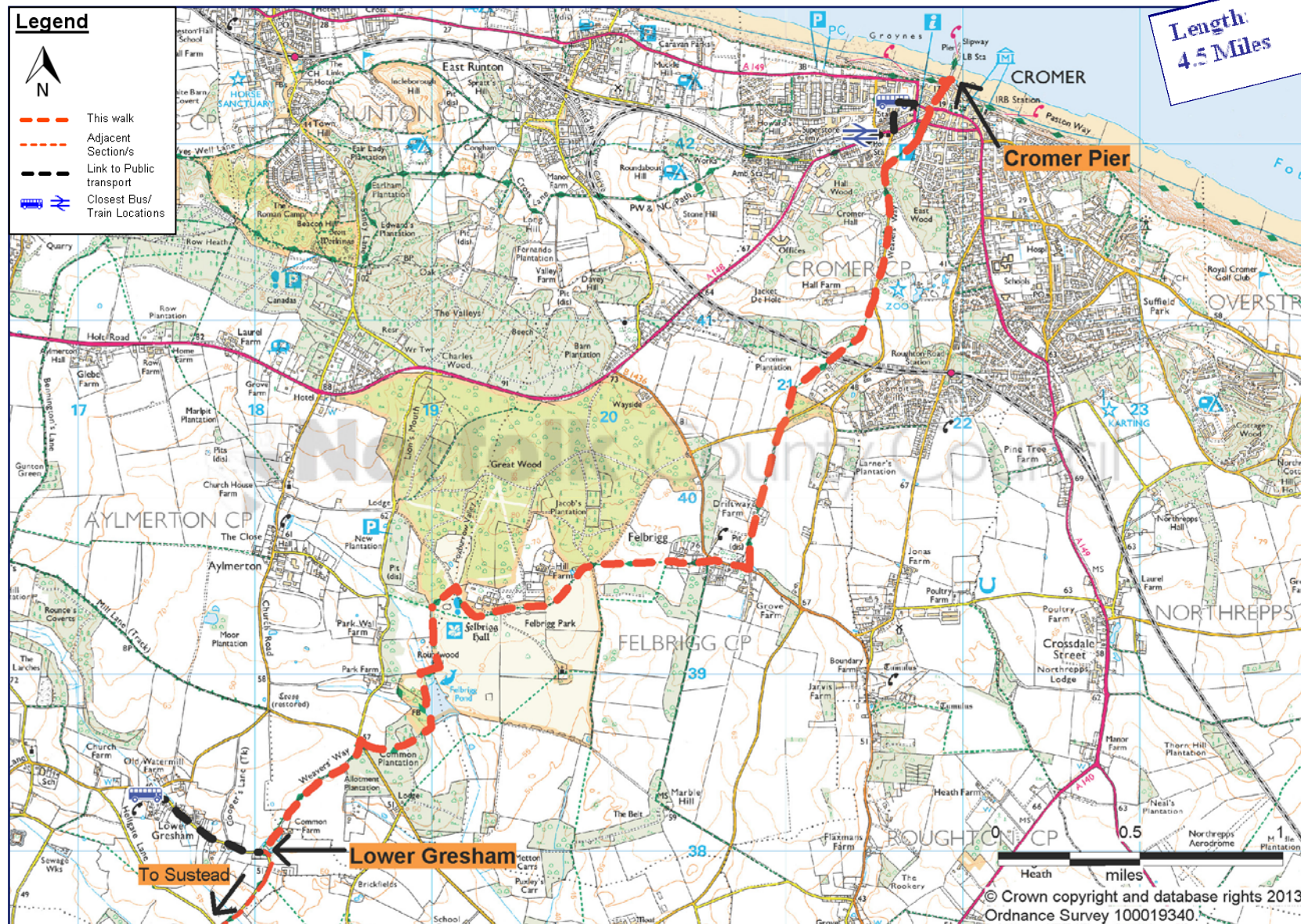


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Weavers' Way Short Walk 1 (of 11) Cromer to Gresham



Along the way

Cromer became an important seaside resort in the late 19th century when the railway first came here. Prior to this, the town's main industry was centred upon crab fishing and Cromer crabs are still highly prized for their flavour. The pier built between 1900 and 1901 has been badly damaged by storms several times in its life but it still thrives as does its end of pier Pavilion Theatre. Cromer's Church of St Peter and St Paul has the tallest church tower in the county.

Leaving Cromer, the way climbs gently up to the Cromer Ridge, created by material deposited during the last ice age. Although only reaching slightly over 100 metres, this is the highest land in Norfolk. Once covered by heathland, the ridge is now wooded in many places and the route follows a minor road between East Wood and Hall Wood, both county wildlife sites, as it rises out of town. At Hall Wood, a drive leads to Cromer Hall, a flint and stone Gothic revival building built in 1829.

Continuing south along the road, the route veers right to follow a path that crosses the Norwich to Cromer railway line. From here, the way skirts more woodland and crosses the road again before passing Driftway Farm to reach the B1436 where, at the next corner, it enters the historic parkland of Felbrigg Hall.

Much of the park, owned by the National Trust, is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of the variety of its trees and the species they support. Felbrigg Great Wood to the right of the way has many thousands of mature oaks, beech and sycamores. The way continues past Felbrigg Hall, built in Jacobean style and dating from the early 17th century, before heading south past Felbrigg Lake, created in the mid 18th century by damming Scarrow Beck, a stream that passes through the estate. Leaving the estate behind, the Weavers' Way passes through Common Plantation then continues past Common Farm to arrive at Lower Gresham.

Walk summary

A hilly walk through woodland, farmland and the estate grounds of Felbrigg Hall.

Getting started

This walk starts at Cromer Pier (TG219423) also the start point of Paston Way and the Norfolk Coast Path and ends at Lower Gresham near Golden Calf farm (TG180379).

Getting there

Train Cromer Rail station

National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>

Bus service

Cromer – Sanders (various), Konectbus 2 / 2
Gresham – Sanders 16, 19 and 18A (service days vary).

Bus stops Cadogan Road (Cromer) and the Green (Gresham)

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33

www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 252, Norfolk Coast East, available from Ordnance Survey shop www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/

What to expect

Mixed surfaces of pavements, country lanes, rural paths, and farm tracks. No stiles on this walk.

Facilities

Pubs, cafes, accommodation, shops, museums and parking in Cromer.

Parking, café, toilets at Felbrigg Hall

Self-catering accommodation near Gresham