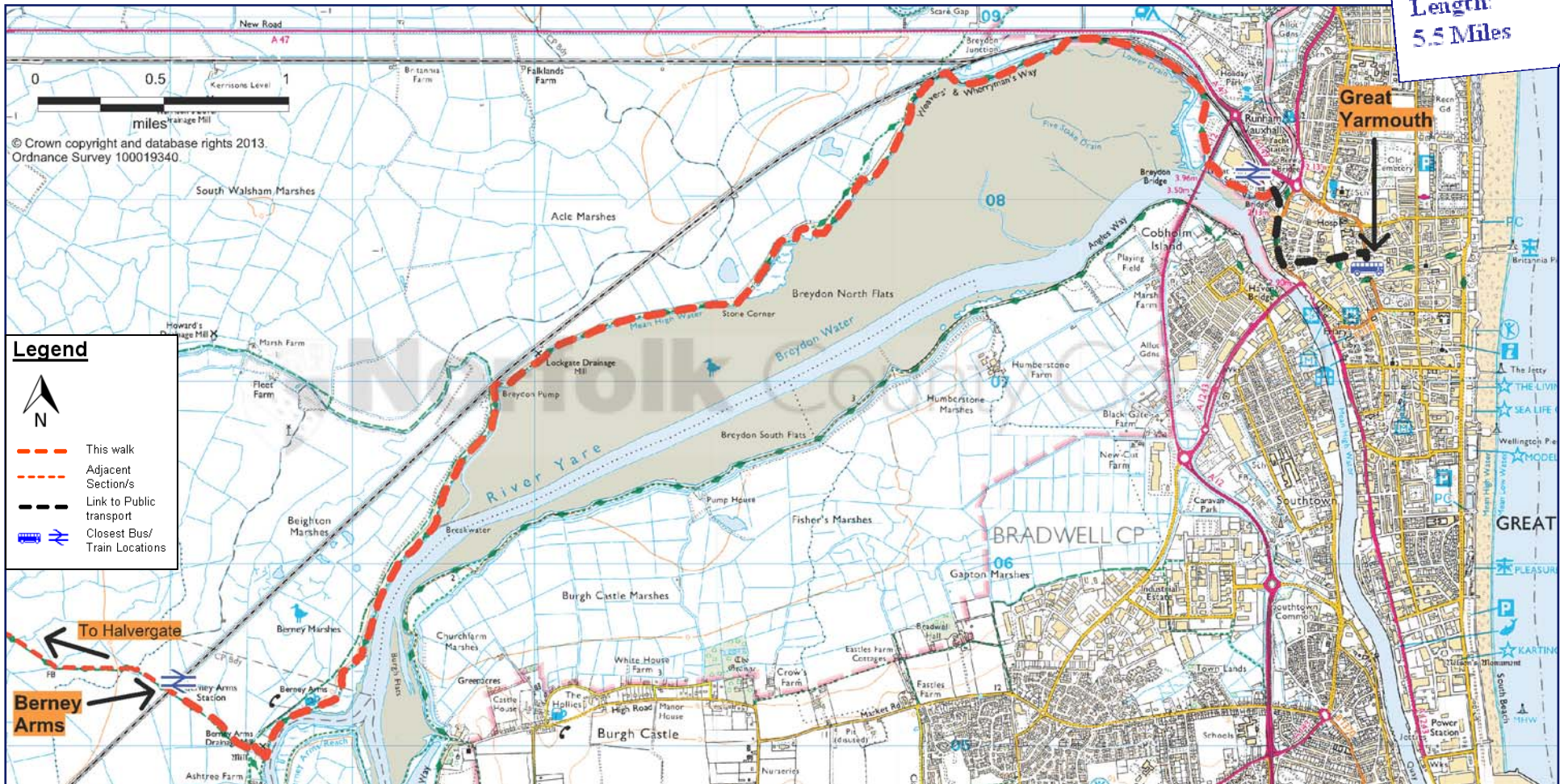


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Weavers' Way Short Walk 11 (of 11) Berney Arms to Great Yarmouth

Length
5.5 Miles



Along the way

From Berney Arms railway halt, the path heads across marshes to reach Berney Arms Mill on the bank of the River Yare. This imposing 19th century tower mill was originally used for grinding cement but was later converted into a drainage mill. The mill, which is now fully restored with its machinery in full working order, was part of the small industrial area and community that once stood here around the cement works. At the mill the way joins with the route of the Wherryman's Way and continues past the Berney Arms public house, which has moorings for boats and is open for business during the summer. Just after the pub is the confluence with the River Waveney and the beginning of Breydon Water, a wide inland tidal estuary that flows into the sea at Great Yarmouth. The brick and flint walls of the Roman fort at Burgh Castle can be seen across the water to the east.

The way continues alongside the north shore of Breydon Water, which is an RSPB reserve. Extensive areas of mud are exposed at low tide here and the estuary is popular with birdwatchers as large numbers of migrating and over-wintering wildfowl and waders are attracted by the abundant food supply. Further along the bank, where the railway line comes close to the estuary, is the derelict Lockgate Drainage Mill, which still has some of its original machinery, and the remains of a marshman's cottage demolished in the 1980s.

Arriving at the outskirts of Great Yarmouth, the way ends at Great Yarmouth Railway Station, close to the wrought iron, mid 19th century Vauxhall Bridge. Both the Wherryman's Way and Angles Way also start and end here at the 'three ways meeting point'. Great Yarmouth has much of historical interest to see. As well as Britannia Pier on the seafront, which dates from 1902, the town's medieval walls are some of the most complete in the country, and examples of the town's historic 'Rows', a network of very narrow streets unique to Great Yarmouth, can be seen nearby. The town has several fantastic museums, including Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life housed in a converted Victorian herring curing works.

Walk summary

Most of this walk follows the north bank of Breydon Water, which offers views over extensive grazing marshes dotted with windmills to one side and the bird-rich mudflats of the tidal estuary to the other.

Getting started

This walk starts at Berney Arms rail station (TG460053) and ends at Great Yarmouth rail station (TG520081) also the starting point of Wherryman's Way and Angles Way.

Getting there

Train Berney Arms and Great Yarmouth Rail Stations
National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Coach National Express 308, 490 and 491.
National express enquires: 08717 818178

www.nationalexpress.com

Bus service

Halvergate – Our Bus 292 (Tuesday only),
Ambassador Travel 730.

Great Yarmouth – Various.

Bus stops Squires Road (Halvergate) and Market
Gates (Great Yarmouth)

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/

What to expect

Almost entirely along a wide raised footpath next to water. Nine concrete steps near Berney Arms mill.

Facilities

Pub at Berney Arms (seasonal only)

Pubs, cafés, shops and accommodation in Great Yarmouth