

Walk 3

Weavers' Way Blickling

Distance	7.5 miles (12 kilometres)
Surface	50% unsurfaced, 50% surfaced - kissing gates, pedestrian gates, stile
Toilets	Blickling Hall by main car park (all year round)
Refreshment facilities	Blickling Hall - contact National Trust for opening times (01263 738030)
Seating on route	Blickling Park

Start point:

National Trust pay and display car park, Blickling.
OS Grid Reference TG 176 285.

Directions:

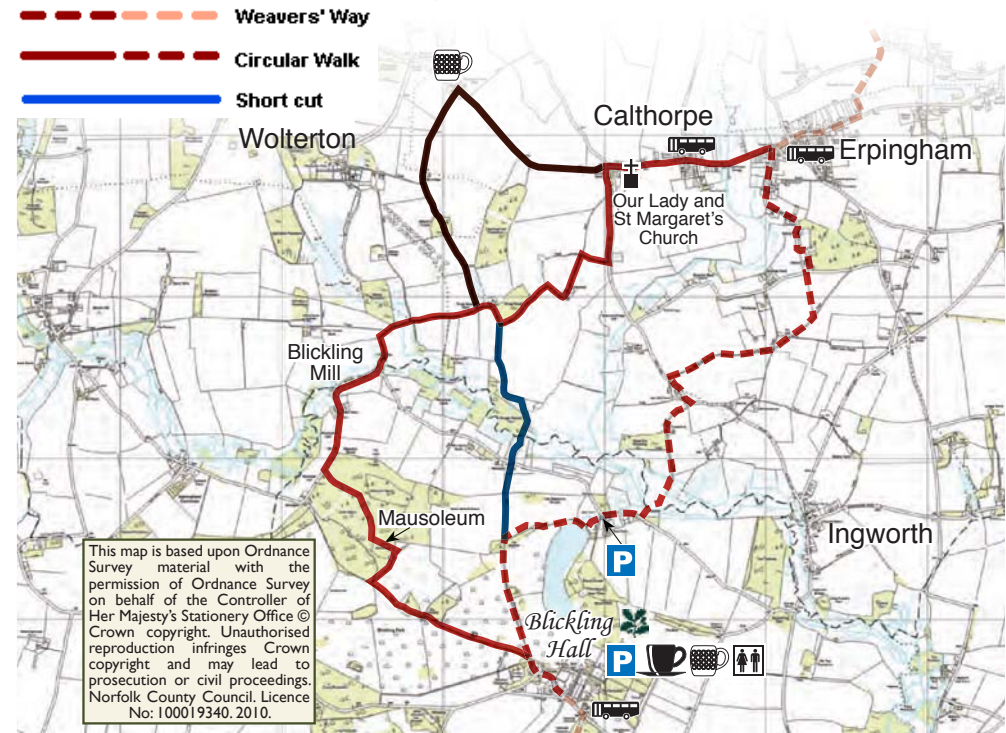
- 1 From the main car park, take the gravelled path passing the shop and toilets on your right. Pass through the wooden rails and turn left on to the drive signed "Park and lake".
- 2 Fork right at the "seated tree" following Weavers' Way and pass through the gates to the park. Take the gravelled track straight ahead of you and as this rises, you will have views over the lake to your right.

Blickling Park



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- 3 Pass through a set of gates and follow Weavers' Way to the right, which soon passes around the end of the lake. Just before some gates, turn left and follow a path through woodland to a car park and exit this onto a lane.
- 4 Turn right and after 225 metres pass through a kissing gate on the left to follow Weavers' Way across a meadow. Cross a plank bridge and then the "Chinese" bridge and turn right to follow the River Bure to another kissing gate.
- 5 From here the path follows a low causeway, crossing a plank bridge and exiting the meadow via a kissing gate. Follow the hedged track and you pass houses on either side. On reaching the lane turn left.
- 6 After 215 metres turn right onto a track (known as Beech Lane)



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still following Weavers' Way. Presently Weavers' Way leaves the track on the left hand side via a public footpath which runs beside a fenced field.

- 7 At the end of the path turn right onto a lane and then quickly left and follow this lane to Erpingham village.
- 8 At the T-junction in the village turn left (leaving Weavers' Way) and follow The Street to Calthorpe. As the road bears right continue straight on (signed to Wolterton). Pass the church on the left and just after, at the crossroads, turn left. *If you wish to visit the Saracens Head Inn continue straight on at this crossroads and just after half a mile the inn can be found on the right hand side. To rejoin the walk follow the signed restricted byway opposite the inn which will take you to point 10.*
- 9 Follow the lane, going down the hill (the lane drops well below the level of the surrounding fields) and take the lane on the right. Follow this lane as it zig-zags between arable fields. *If you wish to cut short your walk, take the public footpath to the left follow it along the track, over the River Bure and back into Blickling Park (see map).*
- 10 Continue following the lane, passing a track signed as a restricted byway on the right. After a while the lane ends at a track and a farm drive signed as a public footpath. Take the track straight ahead, crossing the footbridge over the River Bure and when you meet the road turn right.
- 11 Pass the mill on your right and 100 metres after the start of the wood on the left, go over a stile and follow the path through the woods.
- 12 After 100 metres go straight on over the cross-tracks along a woodland ride. You will pass a bench on your left and ahead of you the ride forks – take the right hand fork.
- 13 Follow the ride, ignoring side paths, until you reach a clearing with the pyramidal mausoleum on your left. Pass by the mausoleum and turn right onto a path. The path will meet a track at which point you can see The Tower in the distance in front of you.



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- 14 Turn left onto the track and follow it through a gate and back through the parkland to the entrance. From here you can retrace your steps to the car park.

Points of interest:

- Blickling Hall - this impressive English country house began life as a manor house. The current hall, built in the 17th Century, is a magnificent example of Jacobean architecture;
- Church of Our Lady and St Margaret, Calthorpe;
- Blickling Mill has been on this site since at least the mid 1500s using the waters of the River Bure to power its wheel;
- The stone pyramid mausoleum, rising to about 50 feet, was built by Lady Caroline Suffield in memory of her father, the Earl of Buckingham, who died in 1793.

Mausoleum, Blickling Park

