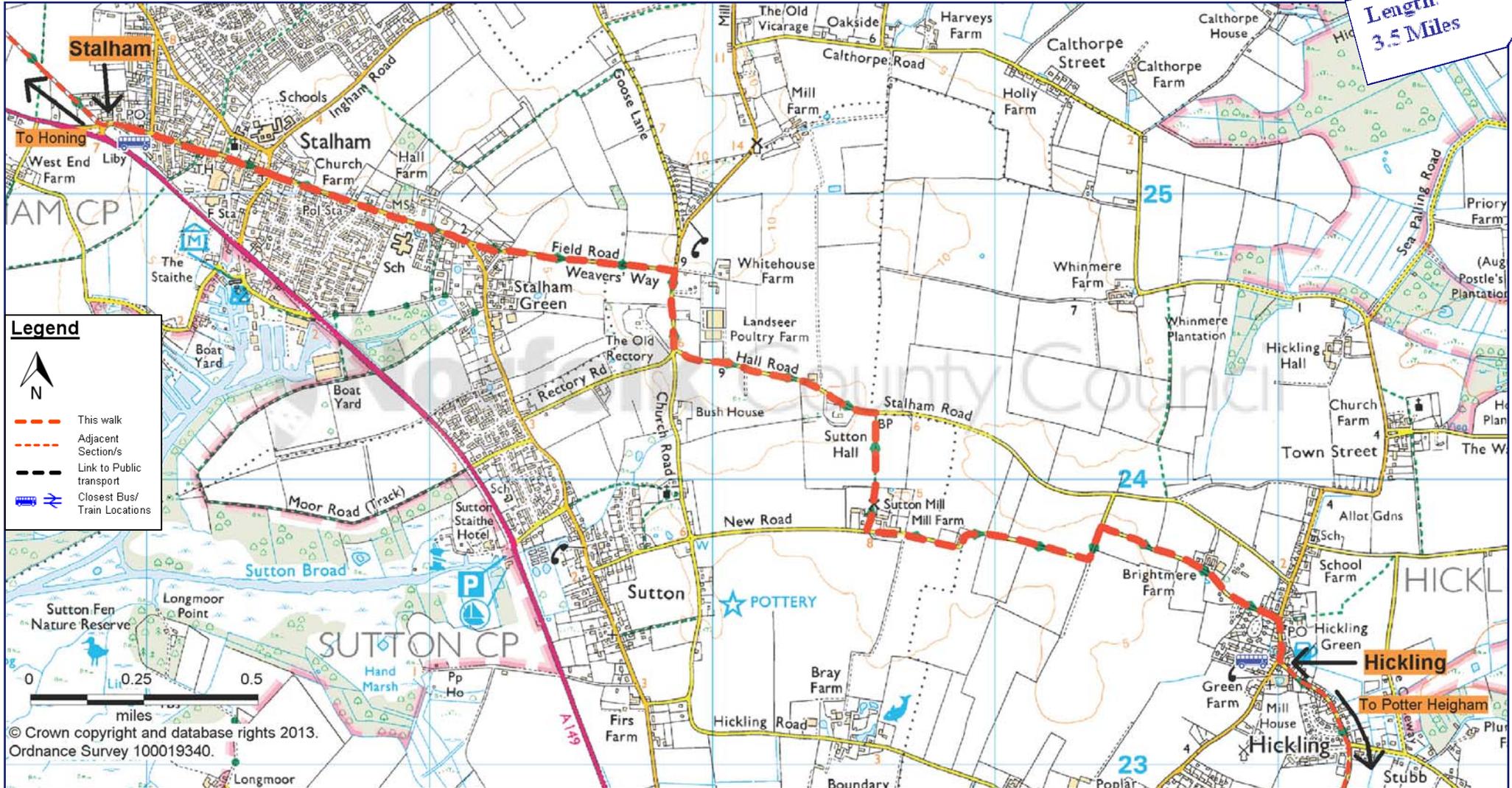


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Weavers' Way Short Walk 6 (of 11) Stalham to Hickling

Length:
3.5 Miles



Along the way

The first section of this route travels along Stalham High Street and past St Mary's Church, which dates from the 14th and 15th centuries and has a squat tower as the top of the original tower fell down and was never fully rebuilt to its former height. Adjoining the churchyard, in the corner on the High Street, is the Stalham Firehouse Museum, a brick building with a manual pump that is the second oldest firehouse in England. The route leaves the town through Stalham Green before following a minor road through slightly rolling arable farmland.

At Sutton Hall, an elegant 17th-century country house that now serves as a B&B, the way leaves the road to follow a footpath past Sutton Mill, a prominent landmark in the area. This nine-floor tower mill, the tallest surviving windmill in England, originally dates from 1789 although it was rebuilt following a fire in 1861. The mill ceased working in 1940 after its sails were struck by lightning. Sutton Mill was restored in 1976 but it is currently awaiting repair and no longer open to the public. Leaving the mill behind, the way follows another quiet country road as it leads into Hickling Green, the northerly half of Hickling village. Just north of the village is St Mary's Church and beyond this, on private land, is the site of Hickling Priory, a house of the Augustinian order that stood here between the 12th and 16th centuries. This section ends at the Greyhound Inn, Hickling's only pub, although there were once five in the village.

Walk summary

This walk takes in Stalham's High Street before leading out of town along quiet country lanes. It passes Sutton's imposingly tall windmill before finishing at Hickling Green.

Getting started

This walk starts in Stalham at the Old Railway Station (TG369252) and ends in Hickling at the Greyhound Inn Public House (TG410233).

Getting there

Bus service (service days vary)

Stalham – Sanders 6, 34, 36 .First 12/12A,
Hickling – Sanders 6 & 36.

Bus stops Old Rail Station (Stalham) and The Green (Hickling)

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Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL40, The Broads, 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. No stiles on this walk. Two sets of steps near Sutton Mill (total 33 steps)

Facilities

Pub, café, shops and accommodation in Stalham.

Accommodation in Sutton.

Pub and accommodation in Hickling.