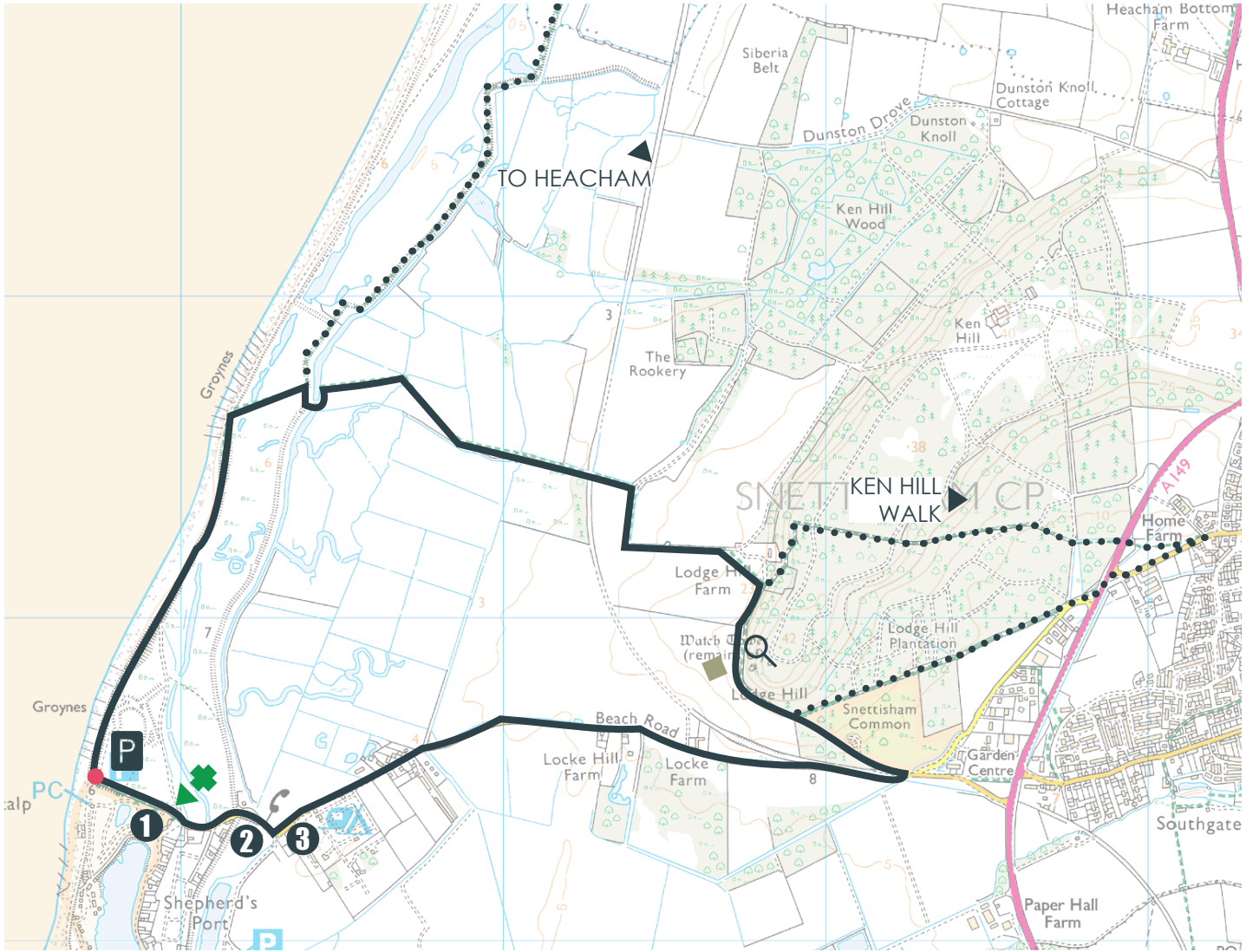














SNETTISHAM

4.5 miles / 7.25 km



- Defibrillator (AED) map location. 
- Business location. 
- Route link. 
- Route. 
- Start point. 
- Bus Stop 
- Parking 
- Heritage point of interest 
- Snettisham Caravan Park (general store, cash only) 
- Snettisham Beach Fish & Chips 
- Snettisham Beach Park 
- Interpretation panel 

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Crossing green grazing fields, traversing a shoreline once overwhelmed by the sea and passing through a pleasant woodland, the Snettisham circular has a wonderful variety of landscapes to enjoy. The route is best enjoyed during dry periods between late spring and early autumn.

During the Second World War a German invasion of Britain from the sea seemed inevitable, and defences were constructed along the Norfolk coast to repel an attack that never came. In 1953 it was the sea itself that invaded, inundating the land on one catastrophic night. Many families from Snettisham were deeply affected by both the war and the flood. Ironically, it was during peacetime that disaster struck. On the night of 31 January 1953, a North Sea surge caused severe flooding across the east coast of England. The beach area of Snettisham was particularly badly hit and twenty-five people died in the flood.

Locke Hill Farm was used as a base of operations for some of the rescue efforts during the storm of 1953. Stanley Linge and his brothers Eric and Noel were at home. Along with PC Henry Nobbs they tied ropes to telegraph poles to help them venture out into the flood water in search of survivors. PC Nobbs later received the British Empire Medal for his bravery.

Agriculture was so vital to the war effort that some farming jobs were listed as 'reserved occupations', meaning that those employed in them were not required to join the armed forces abroad. Many local men, however, were still keen to play their part and volunteered for Snettisham Home Guard. Stanley Linge, whose father Walter owned Locke Hill Farm, joined and became a Sergeant. He was issued with a machine gun and detonators to protect the coast if there was an invasion. He and other men trained locally and guarded strategic points in the area. The land itself also gave to the war effort, with gravel from seaside quarries at Snettisham used to build airstrips across East Anglia - including RAF Marham, RAF Great Massingham and RAF Sculthorpe in Norfolk.

Snettisham Circular Walk passes along the front at Snettisham that was inundated in 1953. It carries on up Beach Road and past Locke Hill Farm. As the route skirts the edge of the woodland on Lodge Hill there are extensive views across the fields toward the beach.



Getting Started

The route's starting point is on Snettisham Beach car park (TF647335).

Getting There

There is no bus service to this part of Snettisham. The nearest bus stop is Snettisham's Grapes, Lynn Road served by Lynx service 34, 35 & Coastliner 36 – approximately 1 mile from the route via the Ken Hill circular.

Car parking is available at the Snettisham Beach Car Park, Beach Road, PE31 7PS. Car parking fees may apply.

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How many people are in your party? (including yourself) Please write in number

Male Under 18 18-35 36-60 Over 60
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Are you: Walking Dog Walking Cycling Other

Which ONE of the following BEST describes your visit to this Trail?

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