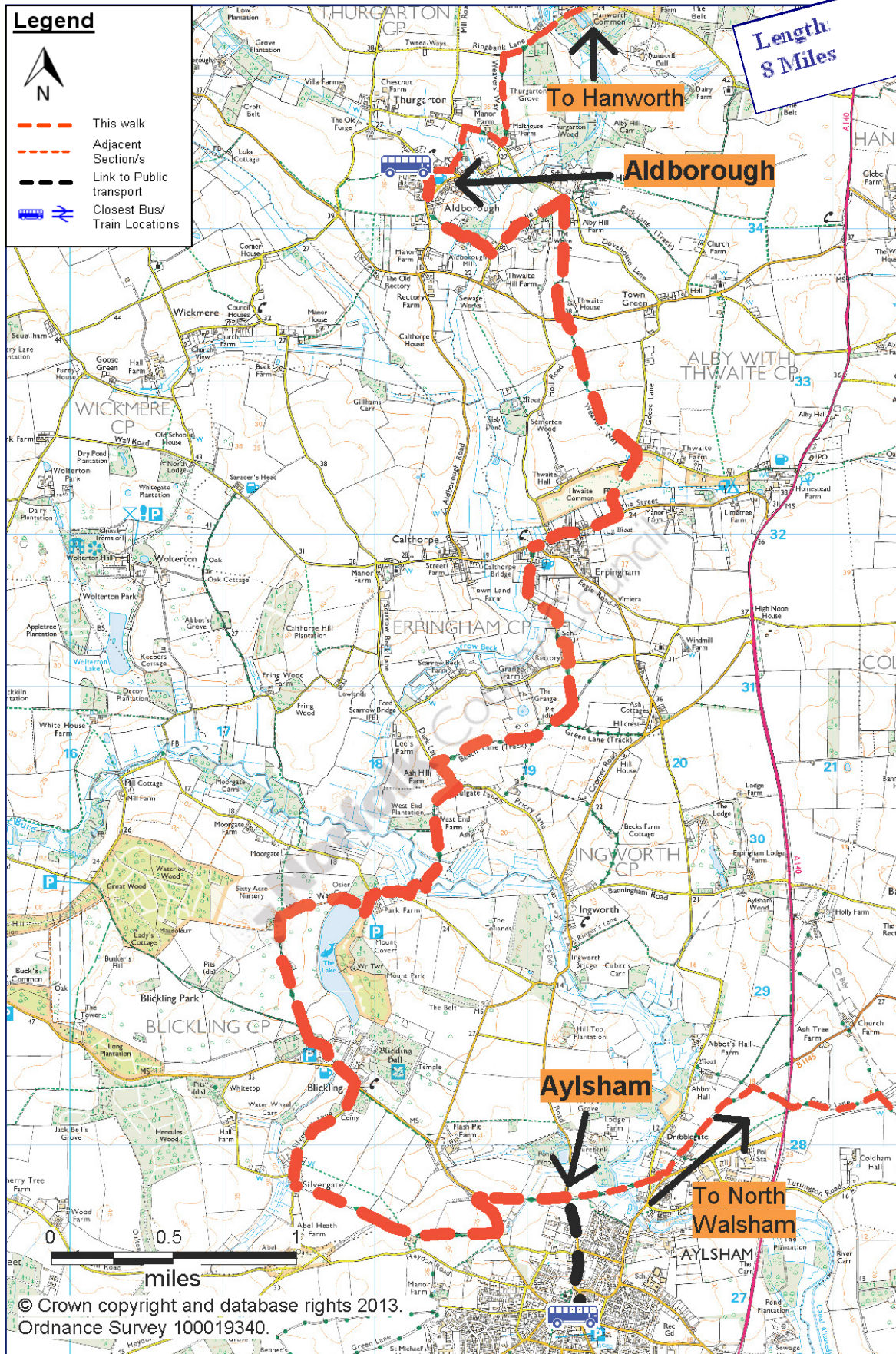


Weavers' Way Short Walk 3 (of 11) Aldborough to Aylsham

Legend



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



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Along the way

Heading south from Aldborough, the route crosses Scarrow Beck to pass Aldborough watermill, a late 19th- or early 20th-century three-storey building now converted to residential use. The way continues to Alby Hill and then heads south past All Saints' Church, a round-towered flint church, at Thwaite, before crossing Thwaite Common, a county wildlife site where orchids can be seen in spring.

After the village of Erpingham, where there is an 18th-century pub, (the Erpingham Arms), the Weavers' Way follows lanes and footpaths through farmland parallel to the course of Scarrow Beck before crossing the River Bure by a footbridge to pass Park Farm and head through woodland into Blickling Park. The park, another county wildlife site, has a landscaped lake and a large area of woodland in addition to open parkland with mature trees. This was originally the site of two medieval deer parks that were enlarged in the 17th and 18th century when Humphry Repton and his son John Addey Repton landscaped the park and created the lake. The Great Wood, a little way west of the lake, contains a large pyramid folly that is a mausoleum.

Leaving the park, the route passes the south side of Blickling Hall, a fine Jacobean building built in 1619 with a massive 18th-century yew hedge flanking its approach. Blickling Hall, which has 18th-century formal gardens containing a temple and an orangery, has belonged to the National Trust since 1940. The hall was once in the possession of the Boleyn family and it is possible that Anne Boleyn was born here in 1505 at the hall that previously stood.

From Blickling Hall, the route continues along the lane opposite Blickling's St Andrew's Church to reach the hamlet of estate cottages at Silvergate before striking east across farmland to approach Aylsham Old Hall along an avenue of mature oaks. From here, the way joins the route of the former Midland and Great Northern Railway to meet the Cromer Road just north of the market town of Aylsham.

Marriott's Way and the Bure Valley Path also head out from Aylsham.

Walk summary

This walk follows the valley of Scarrow Beck through farmland and the village of Erpingham before crossing the parkland of Blickling Hall to reach Aylsham.

Getting started

This walk starts at Aldborough Green (TG183343) and ends at Aylsham at Cromer Road (TG192276).

Getting there

Train Aylsham Station (Bure Valley Railway)

Enquiries – 01263 733858 www.bvrw.co.uk

Bus service (service days vary)

Aldborough – Aldborough Community Bus 1, 3 6 and 8 , Sanders 18 and 18A, NS1 and NS2 , Wroxham Community Bus

Aylsham - Aldborough Community Bus 1 and 2 , Sanders 18, Sanders 18A , Sanders 43/44/44A/X44, Sanders 80, Our bus 291

Bus stops Green (Aldborough) and Bus Shelter (Aylsham)

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33

www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 252, Norfolk Coast East, available from Ordnance Survey shop www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/

What to expect

Mixed surfaces of pavements, country lanes, rural paths, farm tracks and cross-fields. Two stiles on this walk near Alby with Thwaite, and a turn stile that can be avoided at Blickling Hall.

Facilities

Pub, accommodation and shop in Aldborough
Pub, accommodation and caravan and camping site in Erpingham. Café and pub in Blickling.
Pubs, cafés, shops and accommodation in Aylsham