



Norfolk County Council

Public Information

from
Norfolk County Council

Ref: HN/12/82/ CMF-062/HT/SM

For immediate release

10 October 2023

Norfolk Coast Path at Brancaster - boardwalk improvement work begins

Work to repair a section of boardwalk is due to start on 23 October 2023 along the Norfolk Coast Path at Brancaster (Footpath 5), between Harbour Way and Butchers Drove.

This is a large-scale infrastructure project and work is expected to finish early March 2024, weather permitting. Due to the nature of the work it will be necessary for this section of the Coast Path to remain closed while work is underway.

Work will involve complete replacement of the existing boardwalk using long-lasting glass reinforced plastic (GRP) materials, and installation of an aggregate path at the beginning and end of the new boardwalk. GRP is a strong, durable and weather-resistant material which will have a significantly longer lifespan than the current wooden structure.

The new boardwalk will be 1500 mm wide with passing places, rest stops and viewpoints, and should remain in a good condition for more than 80 years. Once complete, the project will allow people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the wildlife and scenery of the Norfolk Coast Path and Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

While this section of the Coast Path is temporarily closed there will be a temporary diversion route in place along footpaths, pavements and quiet country lanes.

Barriers and signage will continue to be placed across the boardwalk at each entry point. Barriers will not impede access to the common.

An Activity Log is available on the Brancaster section of the National Trails website for the public to keep up to date (www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/short-routes/brancaster-boardwalk-diversion/).

The National Trail team thanks people for their patience while this boardwalk maintenance work is carried out.

The work, with an estimated value of £1,175,000, will be led by the National Trail Partnership (hosted by Norfolk County Council) and will be carried out by approved

contractors. This project is supported by funding from a range of sources, including Norfolk County Council's Capital Maintenance Fund, Natural England and regional grant schemes.

For further information

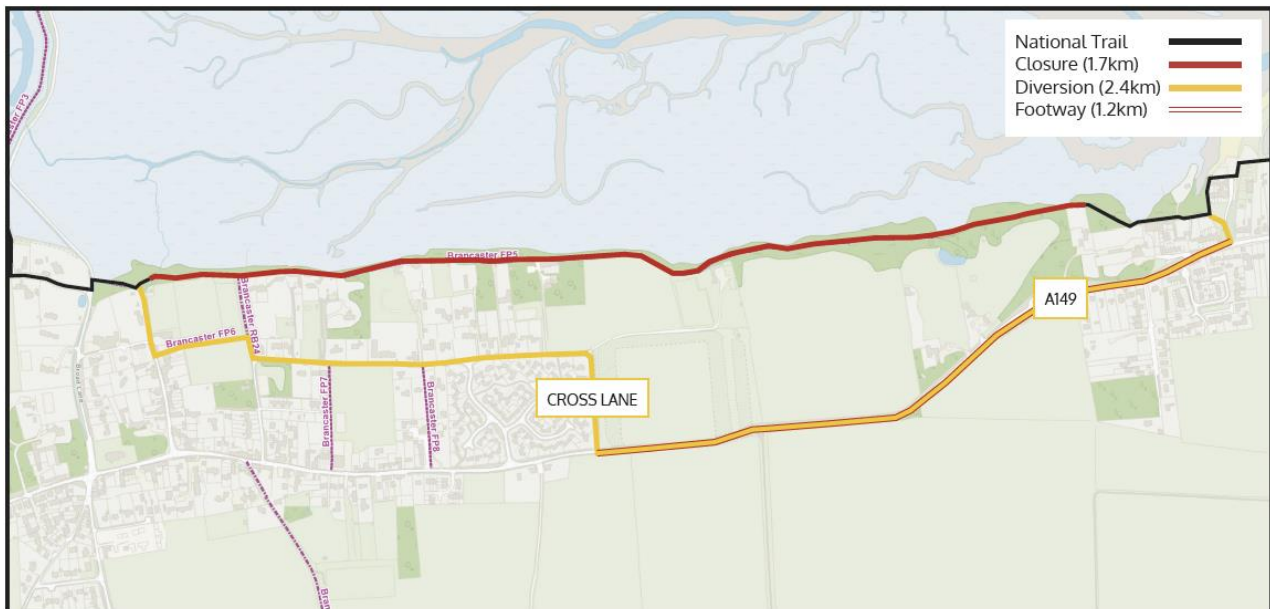
National Trail Team, nationaltrail@norfolk.gov.uk, 0344 800 8020.

Up-to-date information about roadworks in Norfolk is available on the County Council website at www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks



If you need this report in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format or in a different language please contact 0344 800 8020 and ask for National Trails or textphone 0344 800 8011 and we will do our best to help.

The diversion between Butchers Drove and Harbour Way:



Document type reference: SP03-06-F73

Document version 5, created 20 March 2023