

Walk 9

Weavers' Way Thurne



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Distance	3.25 miles (5.2 kilometres)
Surface	90% unsurfaced. 10% surfaced - gates, kissing gates and a squeeze gap
Toilets	By start of walk in Thurne village
Refreshment facilities	Lion Inn, Thurne
Seating on route	No

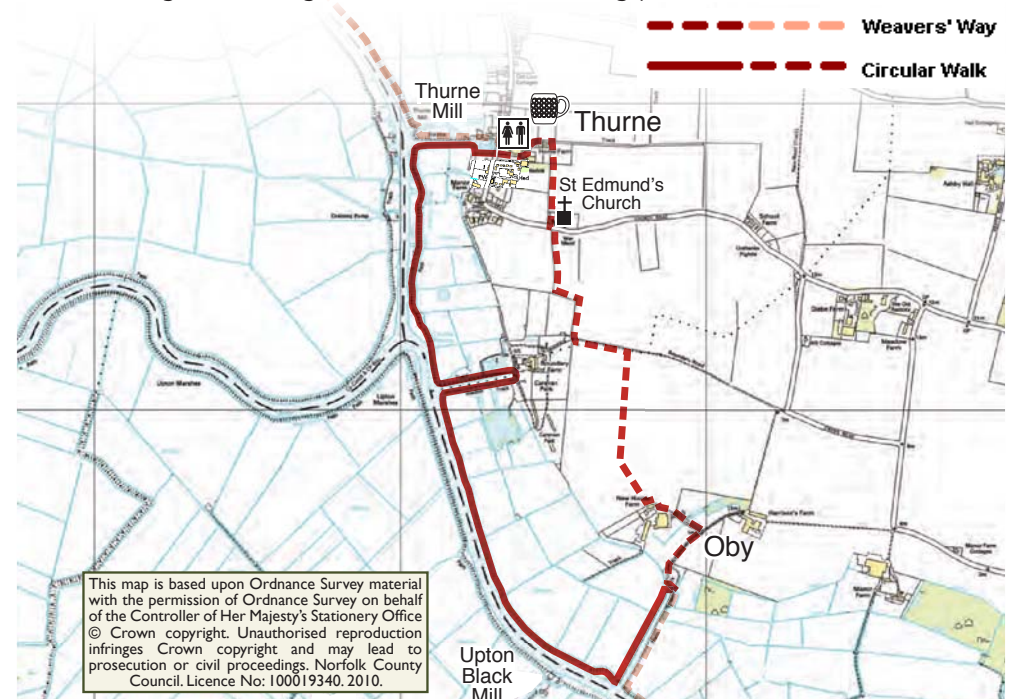
Start point:

Thurne village, opposite the Lion Inn. OS Grid Reference TG 403 158.

Directions:

- 1 Walk along the main street passing the end of the staithe on your right. Just beyond the staithe turn right through the gate and onto the waymarked public footpath.
- 2 With the slipway and moorings on your right, the footpath opens out alongside the staithe. Continue along, passing moored yachts and cruisers to the junction with the River Thurne. Across the staithe is Thurne Mill.
- 3 Follow the riverside footpath around to the left. After a while you will see on the right 'Thurne Mouth' where the Rivers Bure and Thurne meet.
- 4 As you walk south, now walking alongside the River Bure, the path passes by Thurne Mouth free moorings and through a gate. Just after, the path cuts inland around another staithe. Walk around the staithe and back out to the river.
- 5 Continue along the river, passing Upton Black Mill on the opposite bank, until you reach the next staithe (South Oby Dyke). Walk along one side of the staithe and around the end, passing through a field gate and then turn left to cross a grassy area and walk towards the gate in the far corner. The route is now waymarked back to your start point as Weavers' Way.
- 6 Next to the gate is a squeeze gap. Walk through this and follow

- 7 the concrete road for 130 metres to the junction.
Turning left at the junction, follow the concrete road towards the farm building. Keep the farm buildings on your left, continue to follow Weavers' Way waymarking. The route strikes out across the middle of fields as a grassy path with extensive views over the Bure valley on your left and soon meets a concrete road.
- 8 Turn left and at the entrance to the caravan park, turn right onto a field-edge path. After a couple of turns, the path meets a lane in front of Thurne Church. Turn left then immediately right continuing on Weavers' Way passing the church on your right. Follow the field-edge path and pass through a paddock via kissing gates. On leaving the paddock, turn left and follow the concrete road through the farmyard to reach the street once again. Turn right to return to the starting point.



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Thurne Mill



St Edmund's Church, Thurne

Points of interest:

- St Edmund's Church, Thurne. The hole through the west wall of the church is thought to have been used to signal the nearby St Benets Abbey;
- Thurne Mill, originally built in 1820 as a two storey windmill, with a 3rd storey added later, giving it an unusual shape;
- Upton Black Mill, so called because it was a black tarred Norfolk red brick tower drainage mill;
- During early summer keep a look out for common terns flying up the river and listen out for the explosive call of Cetti's warbler. During winter, barn owls, raptors, ducks and geese may be seen in and around the adjacent fields.