Marriott's Way Lenwade to Whitwell





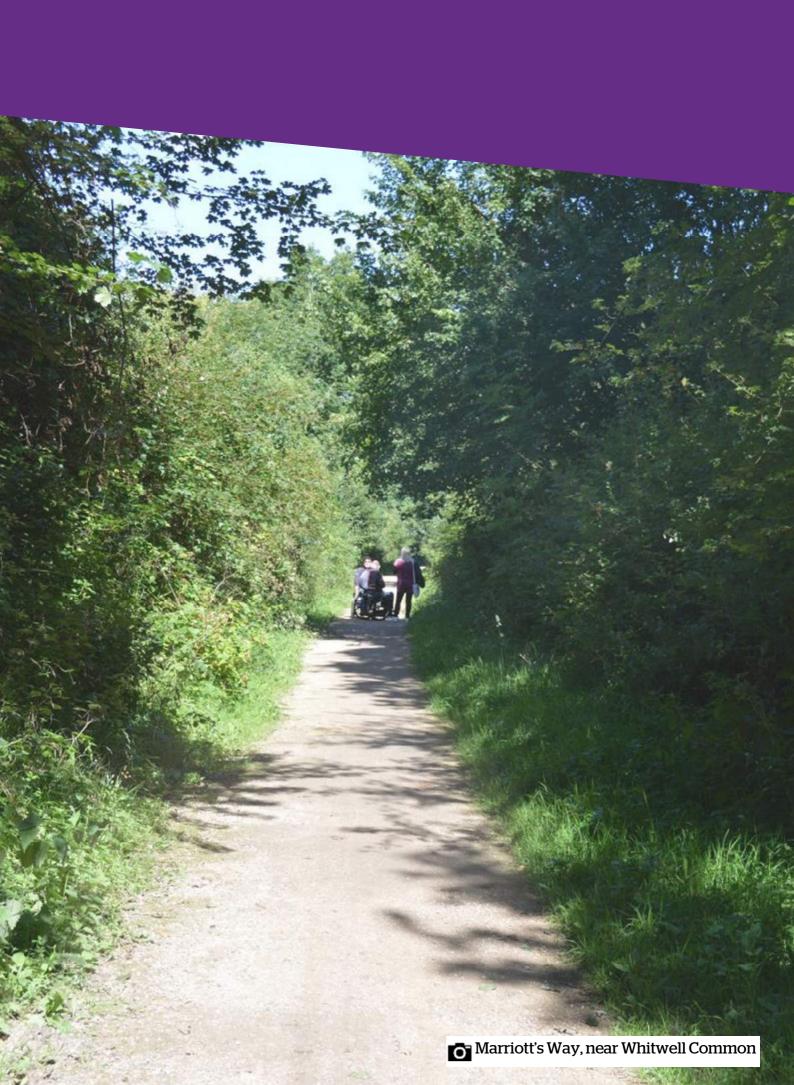
Route description

This route has been audited to support people accessing the countryside. The route audit checked for potential accessibility difficulties along the route. Maps are provided showing point numbers which correspond to photos and descriptions of the route, so that you can decide if this walk is suitable for you.

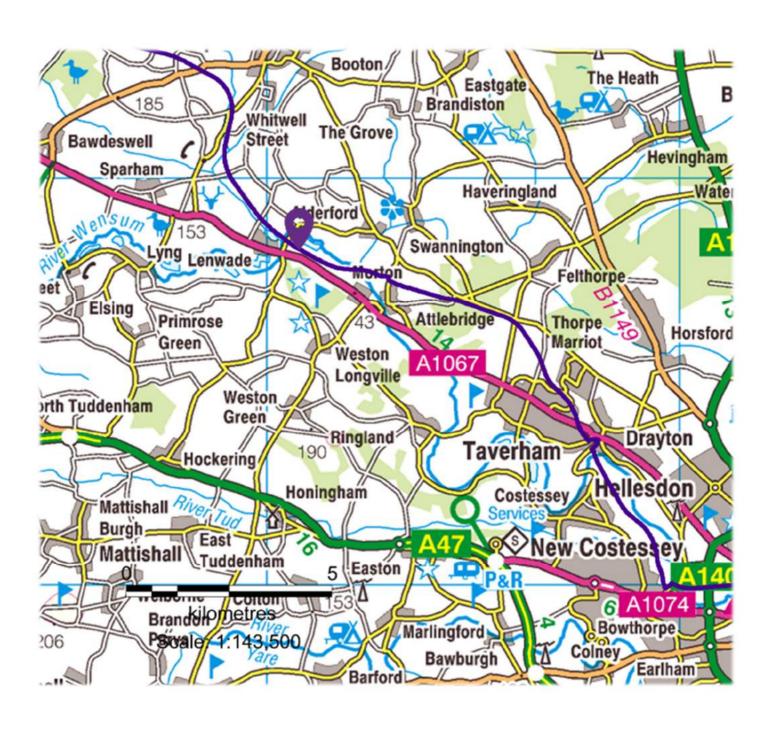
The route is a 2.5 mile linear section of Marriott's Way, a 26 Mile disused railway line, from Porter's Lane carpark in Lenwade to Whitwell. Station. As you head out of the Porter's Lane car park and towards the bridge you will pass by beautiful views of the River Wensum, a great place to spot a range of wildlife. You will then pass through brilliant views of the Norfolk countryside and of Whitwell Common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

As you travel further along the trail you will reach Whitwell and Reepham Station. To access the station museum and tearoom, there is a small detour over the bridge and along Whitwell Road to the main entrance. It is a great place to learn about the railway heritage of the Marriott's Way and to stop for refreshments. There are accessible toilets and available parking on site. The route ends here at the station.

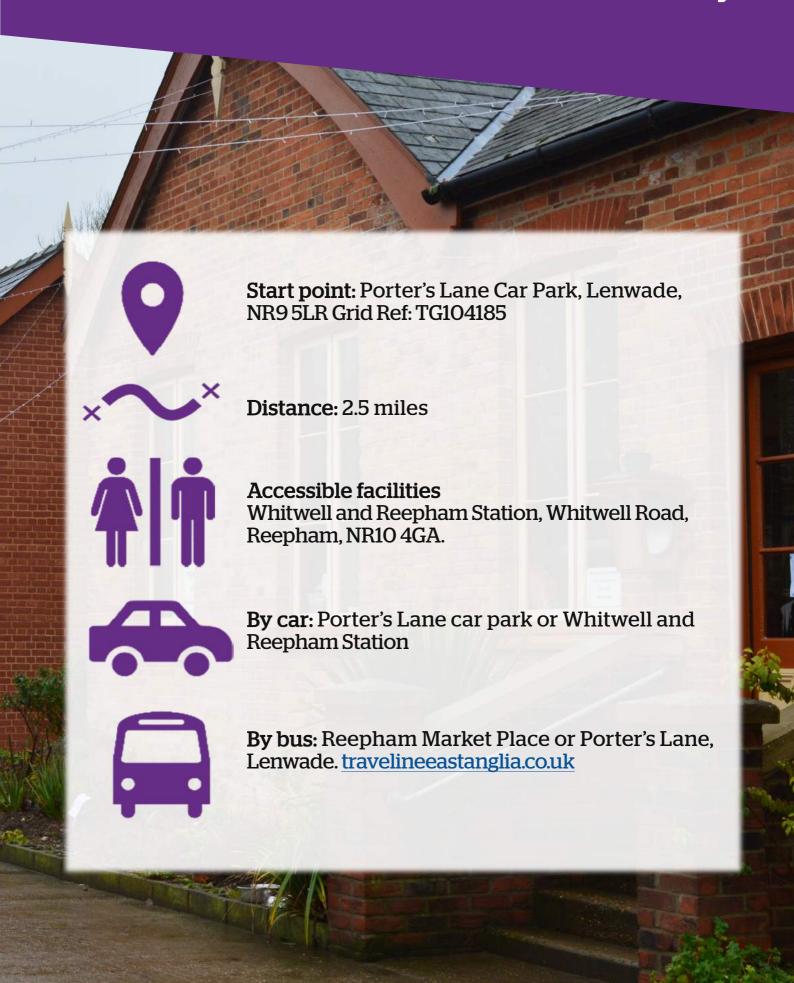
The nearest bus stop is at Reepham Market Place about a 1 Mile walk from the station or you could return back to Porter's Lane car park along the route you have just taken. If returning back to Porter's Lane car park the route length is quite challenging at 5 Miles. However, the route can be tailored to any length that is suitable for the individual. The terrain on the route can be difficult in a standard wheelchair as some sections can become very muddy during the winter period.



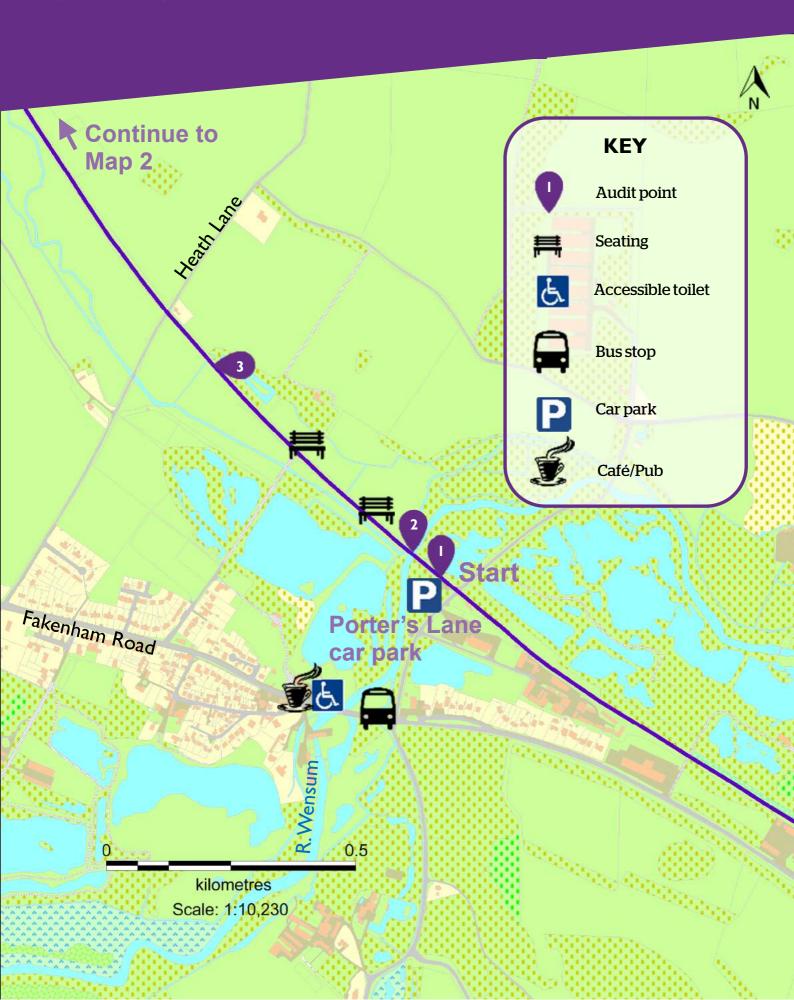
Route overview



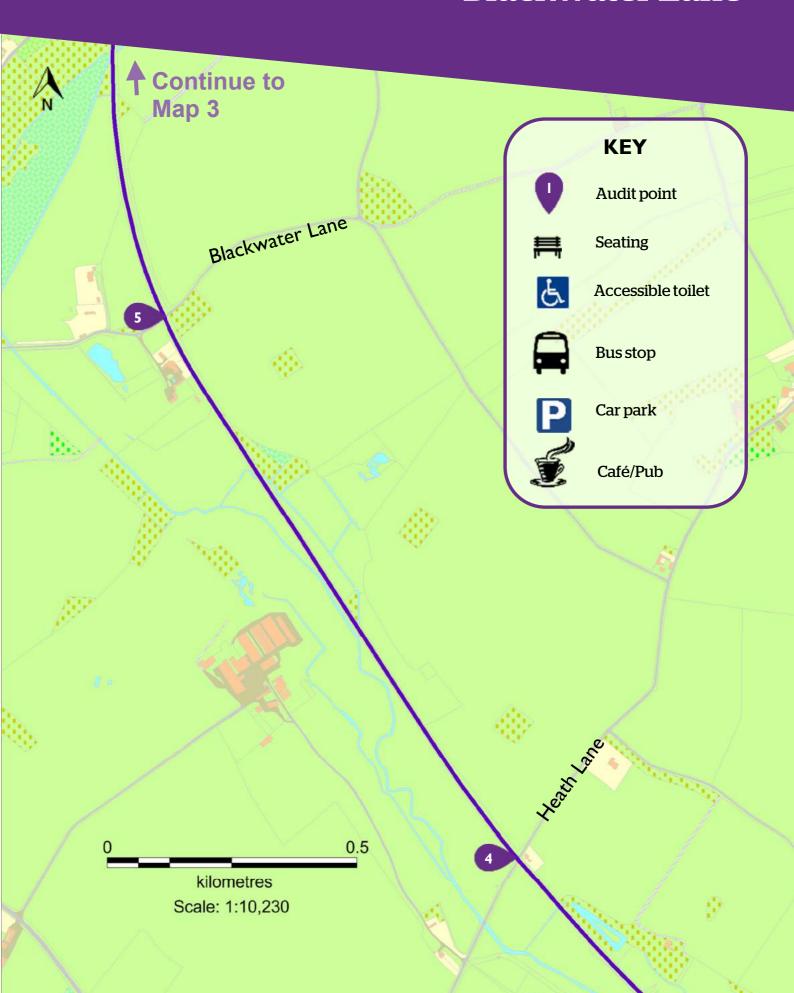
Route summary



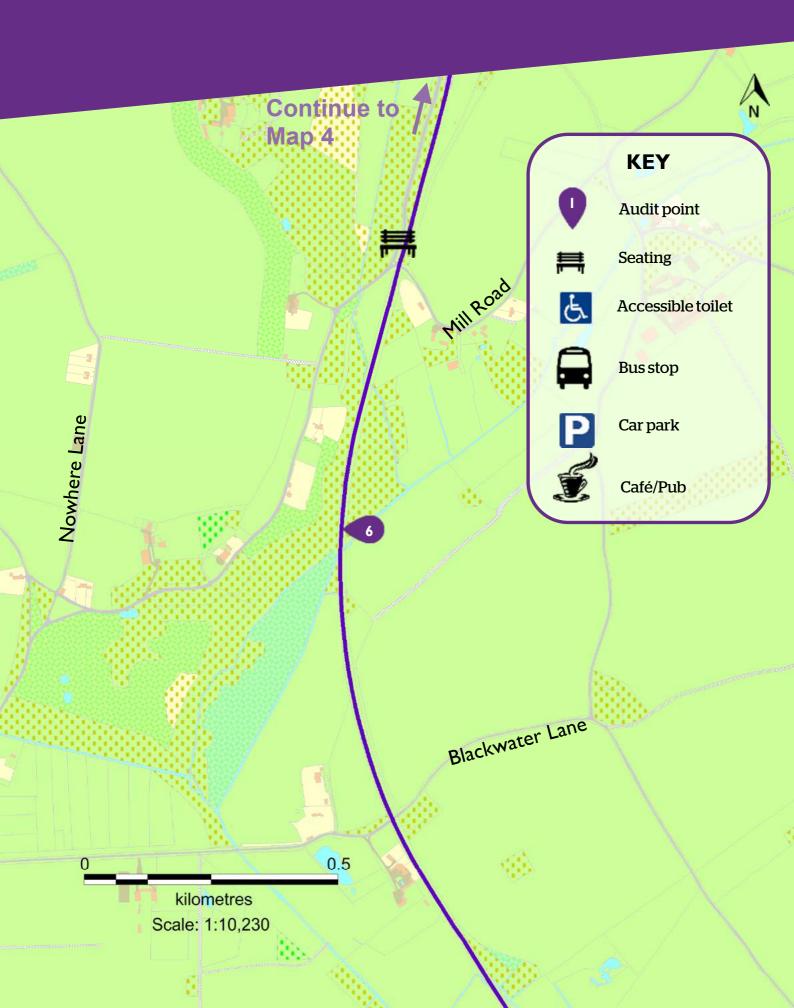
Map 1 - Porter's Lane car park to Heath Lane



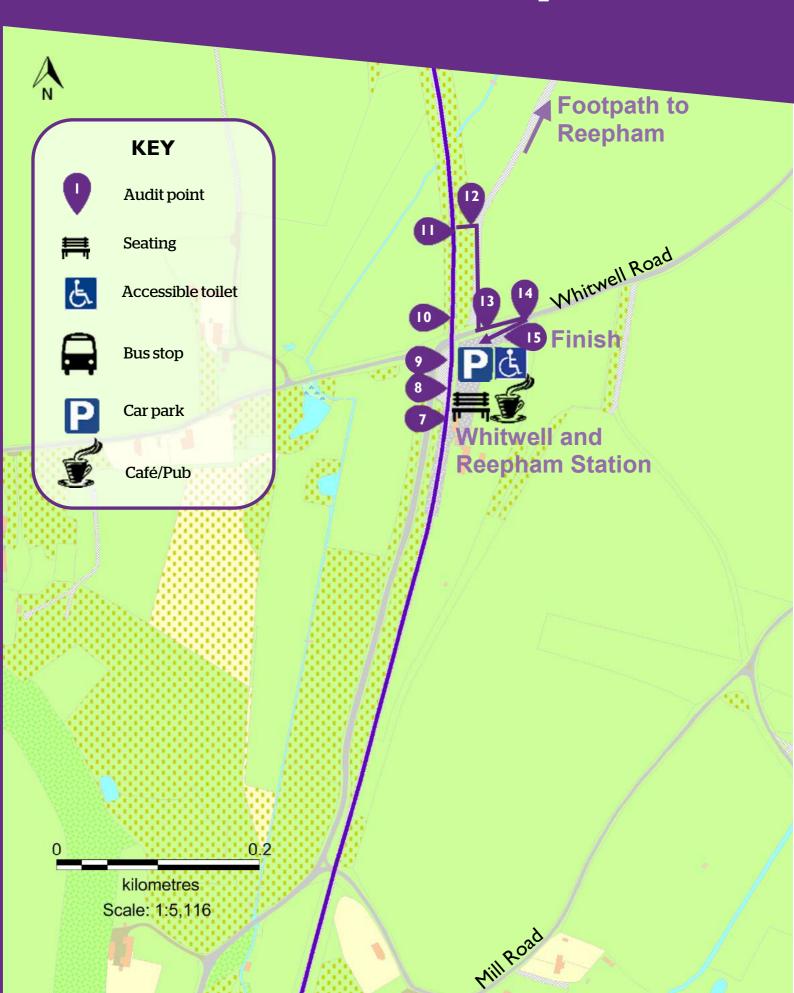
Map 2- Heath Lane to Blackwater Lane



Map 3 - Whitwell Common



Map 4 - Whitwell and Reepham Station



Accessibility infor-



The route starts at Porter's Lane car park in Lenwade. The surface is firm, 20mm gravel and there may be some muddy sections during winter periods



The bridge over The River Wensum has a 1.2 m wide rubber strip in the middle of the boardwalk



There is a muddy section after the bridge for 5m. This can vary with the seasons



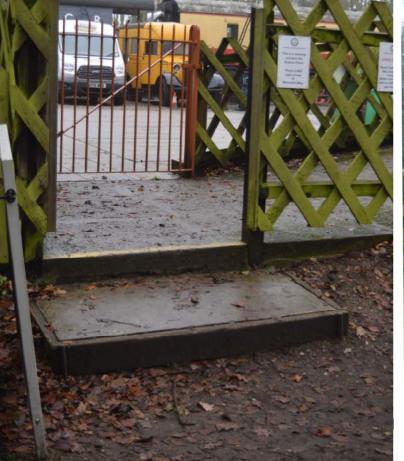
There is a section of uneven ground through the chicane with large stones protruding 40mm on the approach to Heath Lane



There can be very muddy sections near to the level crossing on Heath Lane during the winter period



There is a width restriction of 900mm through the chicane after Heath Lane





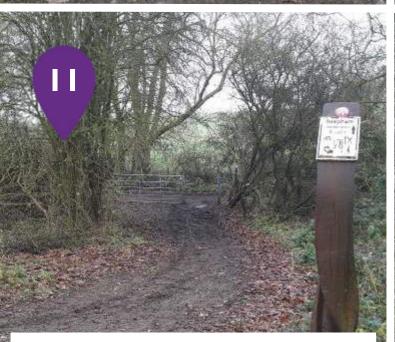
For wheelchair access to the station, there is a small detour over the bridge via a track and along Whitwell road to the main entrance of the station



As you cross the bridge over Whitwell Road, some of the boards have gaps between them ranging from 15mm-20mm



After the bridge, there are large tree roots protruding from the surface with a 30mm step for 15m. To access Whitwell Road from Marriott's Way follow the track on your right



There is a gradient on the track between 1:8 increasing to 1:6 for 21m. Turn right at the bottom of the track



Follow the track to Whitwell road and turn left. This section of track can be very muddy during winter periods



Travel along Whitwell Road for 30m where there is a sustained gradient of 1:12. There is no footpath and shared use with traffic. Take care when crossing as there is a blind bend before the bridge



You will see the main entrance to Whitwell and Reepham Station on your right. From here, there is full access to the station

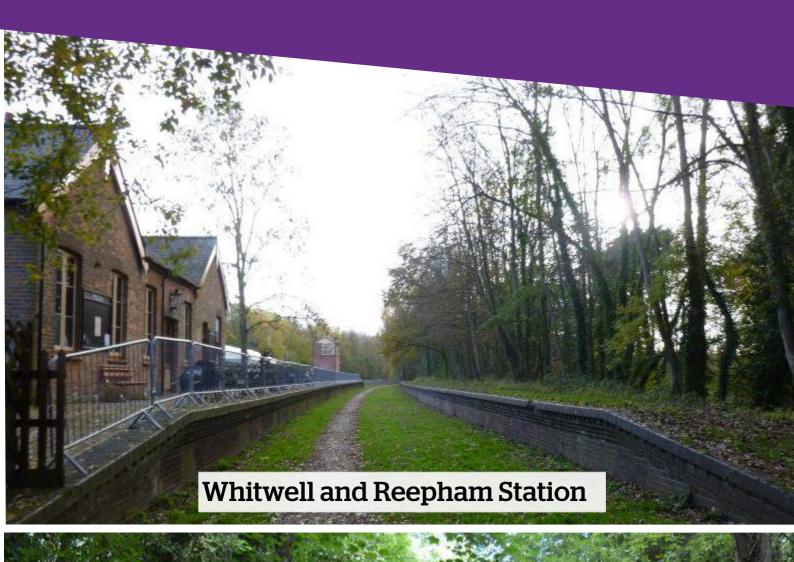


Points of interest



Wensum Valley County Wildlife Site and The River Wensum





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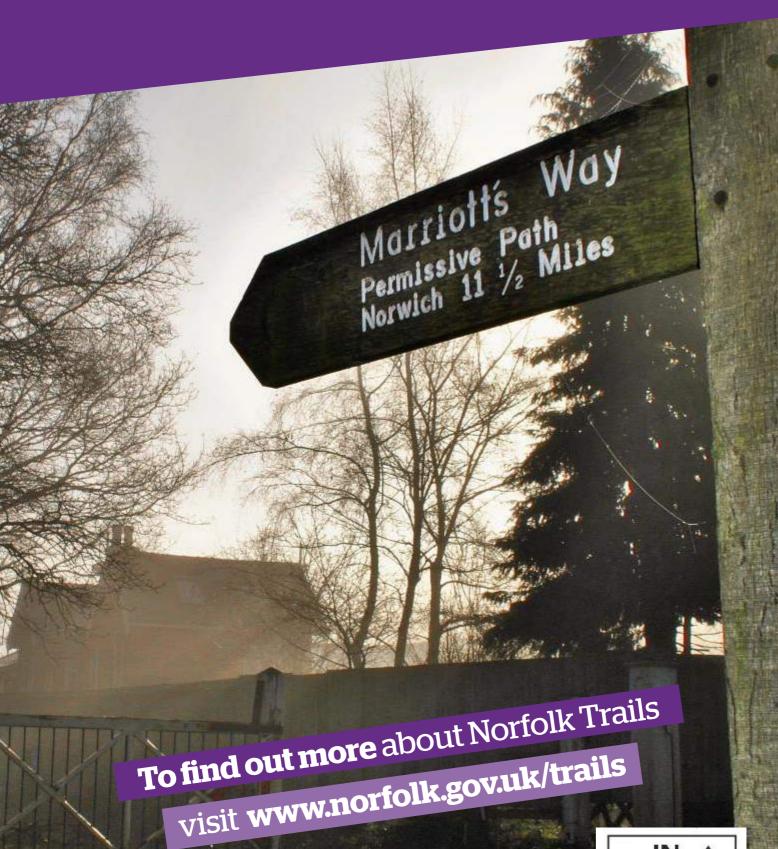
Or why not try another long distance trail? You could try Wensum Way in Lenwade or Weavers' Way through Aylsham.

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Disclaimer

The information given for this route is based on findings on the day of the audit and may vary according to the time of year and the weather. This document gives information about the condition of trails, in order to help people choose routes to explore, but it is up to the user to decide whether or not the route is suitable for their ability.





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