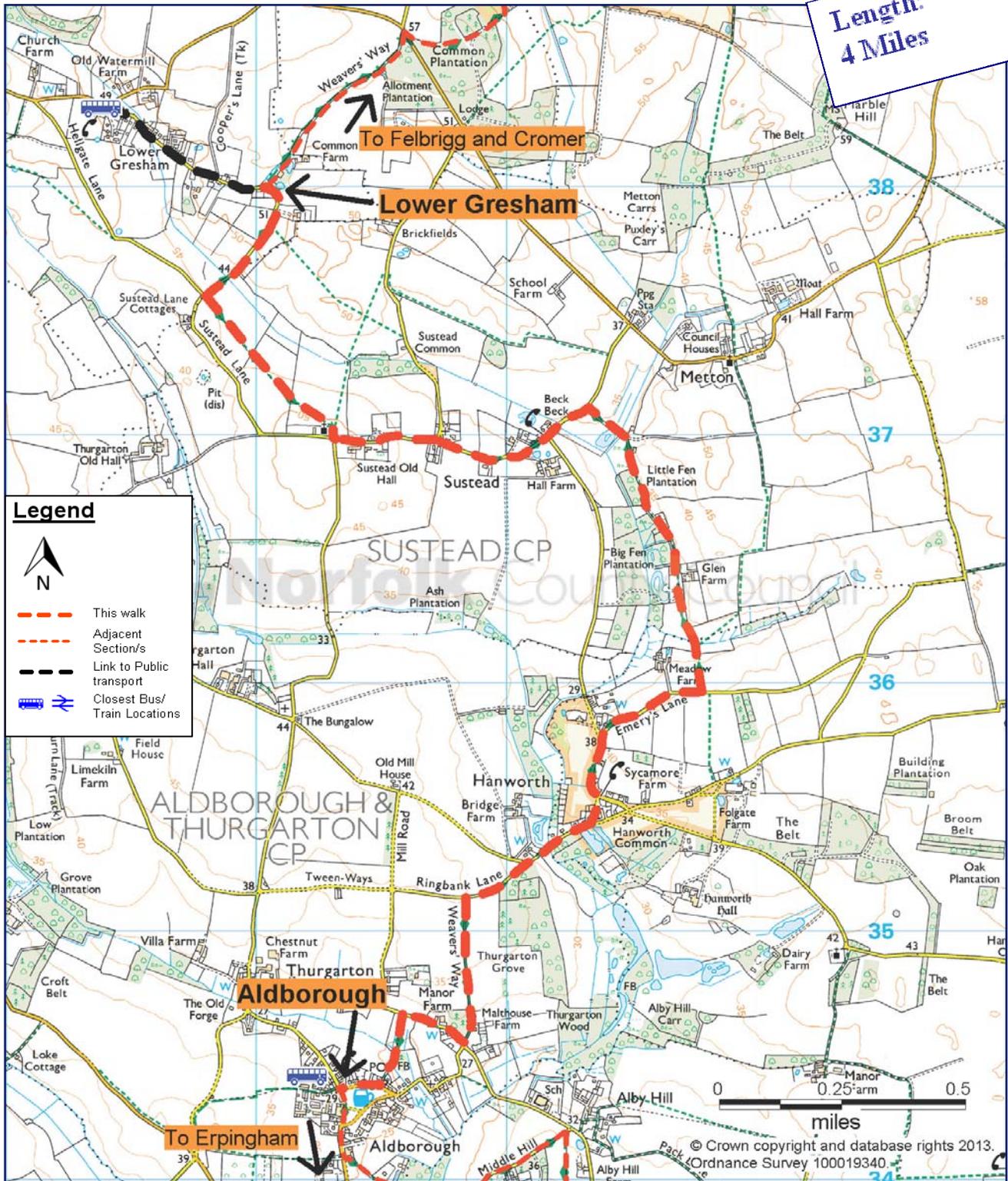


Weavers' Way Short Walk 2 (of 11) Gresham to Aldborough

Length:
4 Miles



Along the way

This section travels through farmland following wet stream valleys for much of its length. Leaving Gresham, the route heads southwards to Sustead where it passes the Church of St Peter and St Paul, one of Norfolk's many round towered churches with Saxon origins. Just after the church is Sustead Old Hall, a 17th-century brick and flint building that was once the home of the famous landscape gardener Humphry Repton. After Sustead the way turns south past Big Fen Plantation before reaching Emery's Lane where it continues southwest to reach Hanworth village and Hanworth Common, the largest enclosed common in England, which is still grazed by a herd of cattle in the summer months.

Beyond the common lies Hanworth Hall, (not open to the public) an early 18th-century mansion designed by the Norfolk architect Matthew Brettingham who is best known for his work at Holkham Hall. The hall is set in landscaped parkland that was laid out in 1789 following the advice of Humphry Repton. Shortly after Hanworth Common, the way passes close to the county wildlife site of Thurgarton Wood, much of which is Ancient Woodland though some has been more recently replanted. The route leads sharp right of Ringbank Lane to follow a track south past Malthouse Farm to reach a road and after turning right and passing Manor Farm, a track to the left leads to Aldborough Green. Aldborough Green, which is surrounded by a number of listed Georgian buildings, is designated as a Conservation Area. It is also the site of an annual midsummer fair, a tradition since King John granted permission in medieval times.

Walk summary

This walk follows lanes and tracks through farmland and passes through the hamlet of Sustead en route to the village of Aldborough

Getting started

This walk starts at Lower Gresham near Golden Calf farm (TG180379) and ends at Aldborough Green (TG183344).

Getting there

Bus service (service days vary).

Gresham – Sanders 16, 19, and 18A

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

Bus stops Green (Gresham) and Green (Aldborough).

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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. One stile on this walk.

Facilities

Self-catering accommodation near Gresham Pub, accommodation, post office and shop in Aldborough