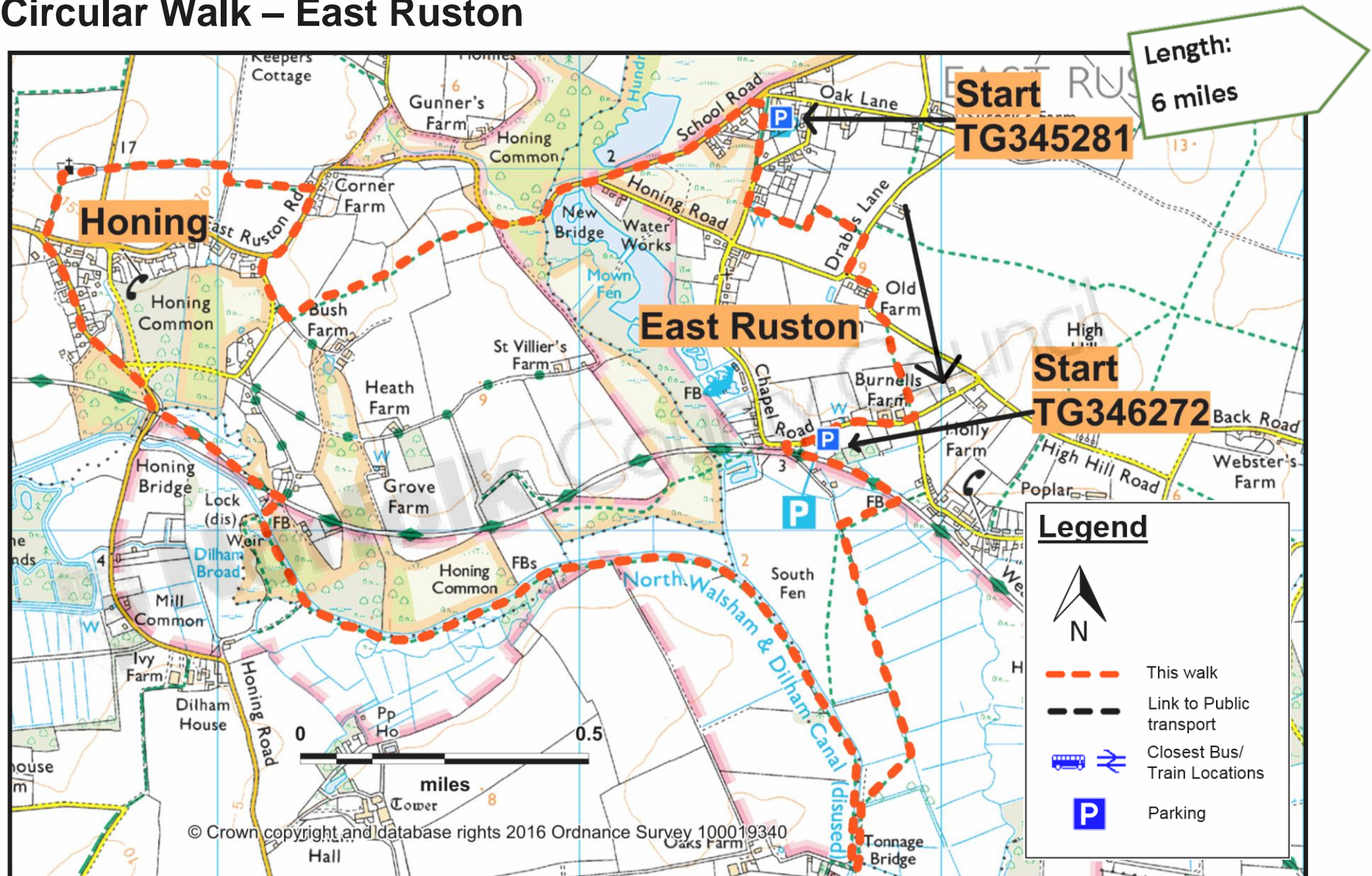


Circular Walk – East Ruston



Along the way

Though canals are commonplace across much of the country, the Dilham Canal is the only one in the whole of Norfolk. Wider than the standard, the canal was designed to carry wherries, a type of boat particular to the Broads, laden with produce to the mills.

However, it was constructed at a time which soon put it in direct competition with the railways. Gradual silting up and damage caused by the great storm of 1912 hastened its decline.

It now provides a haven for wildlife, especially on the wooded stretches you'll encounter on this walk. If you're lucky, you might spot an otter swimming quietly through the water, or even a shining blue kingfisher perched high on a branch.

The northern portion of the walk skirts the woodland of Honing Common and passes St Peter's and St Paul's church before crossing fields back to East Ruston Village.

Walk summary

A varied walk alongside the North Walsham & Dilham canal and through farmland, wet woodland and grazing marshes.

Getting started

The walk has two start/finish points – one at the Weavers' Way car park, Chapel Road, East Ruston, and one at the Butchers Arms, East Ruston.

Getting there

There is free parking available at both start locations.

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Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL40, The Broads available from Ordnance Survey shop
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/

What to expect

Footpaths, tracks and quiet lanes, which can become waterlogged in winter

Facilities

The Butchers Arms pub, East Ruston. There are no public toilets on this walk.