

# Norfolk Coast Path

## Haven Bridge to North Denes



Access  
Tested

2017



### Route Summary

A short section of the Coast Path, from quay side through Great Yarmouth town, following Marine Parade past the pier and beach to the dune scape of North Denes.



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# Route Description

This walk has been audited to support people accessing the countryside and improve quality of life. The walk audit checked for potential accessibility difficulties along the route. Maps are provided on p4-7 showing point numbers which correspond to photos and descriptions of these areas so that you can decide if this walk is suitable for you.

This section of the Coast Path begins at Haven Bridge then follows South Quay to opposite the library where it crosses the road.

After passes through the library courtyard it goes up Yarmouth Way towards St George's.

It then continues past St George's Park along Trafalgar Road until it reaches the sea front. Here it joins Marine Parade alongside Yarmouth Beach.

From here the Coast Path goes north under Yarmouth Pier and out of town towards North Denes. At North Denes there are a couple of boardwalks which improve access to the beach.

The surfaces are 100% man-made and firm. Most kerbs have been dropped flush with the road. Some short ramps present gradients of around 1:12. There is ample seating along the way.

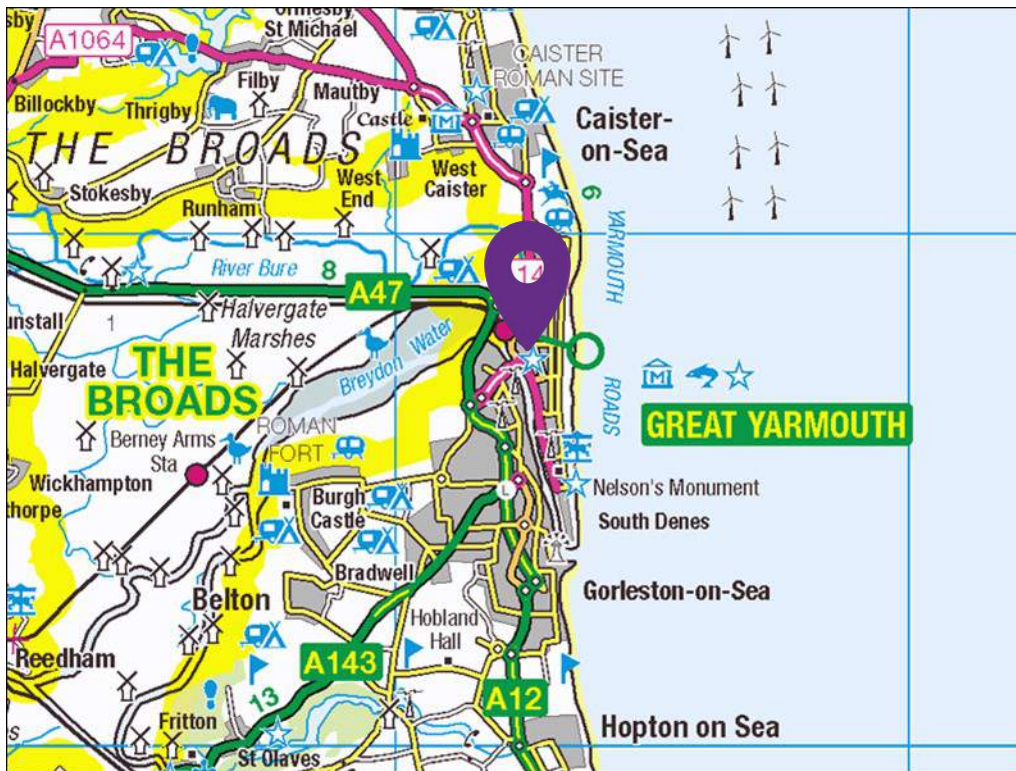


### **What is an access audit**

An access audit looks at the suitability of a trail for people with mobility impairments. We measure 12 parameters that are relevant for people accessing the countryside. If these are exceeded they are detailed in these booklets. The parameters are:

	<b>Minimum standard</b>
<b>Surface</b>	Firm stable and non slip
<b>Barriers</b>	None ( no flights of steps or stiles )
<b>Path width</b>	1200mm
<b>Restriction</b>	815mm
<b>Ramp Gradient</b>	1:10
<b>Rise of Ramp</b>	950mm
<b>Cross Gradient</b>	1:35
<b>Steps</b>	15mm high
<b>Resting places</b>	Every 300m
<b>Passing places</b>	Every 150m
<b>Surface breaks</b>	Maximum 12mm across
<b>Clear Walking Tunnel</b>	1200mm wide and 2100mm high

This booklet shows where these standards are **not met** on the route in question.



**Start point:**

Haven Bridge



**By car:** Stonecutters Car Park , NR30 1JB. Grid Ref TG521075



**Accessible facilities:**

Behind the Marina Centre on Marine Parade



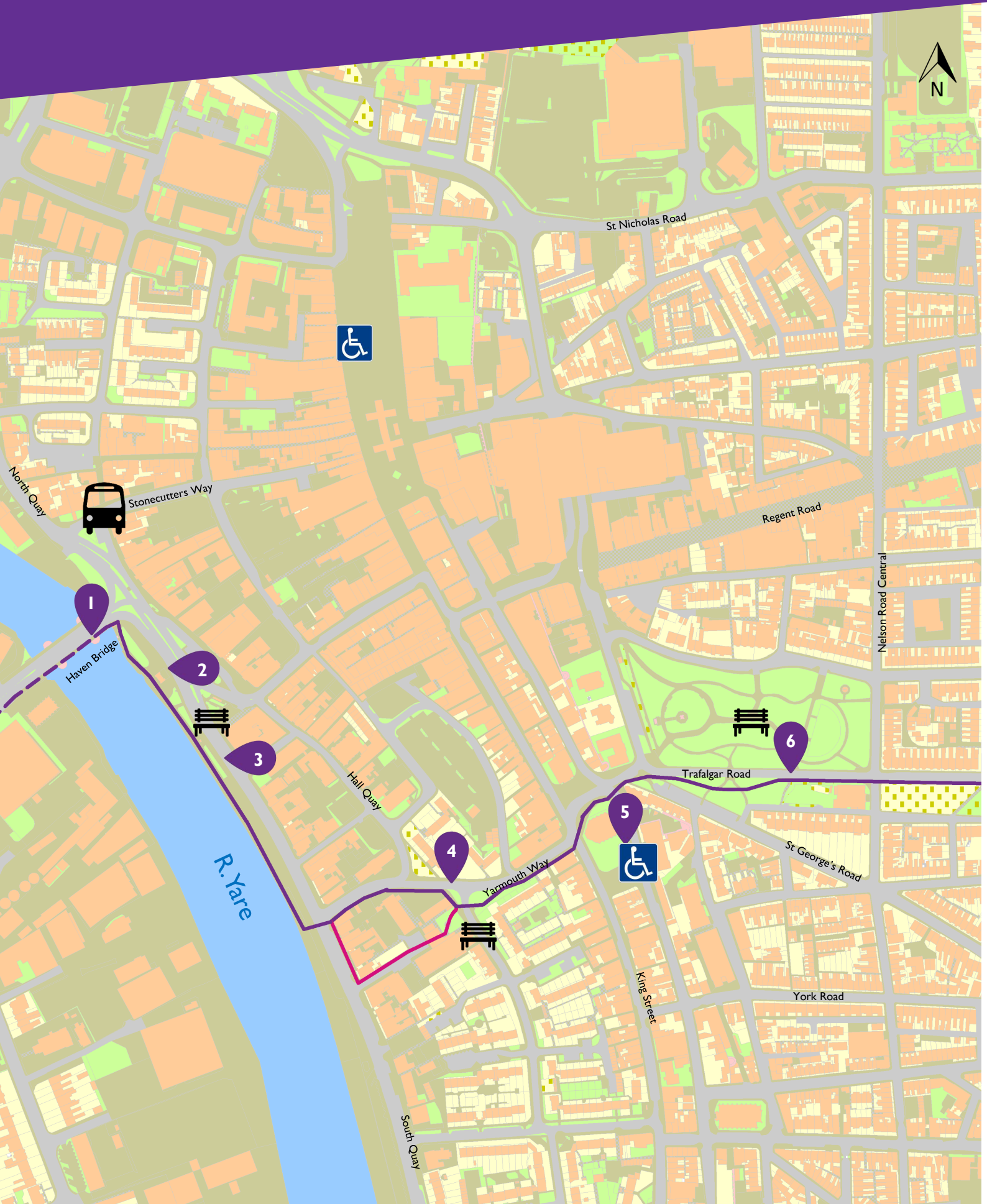
**By bus:** nearest stop at Stonecutters Way



**Distance:** 2¼ mile

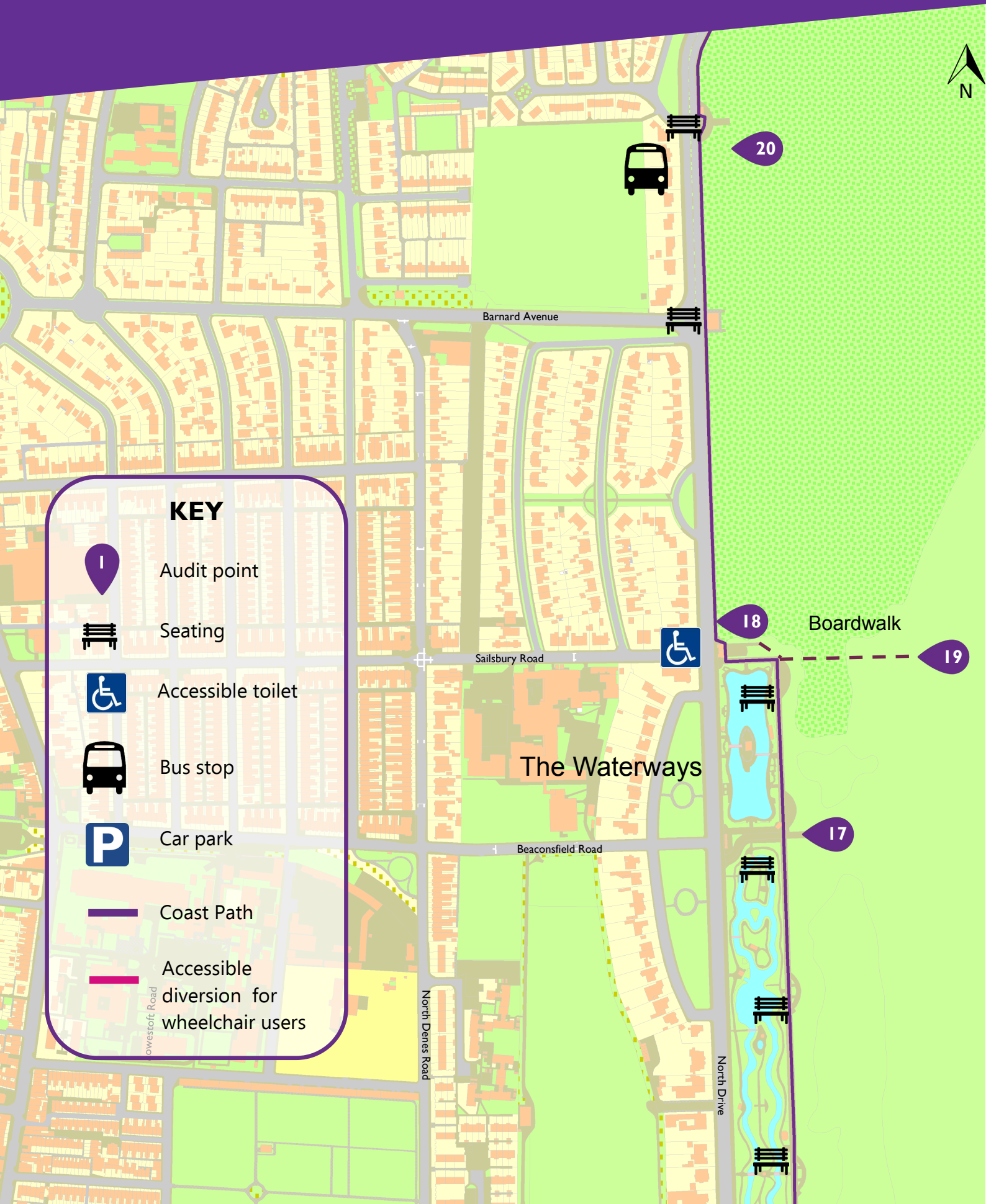
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# Haven Bridge & Town Centre





# Marine Parade & North Drive



## KEY



Audit point



Seating



Accessible toilet



Bus stop



Car park



Coast Path



Accessible diversion for wheelchair users

owestoft Road

North Dunes Road

Barnard Avenue

Salisbury Road

Beaconsfield Road

The Waterways

North Drive

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Boardwalk



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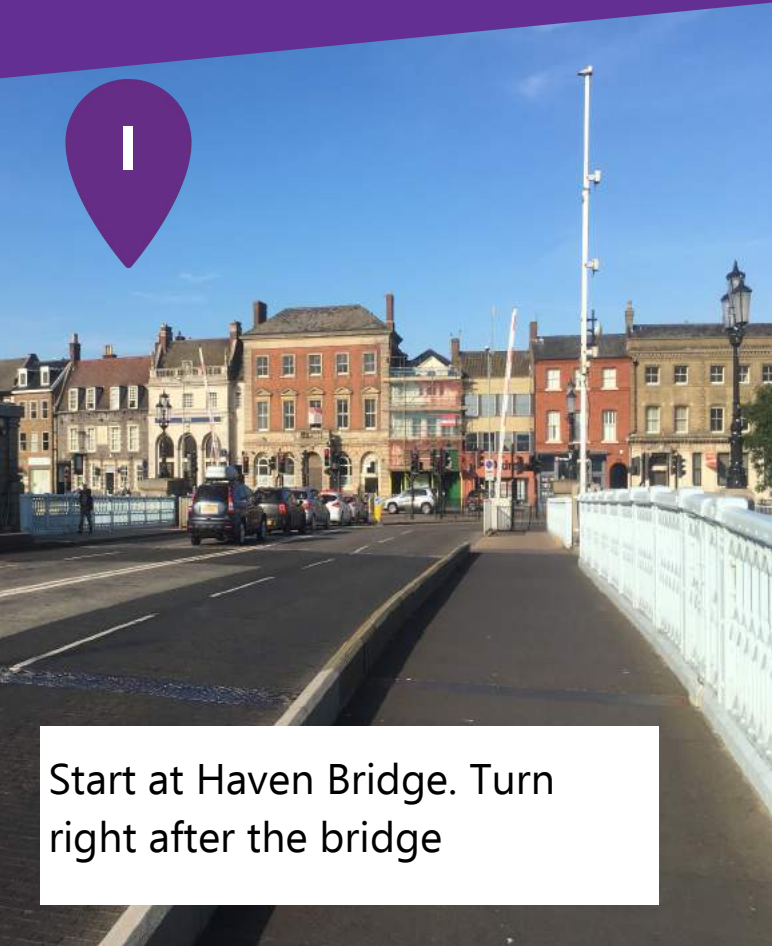


# North Drive & North Denes



# Audit Photos

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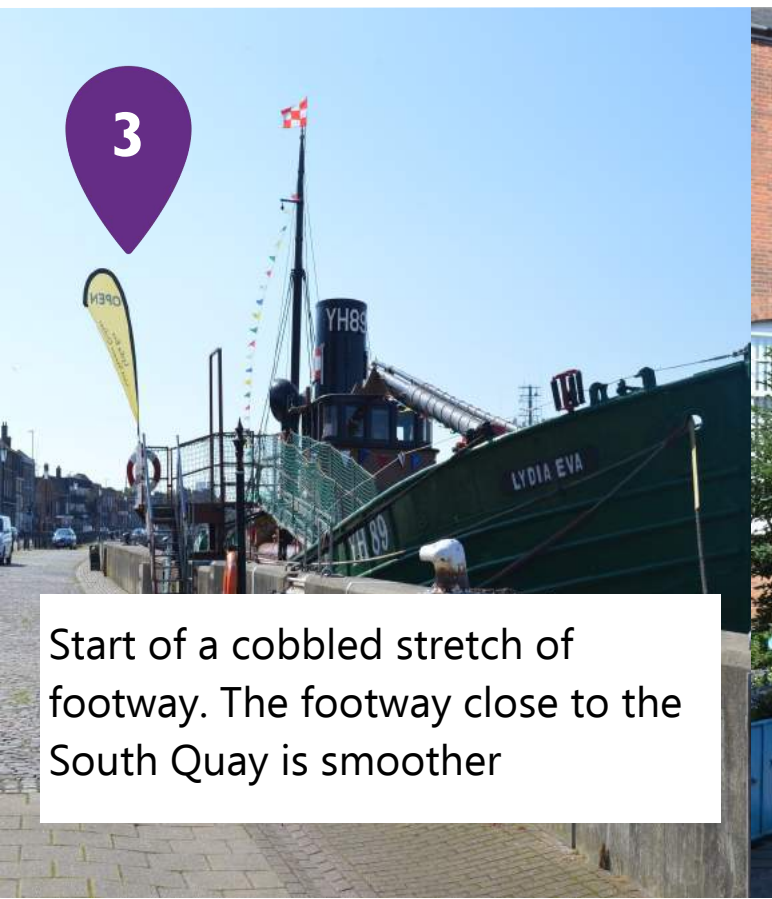
Start at Haven Bridge. Turn right after the bridge

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Head South along North Quay (seating at regular intervals)

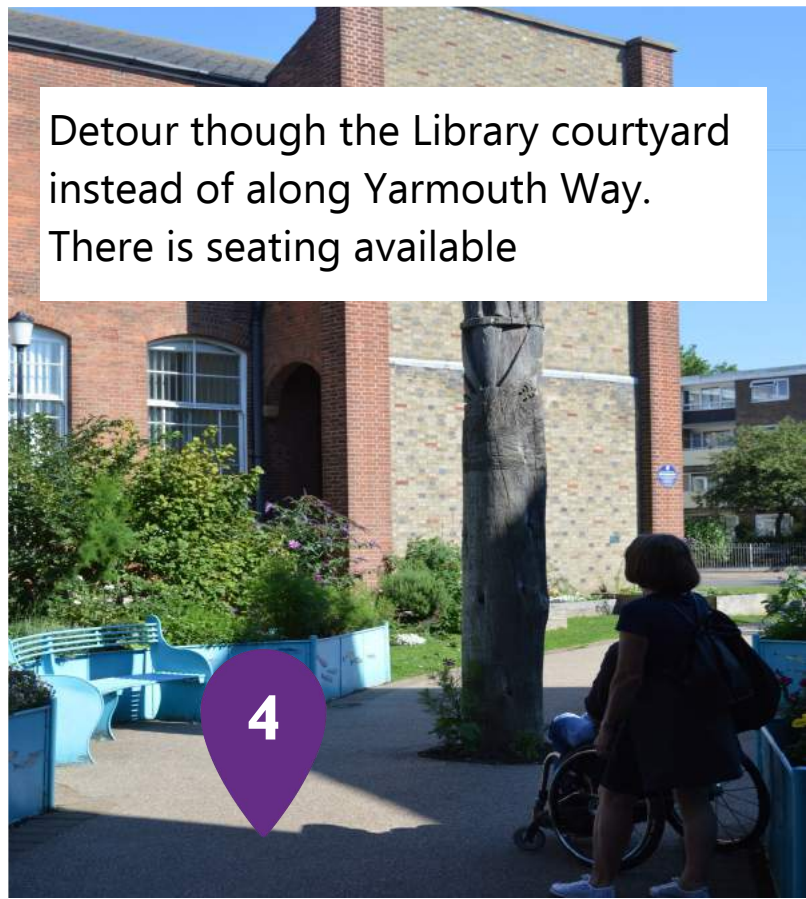
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Start of a cobbled stretch of footway. The footway close to the South Quay is smoother

Detour though the Library courtyard instead of along Yarmouth Way. There is seating available

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The Café at St George's is accessible and has accessible toilets

The 100m slope up to St George's is less than a 1:12 gradient



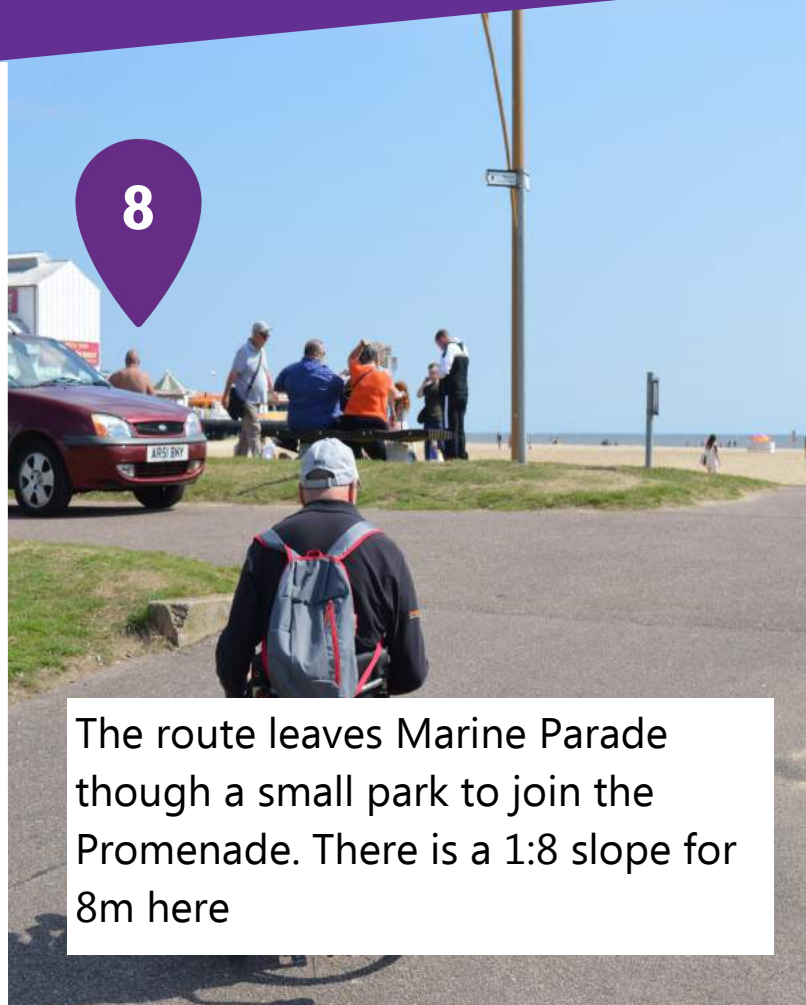
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St George's Park is a pleasant green space with ample seating

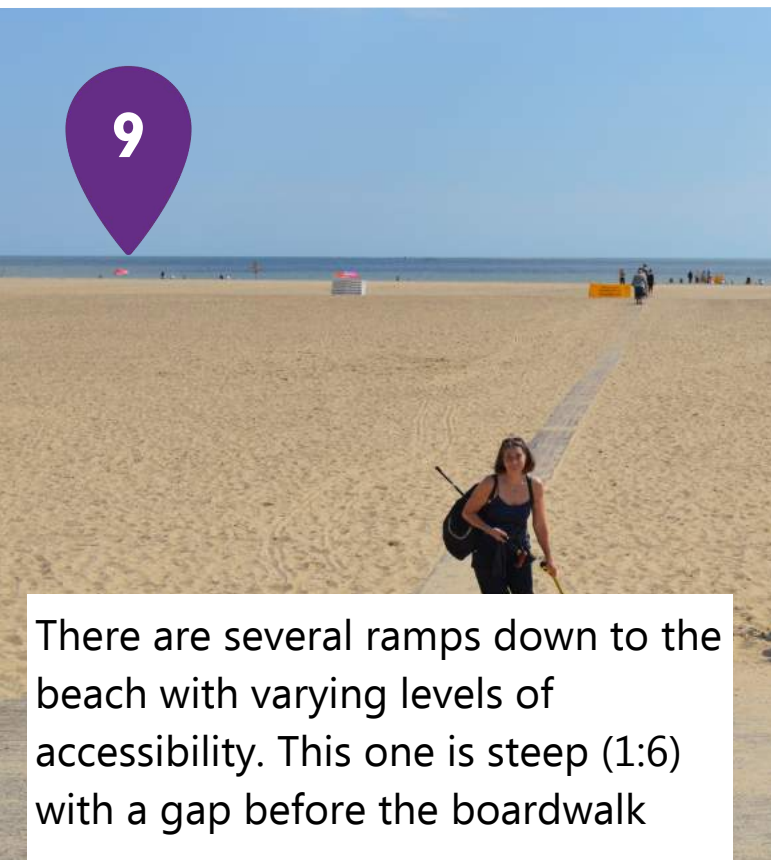
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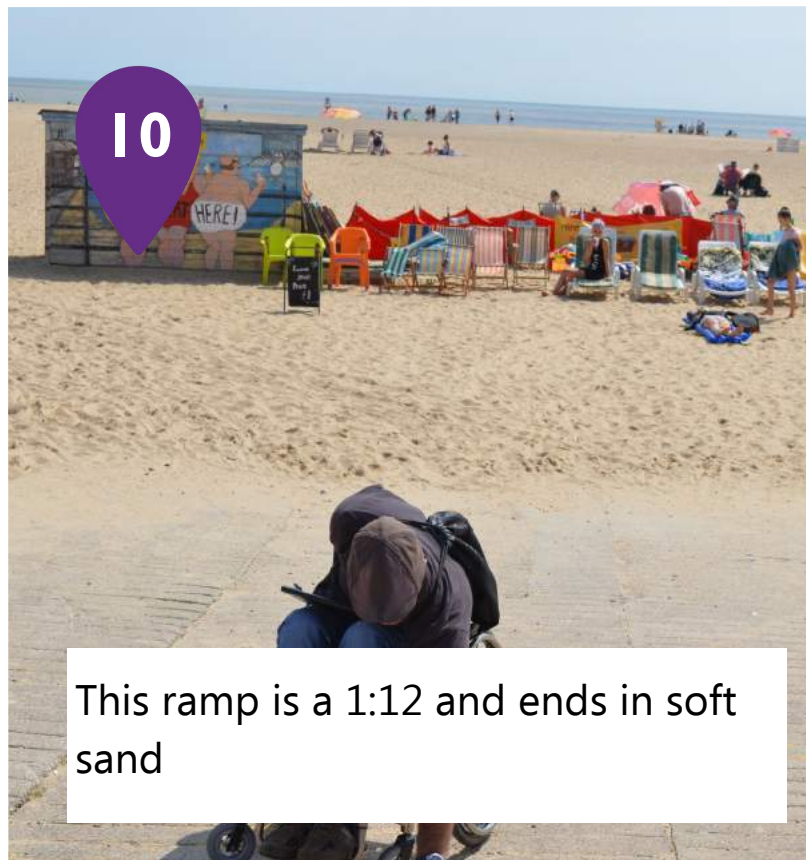
At the Marina Centre, the route proceeds north. Accessible toilets to be found in the car park



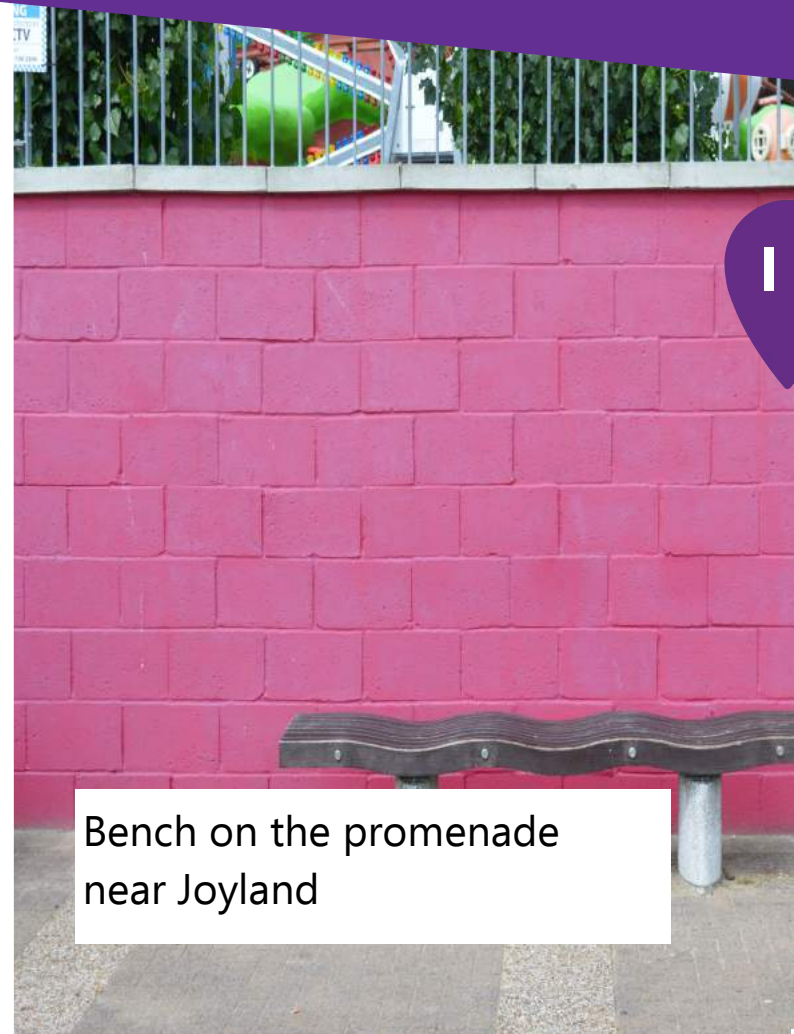
The route leaves Marine Parade through a small park to join the Promenade. There is a 1:8 slope for 8m here



There are several ramps down to the beach with varying levels of accessibility. This one is steep (1:6) with a gap before the boardwalk



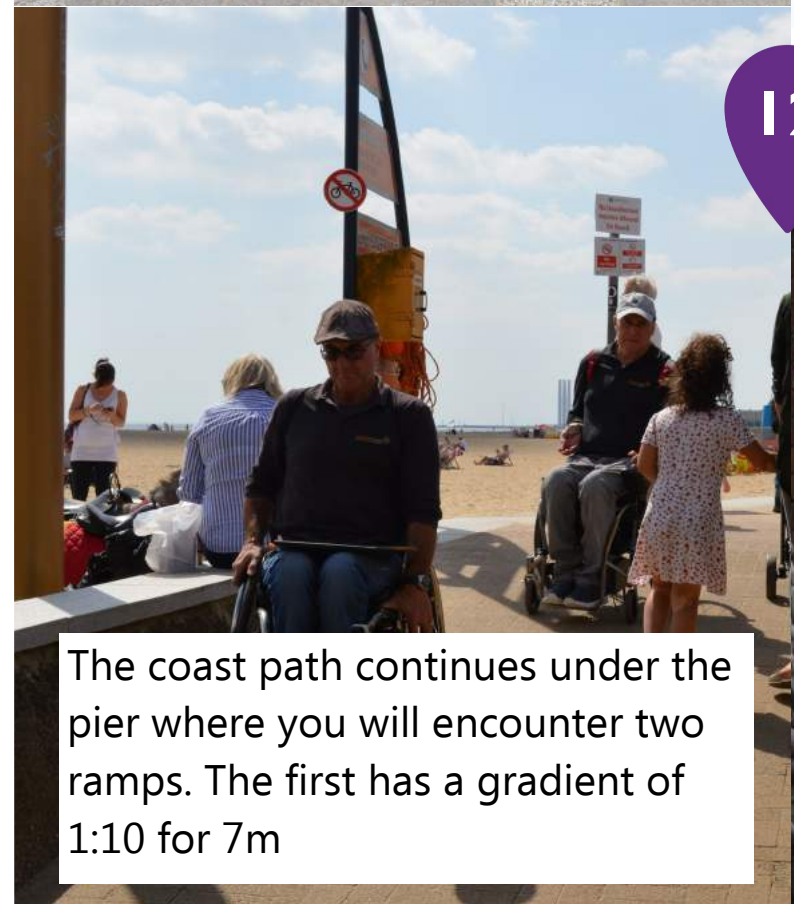
This ramp is a 1:12 and ends in soft sand



Bench on the promenade near Joyland



The promenade is over 4m wide and has a firm smooth surface but gets very busy at peak times




The coast path continues under the pier where you will encounter two ramps. The first has a gradient of 1:10 for 7m



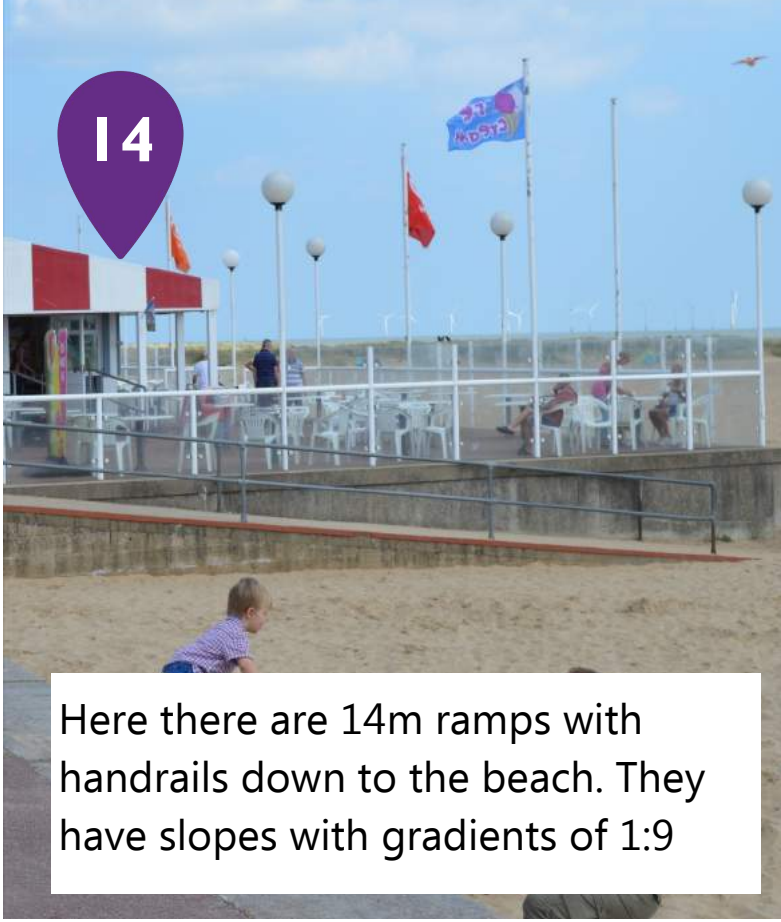
The second ramp is steeper with a gradient of 1:6 for 7m

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A man in a light blue t-shirt and patterned shorts is walking away from the camera under a modern, curved, white canopy structure supported by dark blue poles. The canopy covers a paved walkway with several white benches. In the background, there are buildings and a green area.

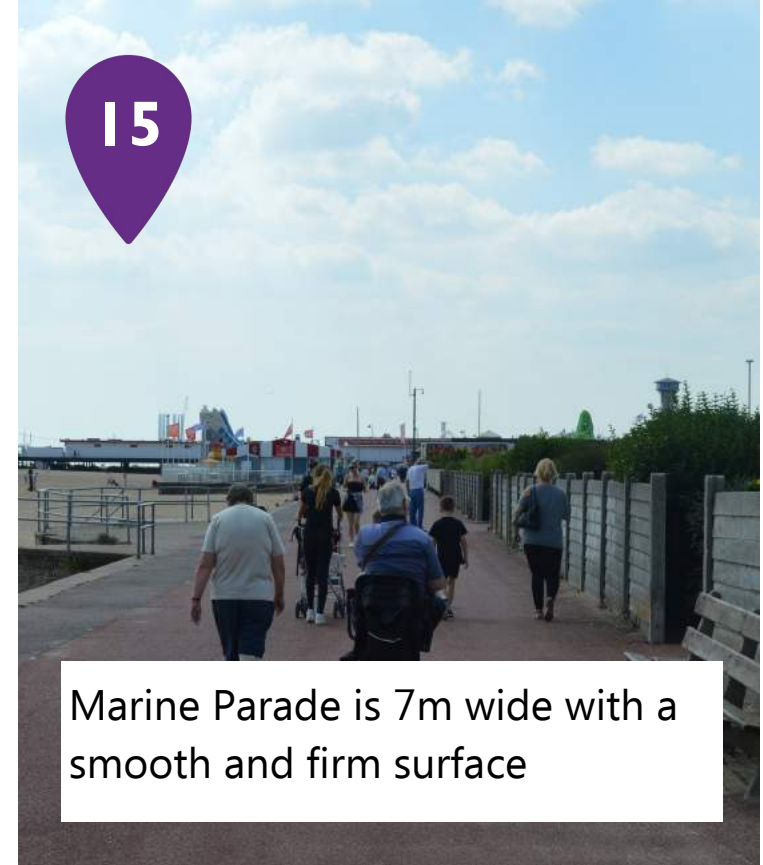
Benches every 50m along this section. Accessible toilets and parking with wheelchair bays is adjacent to the coast path

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A child is crawling on a sandy beach. In the background, there is a concrete ramp with metal handrails leading down to the beach. Several flagpoles with flags are visible against a blue sky.


Here there are 14m ramps with handrails down to the beach. They have slopes with gradients of 1:9

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A wide, paved walkway with a smooth surface. Several people are walking along the path, including a person in a wheelchair. The path is bordered by a low wall on the right and a railing on the left. In the background, there are buildings and a blue sky.

Marine Parade is 7m wide with a smooth and firm surface

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Two men in wheelchairs are walking on a paved path. The man on the left is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants, and the man on the right is wearing a dark polo shirt and blue jeans. The path is paved with reddish-brown bricks and has a step up.

Where Marine Parade crosses ramps to the beach you will encounter steps of over 20mm



Here are two dropped kerbs that are steps of 40mm



The emergency access ramp to the beach measures 1:12 for 20m



Accessible toilets, Café and a 150m boardwalk onto the beach which can be accessed by a 1:12 ramp with handrails.



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The boardwalk is 150m long and 1.5m wide with enough room for two wheelchairs to pass



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The boardwalk finishes just before the high tide mark. There are steps down to the beach

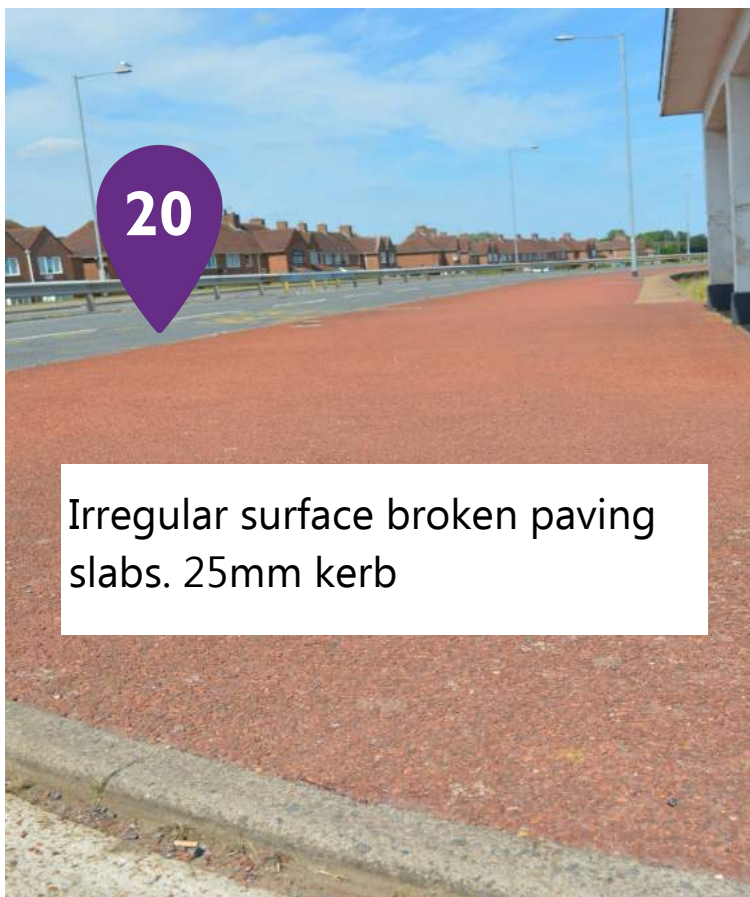


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Rest awhile on the 4m x 4m platform which is big enough to turn a large mobility scooter

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Irregular surface broken paving slabs. 25mm kerb

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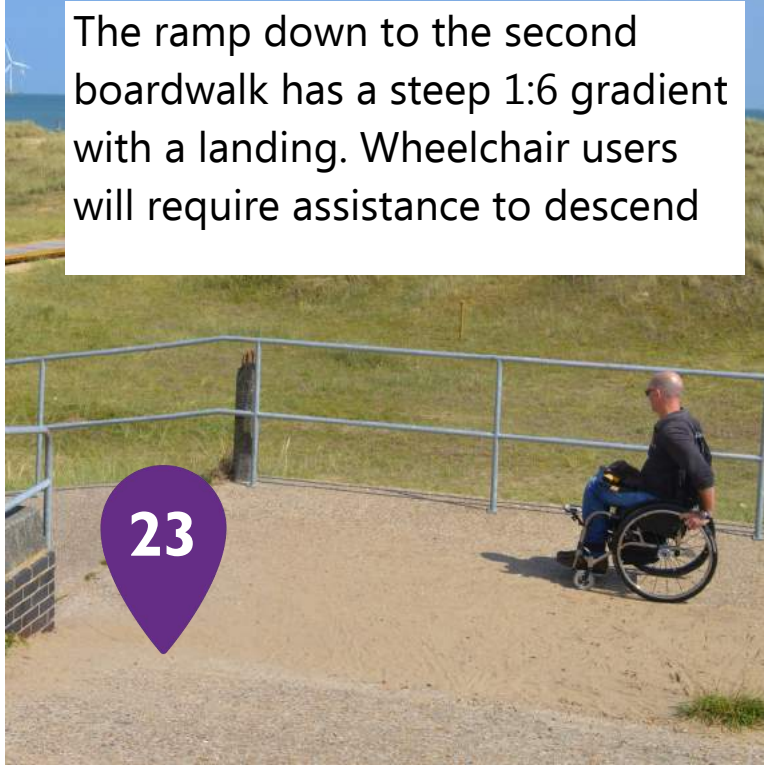


Broken paving slabs for 13m irregular surface



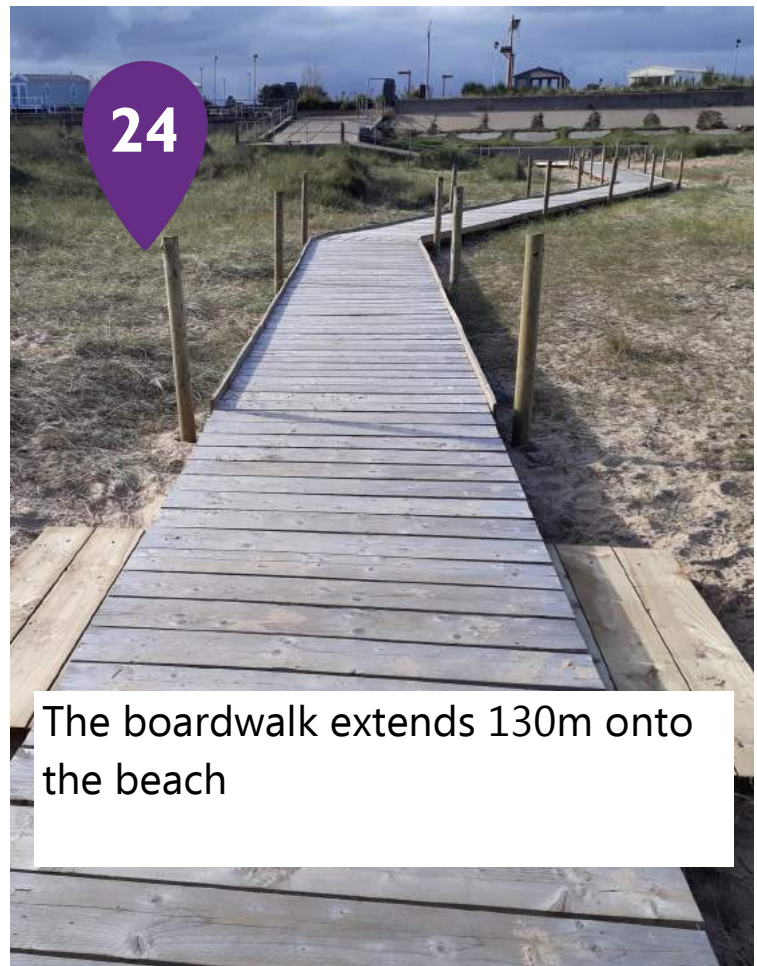
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Newly made surface has improved the accessibility for most of the footway along Marine Drive.



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The ramp down to the second boardwalk has a steep 1:6 gradient with a landing. Wheelchair users will require assistance to descend



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The boardwalk extends 130m onto the beach



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The second boardwalk ends at a platform that measures 4m by 4m

## **Disclaimer**

The information given for this route is based on findings on the day of the audit and may vary according to the time of year and the weather. This document gives information about the condition of trails in order to help people choose routes to explore, but it is up to the individual to decide whether or not the route is suitable for their ability.

## **Try more Trails**

Four long-distance trails leave from Great Yarmouth. As well as the Coast Path, three other routes traverse the edges of Breydon Water: The Wherryman's Way, Weavers Way and Angles Way.

Follow the Angles Way to Burgh Castle where there is a 1 mile long accessible circular walk.

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