

# Weavers' Way Long Walk 2 (of 4) Aylsham to Stalham



## Along the way

Starting just north of Aylsham, the way crosses the River Bure before picking up the route of a dismantled railway that is followed all the way to North Walsham. This railway line, built in 1883 and closed in 1959, is a designated county wildlife site and also a butterfly nature reserve where the path passes through a cutting close to Felmingham. Felmingham station can still be seen still in place beside the former track bed.

From Felmingham Cutting, the way passes through North Walsham Wood before arriving in North Walsham at the market place next to St Nicholas Church with its partially ruined tower, which is also the starting point for the Paston Way. North Walsham market place has an impressive octagonal Market Cross dating from 1602 at its centre. Nearby is Paston Grammar School, now part of Paston College, which was founded in 1606 and later attended by Horatio Nelson and his brother William.

Leaving North Walsham, the route leads south out of town along quiet lanes to reach Meeting House Hill, a small hamlet built up around an early Baptist Chapel. The original chapel was founded in 1717 but the existing building dates from 1829. A little further south, the route rejoins the disused Midland & Great Northern railway line from where there are views north to Worstead Mill, a mid 19<sup>th</sup> century four-storey tower windmill.

The path continues past the former railway platform of Honing station and beneath a cast iron bridge before crossing the now-disused North Walsham & Dilham Canal, Norfolk's only canal built in the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to allow goods to be transported to and from Great Yarmouth via the River Bure. After crossing the canal, the way continues through the woodland of Honing Bridge Carr and alongside Honing Common before skirting the village of East Ruston a little further on. Here the route bends southeast for the final leg that leads into Stalham where it ends at the start of the High Street near the Old Railway Station.

*Further Information on this walk is available in two short sections including more detailed maps. See Short Sections: S4 Aylsham to North Walsham and S5 North Walsham to Stalham available at [www.norfolktrails.gov.uk/weaversway](http://www.norfolktrails.gov.uk/weaversway)*



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### Walk summary

This walk between the market towns of Aylsham and Stalham follows the route of a former railway for much of the way, passing through a landscape of farmland, heath and fen, and crossing the disused North Walsham & Dilham Canal en route.

### Getting started

This walk starts at Aylsham at Cromer Road (TG192276) and ends in Stalham at the junction with High Street near the Old Railway Station (TG369252).

### Getting there

#### Train

Aylsham Station (Bure Valley Railway)

Enquires – 01263 733858 [www.bvrw.co.uk/](http://www.bvrw.co.uk/)

#### Bus service

Aylsham - Aldborough Community Bus 1 and 2 (Monday Only), Sanders (various) Our bus 291 (Thursday only).

Stalham – Sanders (various), First 12/12A,

**Bus stops** Bus Shelter (Aylsham) and Old Rail Station (Stalham)

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### Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 252, Norfolk Coast East, available from Ordnance Survey shop [www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/](http://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, cafés and tea rooms, shops and accommodation in Aylsham

Pubs, cafés, shops and accommodation in North Walsham

Pub, café, shops, and accommodation in Stalham.