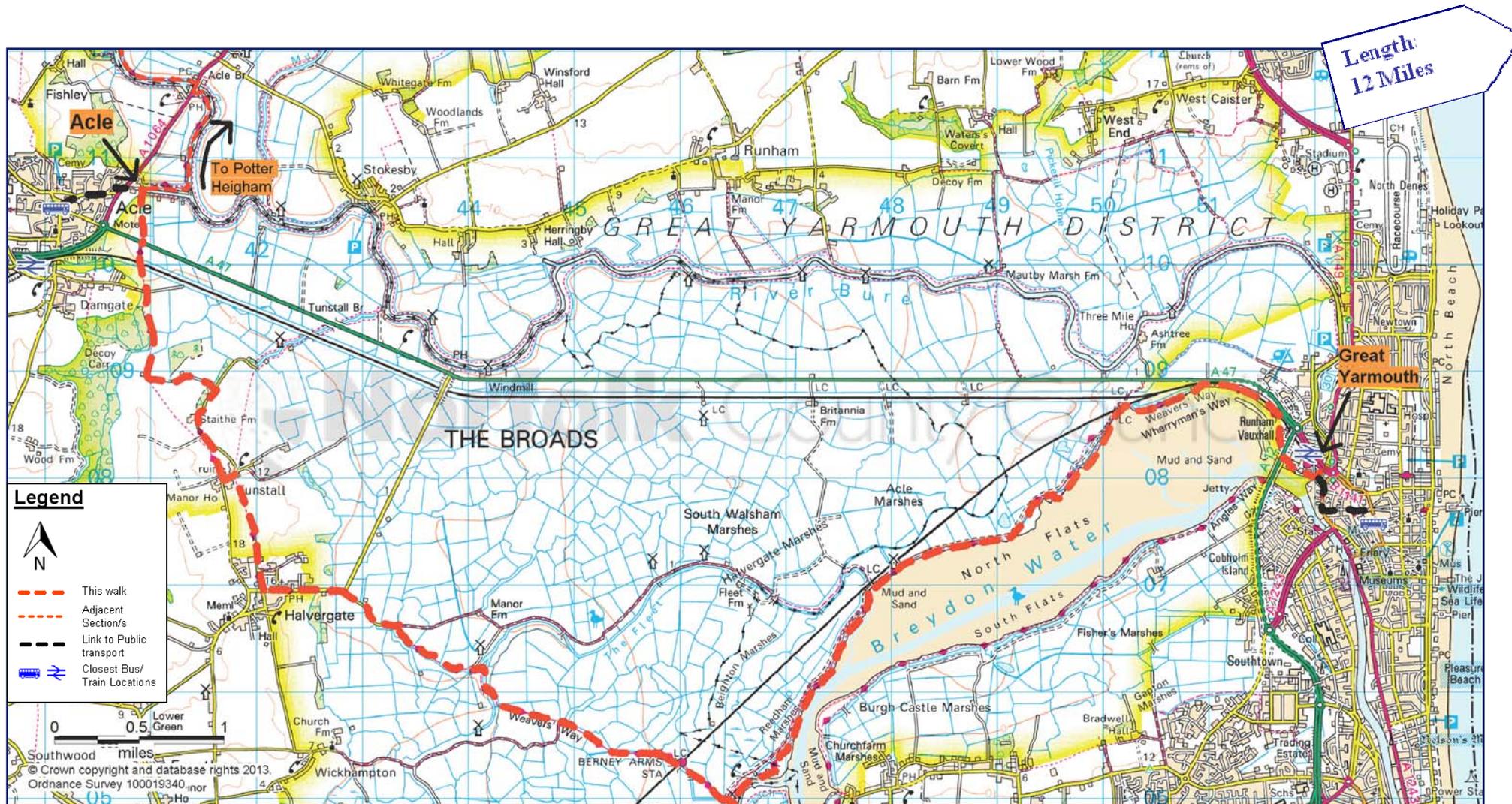


## Weavers' Way Long Walk 4 (of 4) Acle to Great Yarmouth



## Along the way

From Acle, the route crosses Damgate Marshes to reach the small village of Tunstall and then, a little further on, Halvergate, where the 13<sup>th</sup> century church of St Peter and St Paul dominates the village with its tall tower. Leaving Halvergate, the route leads out onto the Halvergate Marshes, which were part of a great estuary in Roman times but now make up the largest expanse of grazing marsh in East Anglia. The marshes support an important winter population of Bewick's swan as well as many other wintering waders and wildfowl. The route continues to reach the Berney Arms railway station, an isolated railway halt on the line between Norwich and Great Yarmouth that is only accessible by rail, boat or foot. The station takes its name from Thomas Trench Berney, a local landowner who sold the land to the railway company on the condition that they provided a stopping place in perpetuity.

Reaching the River Yare at Berney Arms Mill, the way joins with the route of the Wherryman's Way and continues past the Berney Arms public house (seasonal opening) to arrive at the confluence with the River Waveney and the beginning of Breydon Water, a tidal estuary that flows into the sea at Great Yarmouth. The way continues along the north shore of Breydon Water where large areas of mud are exposed at low tide and migrating and over-wintering wildfowl and waders are attracted by the abundant food supply. Further on along the bank stands the derelict Lockgate Drainage Mill and the remains of a marshman's cottage demolished in the 1980s.

Arriving at the outskirts of Great Yarmouth, the way ends at Great Yarmouth Railway Station, close to the wrought iron, mid 19<sup>th</sup> century Vauxhall Bridge. Both the Wherryman's Way and Angles Way also start and end here at the 'three ways meeting point'. Great Yarmouth has much of historical interest to explore. As well as Britannia Pier on the seafront, which dates from 1902, the town's medieval walls are some of the most complete in the country, and examples of the town's historic 'Rows', a network of very narrow parallel streets unique to Great Yarmouth, can be seen nearby. The town has several fantastic museums, including Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life housed in a converted Victorian herring curing works.

*Further Information on this walk is available in three short sections including more detailed maps. See Short Sections: S9 Acle to Halvergate, S10 Halvergate to Berney Arms and S11 Berney Arms to Great Yarmouth, available at [www.norfolktrails.gov.uk/weaversway](http://www.norfolktrails.gov.uk/weaversway)*



### Walk summary

This walk begins with paths and lanes through arable farmland before crossing the flat, open landscape of Halvergate Marshes and following the north bank of Breydon Water to reach the historic seaside resort of Great Yarmouth.

### Getting started

This walk starts at Acle Dyke (TG409107) and ends at Great Yarmouth rail station (TG520081) also the starting point of Wherryman's Way and Angles Way.

### Getting there

**Coach** National Express 308, 490 & 491.  
National express enquires: 08717 818178

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

**Train** Acle and Great Yarmouth Rail Stations  
National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950

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

### Bus service

Acle – 52 Konect Bus, Ambassador Travel 730, First X1.

**Bus stops** Kings Head (Acle) and Market Gates (Great Yarmouth)

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33

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

### Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL40, The Broads, both available from Ordnance Survey shop [www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/)

### What to expect

Mixed surfaces of pavements, country lanes, rural paths, farm tracks and cross-fields. Four stiles, a squeeze stile near Wickhampton Marshes and a rambler gate near Stone Road (Halvergate). Nine concrete steps near Berney Arms Mill.

### Facilities

Pub, café, shops and accommodation in Acle.

Pubs, cafés, shops and accommodation in Great Yarmouth