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Coast Path Stretch 2 Section 4 (of 7) Hemsby to Caister-on-Sea





Along the way

The beaches of Hemsby, California and Scratby come in distinct flavours that change with the season. In the summer, they're like an old post card; deckchairs and ice-creams, sun cream and sandcastles. As the season turns and the holidaymakers leave the beach, the golden sands are scoured by the wind, left unspoilt and serene for walkers. In the autumn and winter, you may well find that you have this whole stretch of beach to yourself. Here, sandstone cliffs replace the dunes that you'll find elsewhere, adding another layer to the feeling of separation that can be achieved here. The soft sand makes for challenging walking, but it's the perfect place to slow down to a more contemplative speed.

At higher tides, an alternative route can be found from Hemsby to California, and is waymarked from both sides. California and Scratby are also both accessible from the beach, should you require refreshments along the way.

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

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Walk summary

A fine beach walk on golden sands.

Getting started

The Walk starts from Beach Road, Hemsby.

Getting there

The 293 bus service from Great Yarmouth stops on North Road, Hemsby and the 8 bus service from Great Yarmouth stops on Second Avenue, Caister. Car parking is available at Beach Road, Hemsby and Second Avenue, Caister (charges apply in both locations). National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

www.nationalrail.co.uk/

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Maps and guides

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

What to expect

The mainstay of the route is beach walking, on soft sand.

Facilities

Hemsby and Caister both offer cafes and pubs, 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 start and end points.