S2 Coast Path Stretch 2 Section 2 (of 7) Horsey Gap to Winterton-on-Sea





Along the way

From the car park at Horsey Gap, the coast path follows a wide and well-trodden path between tall sand dunes and grazing marsh, which is often home to herds of cattle and flocks of sheep. The real attraction here though is the grey seal colony, which draws thousands of visitors each winter when the seals come ashore to breed. Hundreds of seals can be seen along this coastline, and their numbers are growing year on year. If you do visit during breeding time, please respect any information on site, as well as the advice of the wardens.

Continuing along the path, walkers will enter the Winterton-Horsey SSSI, an internationally significant site that's home to dragonflies, rare butterflies, the natterjack toad and a little tern colony. A short distance in, the path climbs quickly to the crest of the main dune ridge. From this vantage, it's often difficult to know where to look, with three hundred and sixty degrees of views over the dunes, beach and sea, rare plant life and wildlife in every direction.

For further information please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails





Walk summary

A glorious walk that takes in some of the coast path's best views.

Getting started

The Walk starts from Horsey Gap car park, Horsey.

Getting there

The 293 bus service from Great Yarmouth stops on Winmer Road, Winterton-on-Sea (no bus services run to or from Horsey Gap). Car Parking is available on Beach Road, Winterton-on-Sea and at Horsey Gap Car Park (charges apply in both locations). National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950. www.nationalrail.co.uk/ Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33. www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL40, The Broads, available from Ordnance Survey shop www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite

What to expect

The first half of the walk follows well-surfaced tracks, and the second half undulates along sandy paths through the dunes.

Facilities

Winterton offers cafes and a pub, camping and caravan accommodation and bed and breakfast accommodation as well as a number of self-catering options. There are public toilets at the route's end point.