

Walk 10

Weavers' Way Acle



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Distance	4.5 miles (7.2 kilometres)
Surface	80% unsurfaced, 20% surfaced
Toilets	Acle village centre
Refreshment facilities	Hermitage Inn and Bridge Inn, Old Road. White Horse Inn, Upton. Acle village centre - café and The King's Head Inn
Seating on route	The Green, Upton, Bridewell Lane and Acle village centre

Start point:

Public car park, Bridewell Lane, Acle. OS Grid Reference TG 401 107.

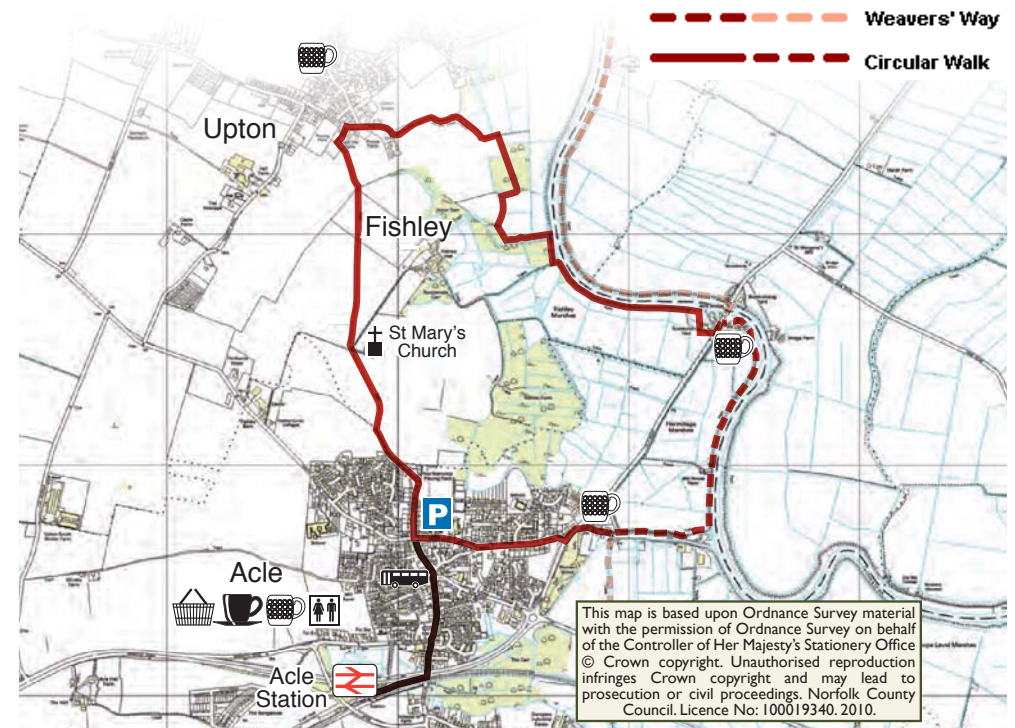
Directions:

- 1 Exit the car park and turn left onto Bridewell Lane and at the next junction turn left onto Old Road. Keeping to the pavement, continue until you reach the A1064. With care, cross straight over and passing the Hermitage Inn and Restaurant on your left and go down Boat Dyke Lane.
- 2 Past the last house, follow Weavers' Way to the left of Acle Dyke and pass through two gated squeeze gaps. Beyond this point the path runs along the top of a flood bank with Acle Dyke to its right.

St Mary's Church, Fishley



- 3 Follow the path round to the left when you reach the River Bure and continue along the bank-top path passing an old cottage to your left (Mill House Farm). After 700 metres you will come to the Bridge Inn – follow Weavers' Way through the grounds of the inn beyond which you meet the A1064 road once again.
- 4 Carefully cross the road turning left along the pavement and then right just after the telephone box onto a public footpath which leads through a boatyard. After passing through the boatyard, turn right towards the river then left to pick up the river bank path.
- 5 Presently you will pass by two wooden yacht club buildings and just past the second one a path leads away from the riverbank on the left. Take this path which skirts woodland leaving the river



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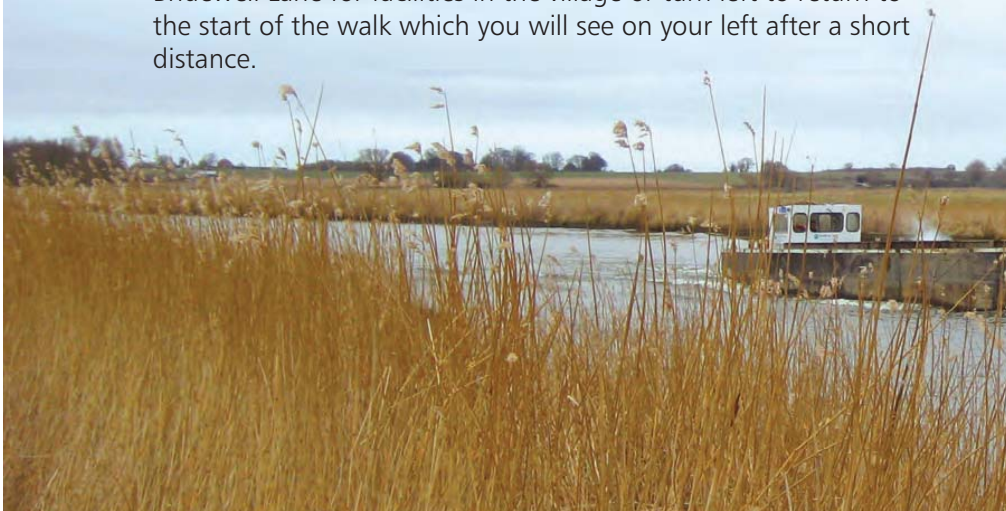
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behind you. After 250 metres, cross over the stile on your right and after a second stile, the path passes through woodland.

- 6 Soon after crossing a narrow footbridge and leaving the woodland behind you, turn left onto a field-edge track (known as Horse's Head Track) which leads towards the village of Upton (visible from the track).
- 7 The track becomes a lane as it enters the village and at The Green continue straight on. *Take the right fork for the Upton White Horse Inn – 250 metres.*
- 8 Just beyond The Green take the signed public footpath to the left. This hedged path soon opens out to become a wide grassy path with fields on either side and then continues as a crossfield path which heads towards the right hand side of Fishley Church which can be seen in the distance.
- 9 Cross the lane by the entrance to the church and continue slightly left to pick up a grassy crossfield path which heads back towards Acle. As you enter the village the path becomes a surfaced lane (Pyebush Lane) and passes playing fields to its left.
- 10 At the junction at the end of Pyebush Lane continue straight over Bridewell Lane for facilities in the village or turn left to return to the start of the walk which you will see on your left after a short distance.



Points of Interest:

- St Mary's Church, Fishley, is thought to have been constructed around 950AD;
- A crossing of the River Bure at Acle Bridge has been recorded since 1101 and was known as the Weybrigg. The term brigg means crossing point, ford or bridge. The first stone bridge was built circa 1830 and was a three arch stone bridge supported by oak piles. This bridge was replaced in the 1930s by a single span concrete one but by the 1990s this bridge was subsiding due to heavy traffic, so the current bridge replaced it in 1997;
- Acle Bridge is reputed to be haunted. Josiah Burge was murdered on the bridge by a man seeking revenge for the death of his sister and his blood is now said to pool at the location of the fatal attack on the night of 7 April.

