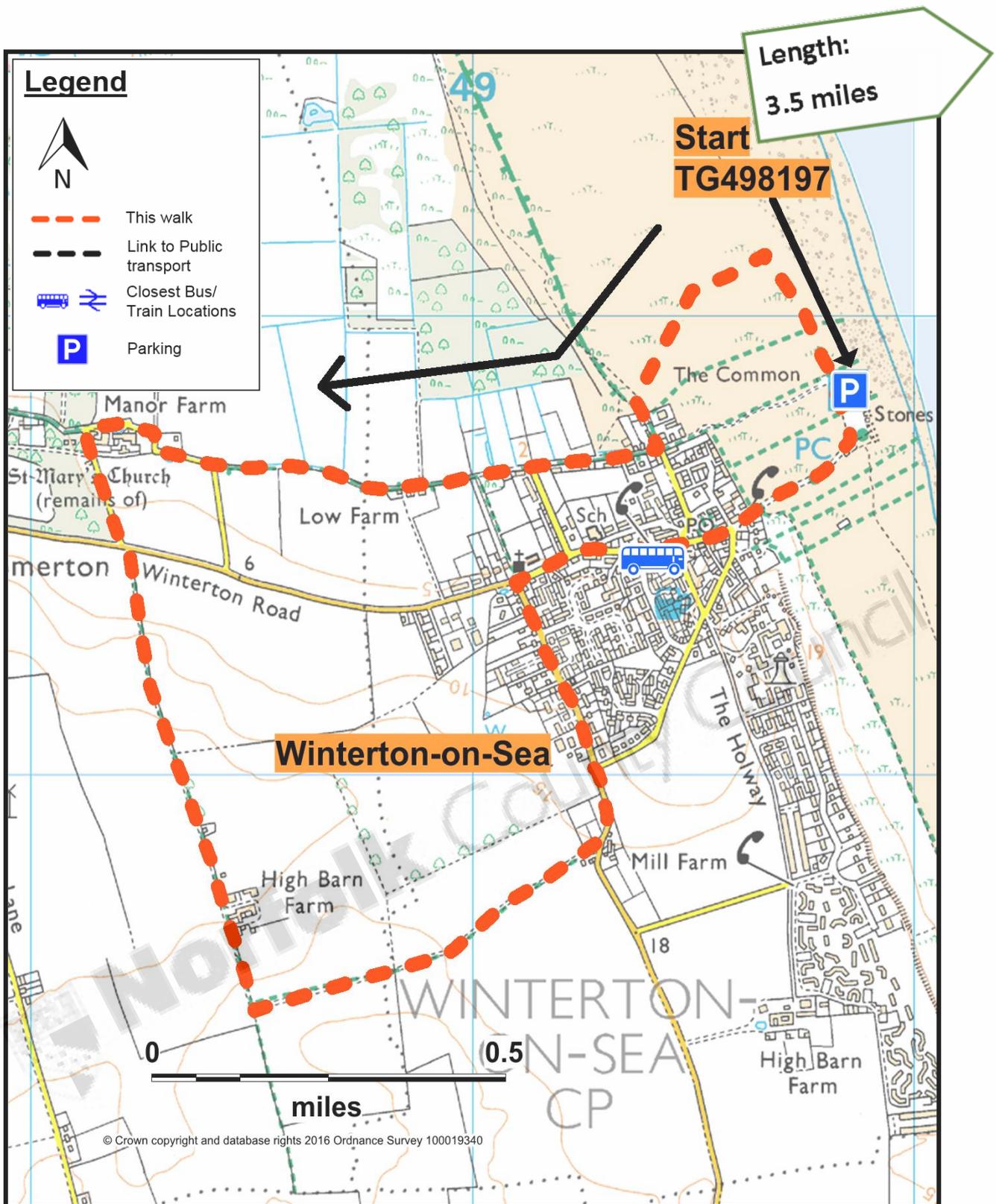


# Circular Walk – Winterton on Sea



## Along the way

Winterton Dunes is internationally significant as a site of special scientific interest, and interestingly, with its acidic plant communities, has more in common with the dune systems of the Baltic than those found elsewhere on the Norfolk coast.

The dunes are also home to the threatened natterjack toad. You're far more likely to hear them than see them though – the mating call of the male is very loud!

Away from the scenic dunes and beach, the walk explores the area inland, heading to the magical ruins of St Mary's church at East Somerton. Though the church survived the reformation, it fell into disuse once the church parish of East Somerton was subsumed into that of Winterton. Today, it is quite spectacular. Set in woodland and overgrown with ivy, a great oak tree grows straight up through the now-roofless chancel.

One of the most prominent landmarks on the walk is another church – the Holy Trinity and All Saints in Winterton village. It is one of several churches built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century with particularly large towers to act as status symbols. Many generations of sailors have looked to these towers as landmarks from the sea.

### Walk summary

An easy walk looping inland from Winterton, with fabulous views and a mysterious ruin to explore.

### Getting started

The walk starts and finishes the Beach Road car park, Winterton (TG498197).

### Getting there

Winterton is served by First Bus Number 1. The Beach Road car park is open year round from dawn until dusk. Charges apply from April-October, and donations are welcome outside of this time.

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### Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 252, Norfolk Coast East available from Ordnance Survey shop  
[www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/)

### What to expect

Cliff-top paths, footpaths and quiet lanes.

### Facilities

Winterton has a cafe, village shop, chip shop and pub. There are public toilets at the Beach Road car park (seasonal opening).



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