Wherry Lines

Walk 1

Buckenham to Brundall

Distance  | 2.5 miles (4km)
Surface   | 75% hard, 25% soft
Gradient  | Slight
Toilets   | No but there are some on the RSPB Reserve
Refreshment facilities | The Yare Inn, village shops and services in Brundall
Seating on route | Yes

Directions:

N.B. Trains only stop at Buckenham station on Sundays (upon request).

1. On arrival at Buckenham station, carefully cross the railway line and turn right onto to the road which runs along the south side of the railway line.
2. The road you are walking on will bear away from the railway line, towards a small wooded area and a few isolated cottages.
3. On reaching a level crossing, enjoy the “Gnomery” in the garden of the crossing keeper’s cottage and then cross with care.
4. Continue walking until Hall Farm is to your right (beyond Hall Farm you will find Strumpshaw Steam Museum) and take the lane to your left and continue, passing Strumpshaw RSPB Reserve on your left.
5. After passing the entrance to the reserve and its car park, you will see a track marked as a byway on your left. Follow the track passing the water works and a few houses and carry straight on past Marsh House ignoring paths to your left and right.
6. Continue to follow the track as it bends round to the right and you will emerge onto Low Road.
7. Turn left and walk to the junction, turning left onto Stone Road and left at the next junction onto Long Lane.
8 Walk underneath the railway bridge ahead and you will see the entrance to St Michaels Way to your right. Directly opposite is a bus stop - just beyond the bus stop turn left onto a public footpath.

9 Bear right to walk between the fence-line of houses to your right and fields to your left. Continue on this path to emerge onto Station Road. Turn left and walk over the footbridge to access the station and the Yare Inn just beyond the level crossing.
Points of interest:
- Strumpshaw RSPB Reserve has several excellent marked walks, leading you to the River Yare. Species such as the marsh harrier, Cetti’s warbler, kingfishers and the swallowtail butterfly (summer only) can all be found within this reserve;
- Strumpshaw Steam Museum was opened in 1954 and is believed to be the largest privately-owned collection of engines in the UK. The museum is open during the summer months.

*Brundall Sunrise*
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