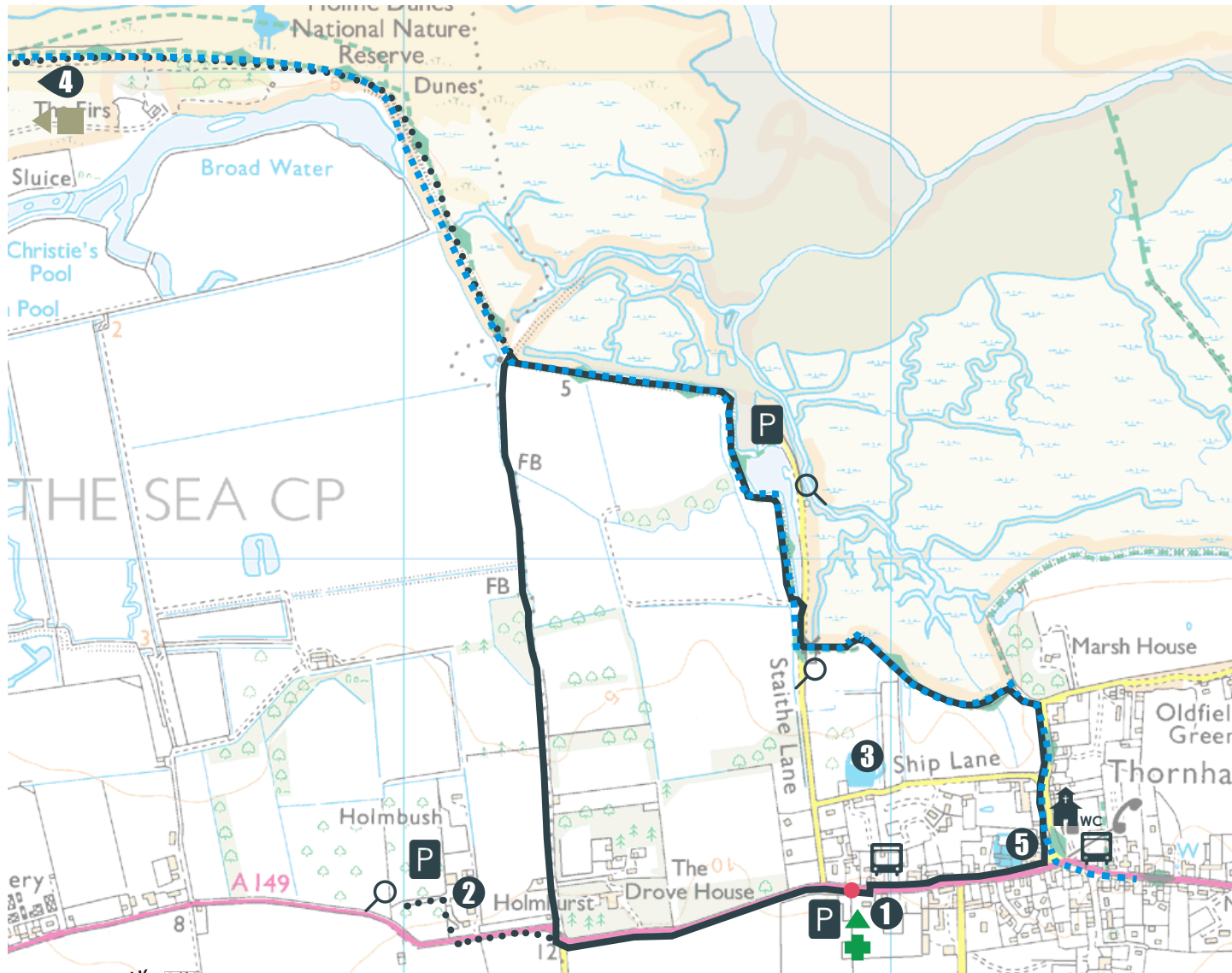


THORNHAM

2.5 miles / 4 km
3.5 miles / 5.55 km including spur



- Defibrillator (AED) map location.
- Business location.
- Direction of business location off map.
- Route link.
- Route.
- Start point.
- Bus Stop
- Parking
- Heritage point of interest
- Church with WC facilities
- Thornham Deli
- Drove Orchard
- Lifeboat Inn
- Holme Dunes Cafe
- The Orange Tree
- Interpretation panel
- Peddars Way & Norfolk Coast Path

Business open times may vary.
Please check with venue if you look to
use their facilities & services.



Thornham sits in the quintessential north-west Norfolk landscape of saltmarsh and sand flats. This route offers rich history and a vast, natural remoteness without straying too far from the comforts of cafés and pubs that offer the very best in local produce.

Two characters from Thornham's past represent the resourceful and resilient coastal communities of north-west Norfolk. One was a coal merchant, Nathaniel Woods, the other was Mrs Edith Ames Lyde, the Lady of the Manor.

Nathaniel Woods was trading in the area at the end of the nineteenth and the start of the twentieth century. He was among the last in a long line of traders to use the port at Thornham. Documents from the 1500s for example record three ships making regular journeys between Thornham and Newcastle, arriving laden with coal and leaving with cargoes of grain. Woods and his ship, the Jessie Mary, made their final voyage in 1914.

Mrs Edith Ames Lyde earned a reputation as a champion of charitable works. She established a branch of the Red Cross, an orphans' home in nearby Docking and donated generously toward the renovation of All Saint's Church. She was also the founder of Thornham Ironworks.

The ironworks was set up in 1887 to provide local men with new skills. Mrs Ames Lyde provided the premises for the operation and paid for training. Highly decorative gates and ornaments made at Thornham soon appeared on estates and in great halls across the country, including Sandringham. The ironworks closed following the death of Mrs Edith Ames Lyde in 1914 and the outbreak of the First World War. An original example of a sign produced at Thornham Ironworks can be seen hanging outside The Orange Tree. It still advertises The Kings Head, the pub's original name.

Thornham Circular walk takes a route past the Orange Tree and alongside All Saints' Church, where a lych-gate is dedicated to Nathaniel Woods and his ship. It also passes the original coal barn used by Woods, which still stands as an iconic landmark.

A spur from the main route leads to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserve at Holme-next-the-Sea. Here the excavation of Seahenge, a Bronze Age timber circle, gained nationwide attention in the late 1990s. There are no remains monument on the beach. Timbers from the original structure can be seen at the Lynn Museum in King's Lynn.



Getting Started

The route's starting point is outside the Village Hall (TF729433). Head left and follow the route clockwise.

Getting There

There is a bus stop at the route's starting point served by Lynx Coastliner service 36. Free car parking at Drove Orchards and Thornham Old Harbour. Car parking also available at the village hall: we suggest a donation is given if using this car park.



FEEDBACK FORM

How many people are in your party? (including yourself) Please write in number

Male Under 18 18-35 36-60 Over 60
Female Under 18 18-35 36-60 Over 60

Are you: Walking Dog Walking Cycling Other

Which ONE of the following BEST describes your visit to this Trail?

SHORT visit (less than 1 hour) PART-day visit (1-4 hours)
FULL-day visit (5 or more hours) LONG DISTANCE trip (more than 1 day)

Where is your permanent residence? (This is just to help us monitor where visitors come from)

Did you use a website to find out information about the route before your visit to this Trail? YES NO if YES which website?

During your visit to this Trail, approximately how much have you spent on the following, per person, per day and where? Please write in £

Accommodation [£] Food and drink [£]
Where:..... Where:.....

Is this your first visit to this Trail? YES NO

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