

Walk 5

Weavers' Way Felmingham



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Distance	6.5 miles (10.4 kilometres). Link from North Walsham station 200 metres
Surface	80% unsurfaced, 20% surfaced - steps, gates
Toilets	North Walsham town centre (not on route)
Refreshment facilities	North Walsham town centre (not on route)
Seating on route	Felmingham cutting

Start point:

Weavers' Way car park, Felmingham. OS Grid Reference TG 250 286.

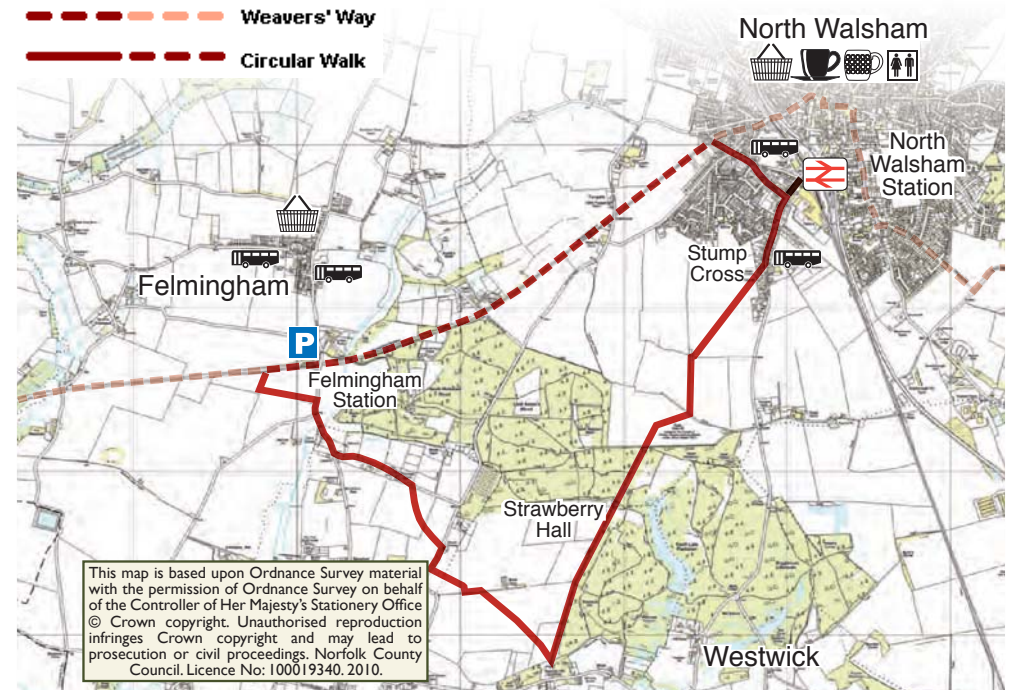
Directions:

- 1 Walk through the car park to the gate onto the disused railway line. Turn left to walk along Weavers' Way which follows the route of the old railway line. The old Felmingham station building is on your right.

Felmingham Cutting Local Nature Reserve



- 2 Follow the old railway line through woods and by arable fields and over two bridges. After 1.25 miles pass through the gate, cross the road and go through the next gate. Continue along Weavers' Way to the next gate which brings you to a road on the edge of North Walsham (Station Road).
- 3 Turn right and at the mini roundabout go straight on (Millfield Road). Continue along this road and at the T-junction turn right. *If joining from the station follow walk instructions from here.*
- 4 Continue straight on until you reach the two water towers. At this point you will find the remains of Stump Cross on the right hand side of the road.
- 5 Take the waymarked public footpath to your right, which leads down a track for a short distance before opening out to cross a large field.



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- 6 Continue along this path towards the corner of the field, where the path meets the field-edge and runs on the left hand side of a hedge.
- 7 Where the path joins a track, take the waymarked public footpath straight ahead which crosses the middle of the field that leads to the woods. At the field-edge go straight ahead down the track through the woods. In the dip in the track, hidden behind the trees to the right are the ruins of an old house, known as Strawberry Hall.
- 8 Continue along the track until you come to a gate. Walk around the gate and take the footpath immediately on the right, which heads back diagonally across a field. Pass through the hedge, across another field to a track. Turn left, then after 80 metres, turn right to cross the next field at the public footpath waymarker.
- 9 When you reach the road, turn right. Opposite the white cottage take the public footpath that crosses the field to the left. Pass through the gap in the hedge and cross the next field to a minor lane.
- 10 Turn left and at the next T-junction turn right. Continue along this lane and soon after passing the road junction you will see a signed public footpath on the left. Take this footpath across the field until you reach a crossroads of paths. Turn right and cross the field.
- 11 At the hedge line step over the squeeze gap and descend the steep steps into Felmingham Cutting Local Nature Reserve (LNR). You are once again on the disused railway line section of Weavers' Way. Turn right and after 200 metres you will see the pedestrian gate into the car park on the left.



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Points of interest:

- The disused railway line is the remnant of the Midland and Great Northern Railway (M&GN line). The section of line passing Felmingham station opened in 1883, one of the last sections of line to open. In 1959 however, passenger services on the line were withdrawn;
- Felmingham station was built by railway contractor Wilkinson & Jarvis, who were then constructing the Yarmouth & North Norfolk Railway. The station today is now painted in the original colours of the M&GN line;
- Felmingham Cutting LNR is designated for its remnant heathland and open grassland and is owned and managed by Norfolk County Council;
- Stump Cross, which commemorates the Peasant's Revolt in 1381. This was a reaction to Poll Tax being raised from 4d to one shilling per adult, equivalent to two weeks wages.

