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## Coast Path Stretch 2 Section 7 (of 7) Gorleston Beach to Hopton-on-Sea



## Along the way

Perfect as a sunrise summer stroll, or a blustery autumn ramble, the route from Gorleston Beach to Hopton-on-Sea is the sort of beach walk that's perfect all year round. From Hopton, the perspective over Gorleston's massive harbour makes its details appear small and far off, as though the short stretch of beach has pushed the world away to arm's length. With views off to the horizon and soft sand underfoot, it's a place to savour the sea air and relax. Hopton beach used to be bigger, and historic photos show a wide beach more like Gorleston's, packed with sunbathers. Changes in the currents have radically reduced the size of the beach, but recent stabilisation efforts have placed rock groynes to create sheltered, sandy bays, the perfect place to cool off after with a swim after your walk.

In the case of high or extreme tides, there is an alternative route that can be taken between the southern end of Gorleston's beach and Hopton. This route is signposted on the ground.

For further information please visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails)

## Walk summary

A beach and cliff-top walk with views over Gorleston Harbour.

## Getting started

The walk begins on Lower Esplanade, Gorleston-on-Sea.

## Getting there

The 1 and 1A bus services stop on Marine Parade, Gorleston-on-Sea and the X1 stops on Lowestoft Road, Hopton-on-Sea. Car parking is available on Lower Esplanade, Gorleston (Charges may apply), and limited free car parking is available on Beach Road, Hopton-on-Sea.

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## 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

Pavement and sandy beach, with a short section of grassy clifftop path.

## Facilities

There are cafes, pubs, restaurants and accommodation close to the beginning of the route and a short walk from the end of the route. There are no public toilets on this route.

