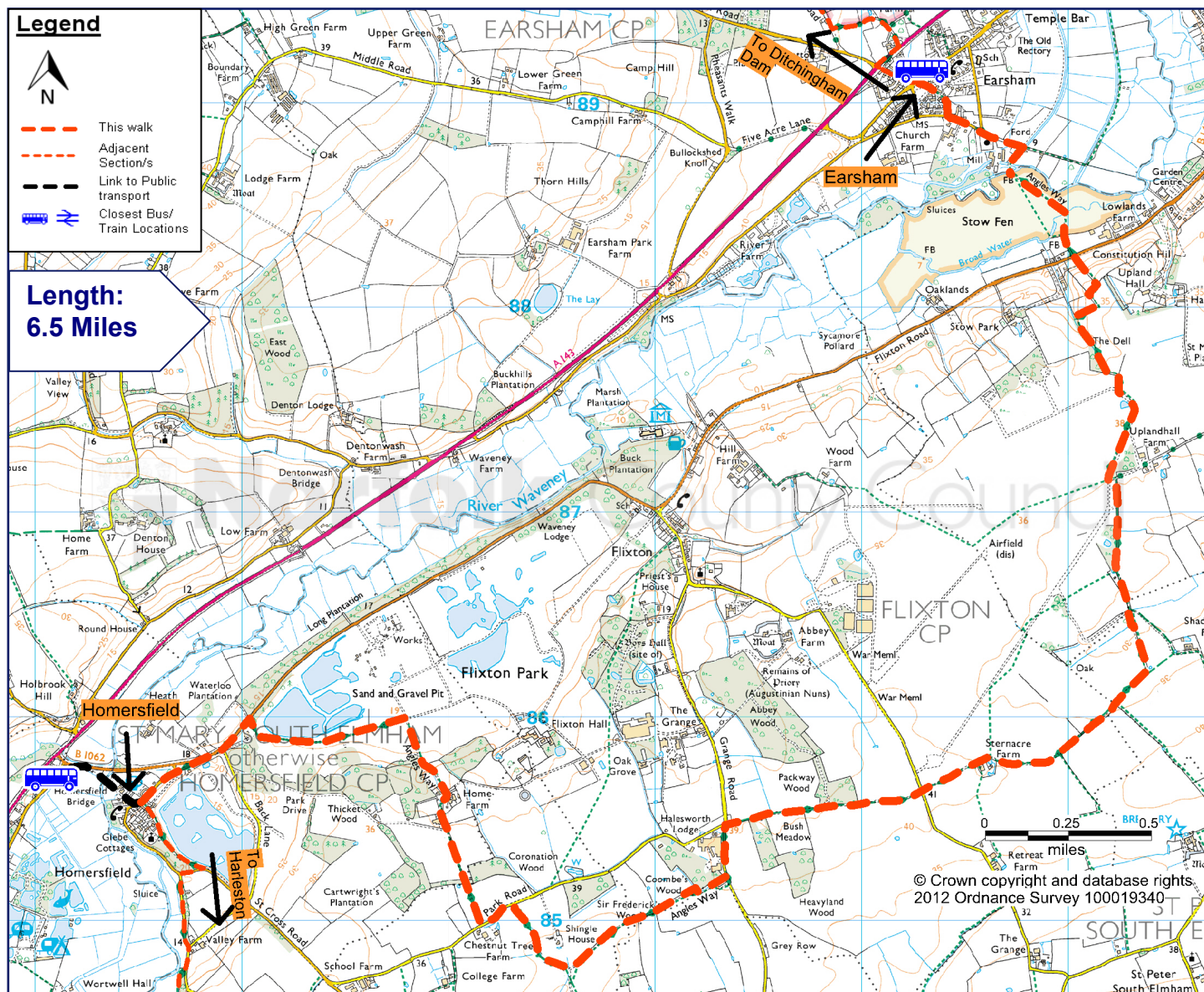


# Angles Way Short Section 9 (of 18) Earsham to Homersfield



## Along the way

When walking along the quiet farm tracks and listening to the skylarks from the plateau above the Waveney Valley, it's difficult to imagine a time when this peace was shattered by the roar of aircraft. Imagine the ghosts of B24 Liberators particularly when walking on a concrete remnant of Bungay airfield, a bomber base for the American Eighth Air Force from 1942.

The airfield closed in 1955 and the control tower, hangers and other wartime buildings long since been demolished, along with most of the runway and perimeter tracks. The Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum on B1062 at Flixton tells the fascinating story of this airfield.

Angles Way passes alongside three ancient woodlands on the slopes above the river valley, Coombs Wood, Heavyland Wood and Abbey Wood. Abbey Wood is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Enjoy panoramic views in Homersfield from the high ground above a large area of open water known as Flixton Pits. The pits were created initially by horses and carts extracting sand and gravel before large scale excavation during the 1960s and 1970s enlarged the pits. During the sand extraction, a mammoth tusk was found. Pause at the Flixton Park Quarry information board on bank above the quarry to find out more. Flixton Pits are rich in wildlife and particularly noted as an outstanding site for beetles associated with sand and mud habitats.

## Walk summary

Stretch out for 6.5 miles along peaceful country lanes through an agricultural landscape between Earsham and Homersfield.

## Getting started

This section is between the bus stop at The Queens Head, The Street, Earsham (TM322890) and The Green, Homersfield (TM285855).

## Getting there

**Bus service** Anglian Service 80

**Bus stops** Station Farm, High Road, Wortwell and The Queens Head, The Street, Earsham. Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33.

[www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk](http://www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk)

## Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map Southwold and Bungay 231 available from Ordnance Survey shop [www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite)

## What to expect

Farm tracks, footpaths, moderate hills, stiles, quiet country roads.

## Facilities

Accommodation, camping, restaurant, café, pub. Further information about planning a break in this area is available from [www.visit-sunrisecoast.co.uk](http://www.visit-sunrisecoast.co.uk)