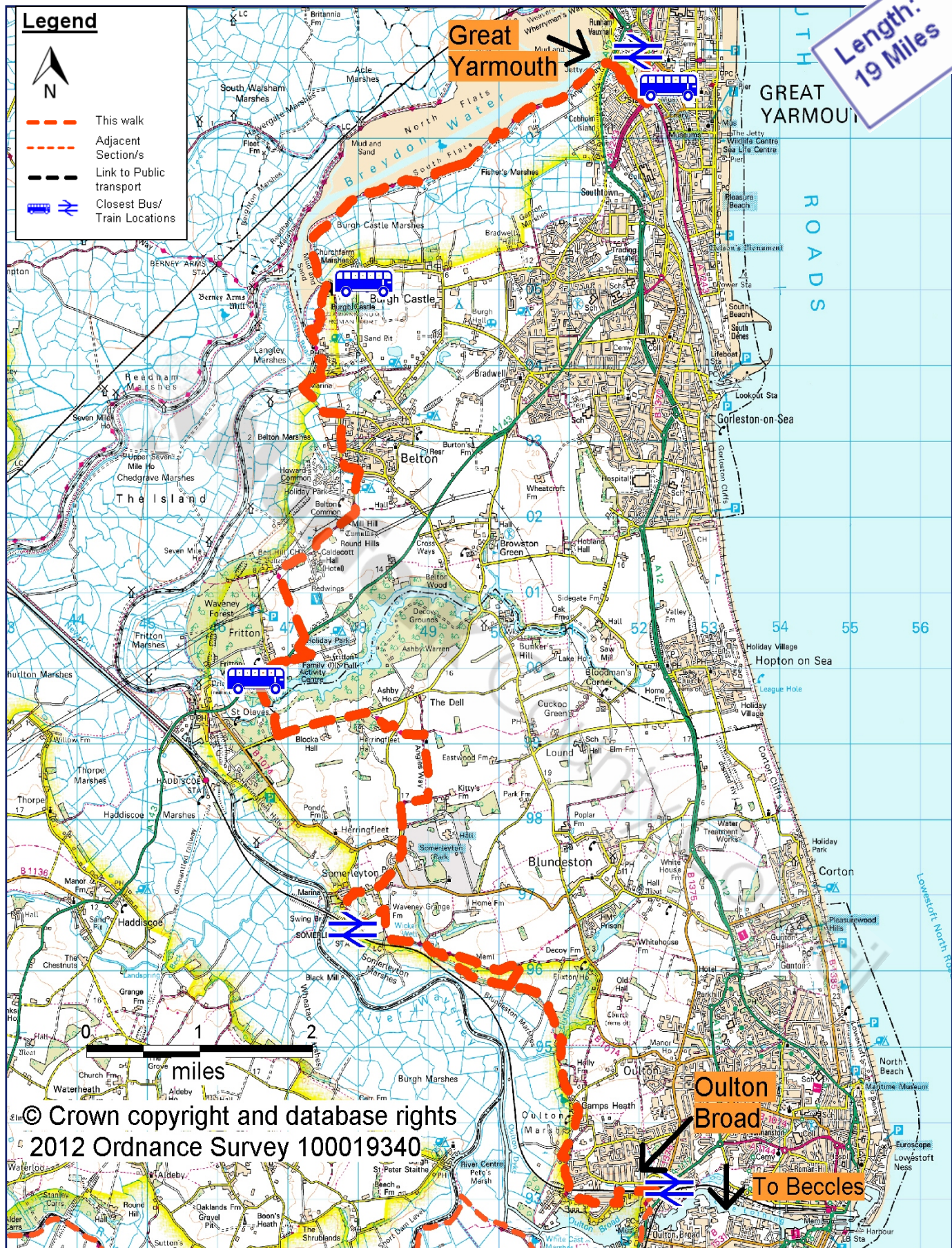


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# Angles Way Long Section 1 (of 7) Great Yarmouth to Oulton Broad

Length:  
19 Miles





## Along the way

Angles Way starts at Great Yarmouth, a town which is an unusual gift of nature. In Roman times, a vast estuary stretched from Acle to the coast discharging freshwater from three major rivers into the sea. Later a long, thin island of sand and shingle began to emerge at the mouth of the estuary and the northern channel became blocked. As the sand spit grew and dried out it was seasonally occupied by local fishermen when herring shoaled in the autumn. Once this first settlement established permanently in the mouth of the river Yare, the town developed at a rapid pace.

Breydon Water is the last remnant of that great estuary. At low tide, large numbers of wading birds and wild fowl rely on the invertebrates living where salt and fresh water meet on the tidal mudflats. Take your binoculars to look out over these mudflats at low tide to see heron, oystercatcher, golden plover, great crested grebe and widgeon. One of the best viewing points is from the viewing platform at Burgh Castle Roman fort.

The Roman fort at Burgh Castle is a survivor of a network of similar forts known as the Saxon Shore Forts which were built in the late 3<sup>rd</sup> century to protect the coast against Saxon invasion.

The walk then passes through the villages of Belton, Fritton and Somerleyton on the way to Oulton Broad.

A secret training facility was located at Fritton Lake during World War Two. British, American, and Canadian units came to be trained in the use of American made amphibious Sherman tanks ahead of D-Day. One of the training exercises involved floating tanks across the water, and one tank that sank is still on the bottom. A museum at Fritton Lake has parts of two wartime fighter aircraft that crashed into the lake.

Oulton Broad is one of the finest stretches of inland water in the UK and forms the southern gateway to The Broads. The Broad is perfect for watersports such as sailing, rowing and windsurfing. The Broads have been important for sailing and other types of boating since the end of the 19th century. It is a unique navigation system where special inland sailing craft have evolved and where sailing has remained a significant influence.

*Further information on this walk is available in four short sections, including more detailed maps. See Short Section S1; Great Yarmouth to Burgh Castle, S2; Burgh Castle to Fritton, S3; Fritton to Somerleyton and S4; Somerleyton to Oulton Broad at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/anglesway](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/anglesway)*

### Walk summary

Start or finish Angles Way with this 19 mile walk between Great Yarmouth and Oulton Broad passing ancient flint churches, the substantial remains of a Roman fort and a stunning Jacobean Hall, in this remarkable Broadland landscape

### Getting started

This section is between Great Yarmouth train stations (TG520080) and Oulton Broad North Station, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad (TM522930). A sculpture of a wherry marks the meeting point of Angles way with Weavers Way and Wherryman's Way.

### Getting there

**Train** Great Yarmouth Station and Oulton Broad North Station, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad

**Bus stops** Great Yarmouth bus station, Market Gates and Oulton Broad, Swing Bridge.

National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950.

[www.nationalrail.co.uk/](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/)

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33

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

### Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL40, The Broads, available from Ordnance Survey shop

[www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite)

### What to expect

Footpaths, farm tracks, quiet country roads, marshland and sandy tracks, moderate hill, no stiles. Urban streets in both Great Yarmouth and Oulton Broad.

### Facilities

Toilets, parking, accommodation, camping, pubs, restaurants, cafes, shops.

Further information about planning a break in this area is available from [www.enjoythebroads.com](http://www.enjoythebroads.com)



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