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# Broadcaster

2025 Guide to the  
Broads National Park

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**Broads**  
National Park



# Stay safe on the water!

We want you to stay safe and enjoy your visit to the Broads National Park. It's a wild and beautiful place – but like many wild and beautiful things, it's best to treat it with a bit of respect. Relax, but be aware of potential dangers and the unpredictable nature of wild places. If you're going boating, please follow this guidance to keep safe and read the Boating Basics guide on pages 25-32, including 'How to cross Breydon Water' on page 30.



## Wear a life jacket to keep safe

– and always wear one when you are on deck, getting on and off or tying up your boat



## Plan ahead

– prepare and take care, there are very low bridges, tides and other challenges



### Don't jump when mooring

– plan where and how to moor safely, and share this plan with everyone on board

### Hold on when moving around

– boats are affected by tide, wind and waves made by other boats



### Don't drink and drown

– you need to stay in control if sailing or driving a boat



### Stay aboard

– never enter the water from a boat. If someone falls in, don't attempt to rescue them from the back of a boat – boats have a sharp propeller at the back

### Slow down

– give yourself time to do things safely and enjoy your visit



For more guidance go to [broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials)



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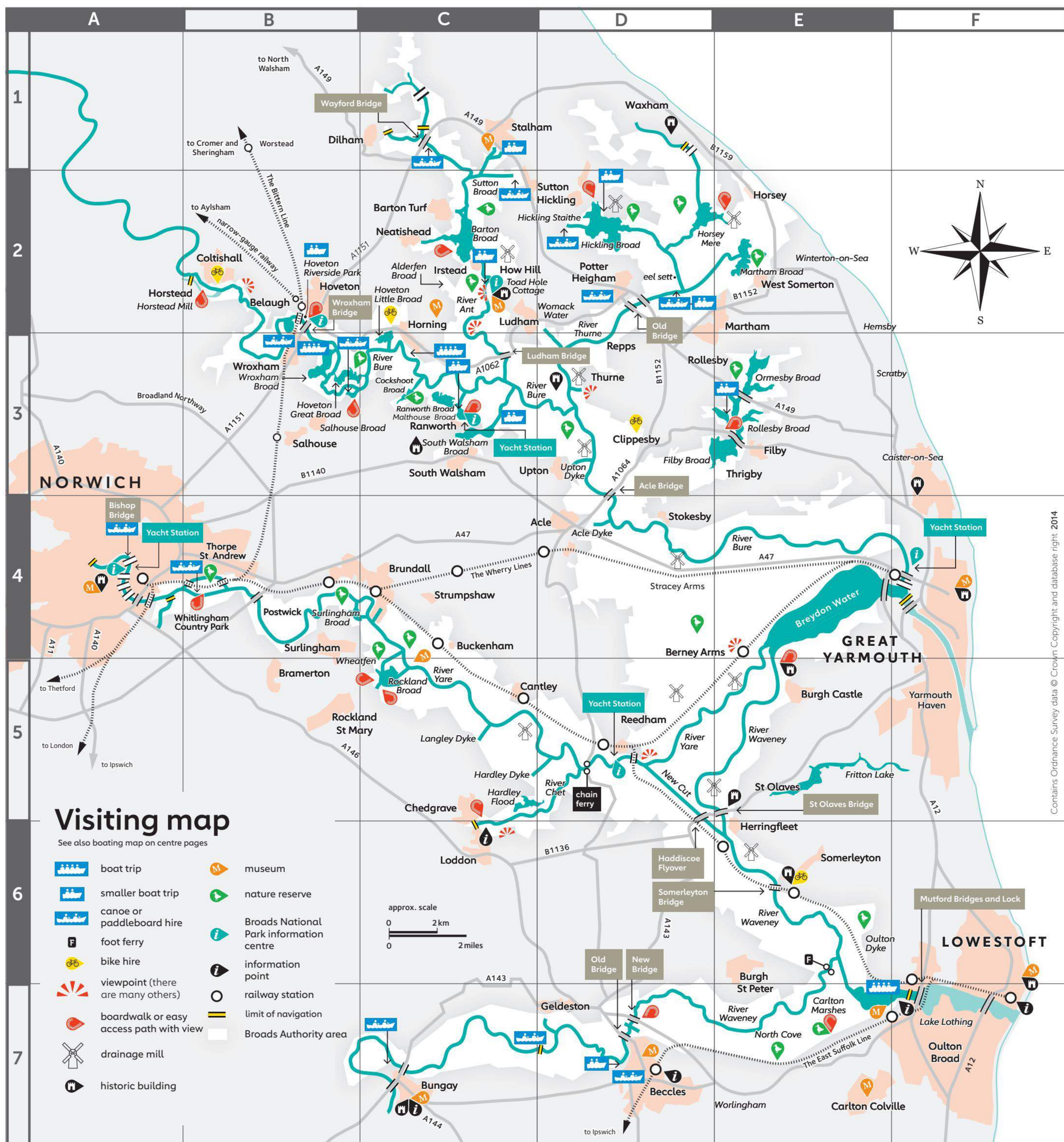


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[VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk)

The visitor website for the Broads also has all you need to know about where to go and what to do, where to stay ashore and afloat, where to eat, boating, special events and everything else you need to enjoy the Broads by land and water.

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# 10 THINGS TO DO...

VISIT THE BROADS

Ranworth Church

## ...either side of the River Bure

### Ranworth C3

**1** Norfolk Wildlife Trust's floating **Broads Wildlife Centre** is free to visit and will introduce you to all the wildlife of the Broads.

**2** To get there take the free **boardwalk** (start from the staithe), going through the nature reserve's wet or carr woodland and out to Ranworth Broad.

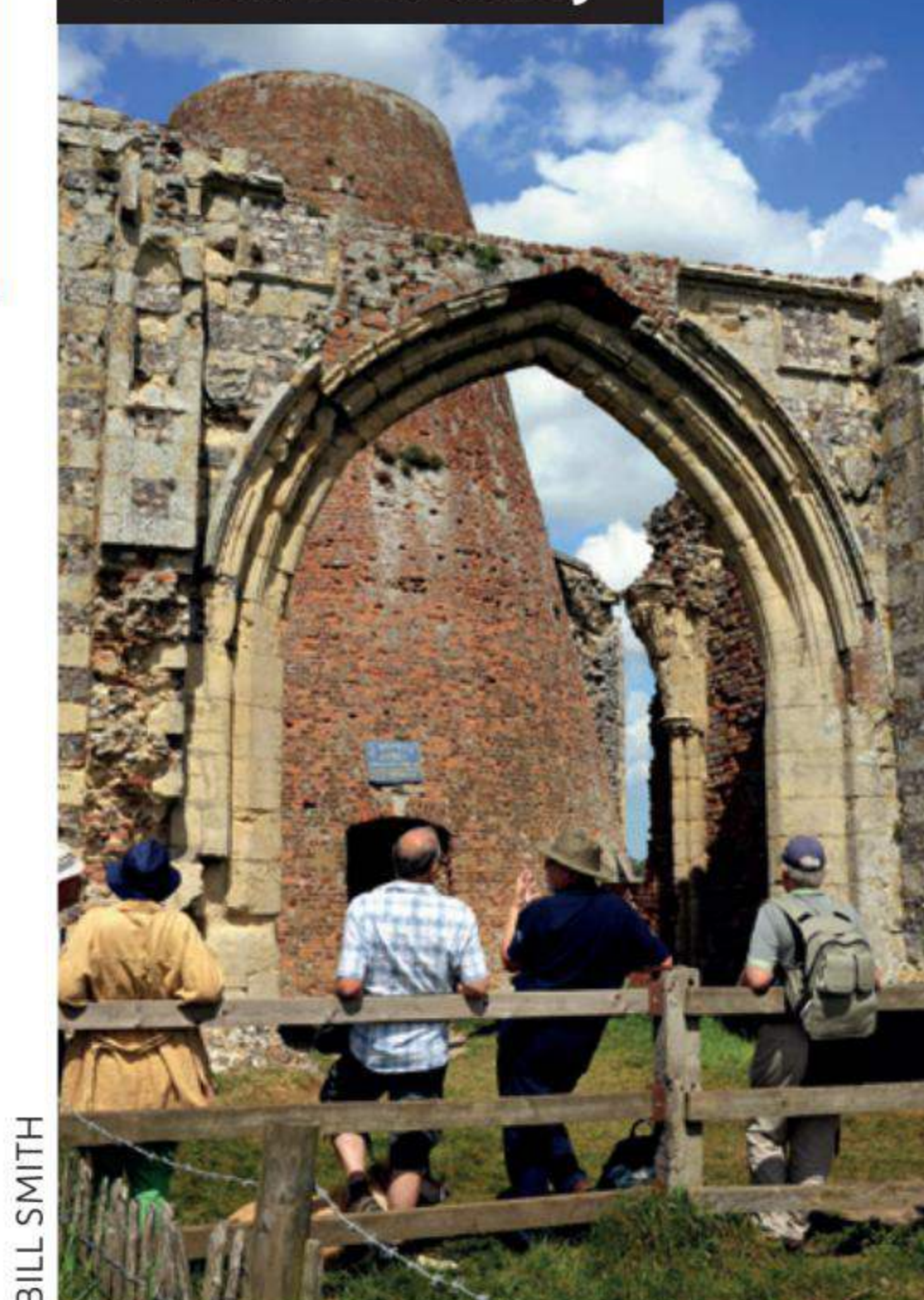
**3** Or take the **ferry service** between the staithe and the centre. Other boat trips available too. [norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)

**4** Visit medieval **St Helen's Church**, known as the cathedral of the Broads. You can even climb the church tower for a bird's-eye view of the Broads. The church has its own Visitors' Centre and tea shop. The Broads has many other beautiful medieval churches, some with thatched roofs. [ranworthchurch.com](http://ranworthchurch.com)

• For Broads National Park boat trips from Ranworth see page 11

• Toilets, parking, moorings with charge, pub, other refreshments, shop

### St Benet's Abbey



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Ludham

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### Ludham C2

**5** The Bishop of Norwich is still the Abbot of St Benet's and each summer an open-air service takes place at the remains of **St Benet's Abbey**, with the bishop arriving on a sailing wherry. Everyone is very welcome to attend. This year the service is on Sunday 27 July at 3.30pm. The abbey has free guided tours from the beginning of June to the end of September, at 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Parts of the abbey site are accessible to wheelchair users (there's a very small car park) and moorings are available. [norfarchtrust.org.uk](http://norfarchtrust.org.uk)

**6** You can enjoy **walking** to the abbey from Ludham Bridge or Ludham village, or try the How Hill to St Benet's Abbey walk on [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking)

**7** For more walking visit **Ludham and Potter Heigham Marshes** (at the end of Horsefen Road, near Womack Water). More details for walks from [ludhamarchive.org.uk](http://ludhamarchive.org.uk)

**8** **St Catherine's Church** is another lovely medieval church to visit, with lots of events too. [watersidegroup.org.uk](http://watersidegroup.org.uk)

**9** The base for **wherries Albion and Maud** is on Horsefen Road, so look out for any signs of them from the land or water. You can read about wherries and their public sailing trips and open days on page 20.

**10** More historic boats, this time from the 1930s and belonging to **Hunter's Yard** (Horsefen Road), can also often be seen in the area. They offer sailing holidays, courses and two-hour skippered sails. Whether you can't sail but would love to try, just need a little refresher, or would rather sit back and relax, this is the one for you! [huntersyard.co.uk](http://huntersyard.co.uk)

• For Broads National Park boat trips from How Hill, Ludham see page 11

• Boat hire, toilets, parking, moorings, pubs, other refreshments, shops

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### Ranworth



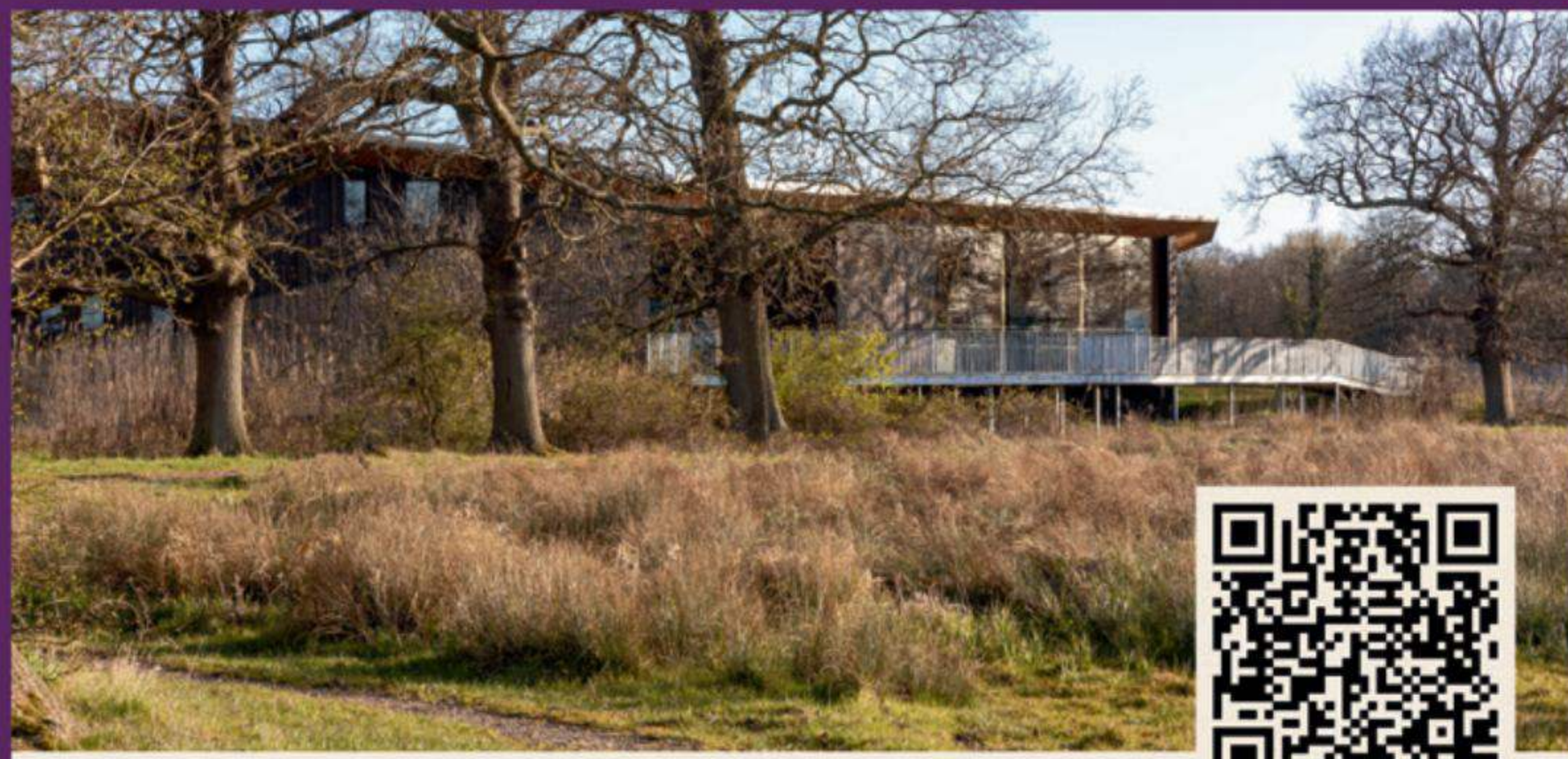
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**what3words:** invite.otter.holly

**Mooring:** Oulton Dyke

**Visitor centre:** 10am-4pm



## Worlingham Marshes

Guided Walks | Events

An emerging nature reserve with marsh and fen habitats home to growing array of birds, invertebrates and flora.

**Postcode:** NR34 7PF

**what3words:** burying.lightens.noses

**Mooring:** Worlingham

**When to visit:** All year round



**Suffolk**  
Wildlife Trust

[suffolkwildlifetrust.org](https://suffolkwildlifetrust.org)



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Bungay



St Edmund's Church

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# ...at two ends of the River Waveney

## Bungay C7

- 1 You're never far from the River Waveney in Bungay, where you can explore the delights of **Falcon Meadow** or **Outney Common**. For **local walks** go to [bungay-suffolk.co.uk/to-do/walks](http://bungay-suffolk.co.uk/to-do/walks)
- 2 Head towards the common too for **canoe hire** from [outneymeadow.co.uk](http://outneymeadow.co.uk) on a tranquil stretch of the River Waveney.

## Butter Cross, Bungay


- 3 In the town centre, look out for the 17th-century **Butter Cross** in the centre of the Market Place – a weekly market still takes place around the Butter Cross each Thursday. Look out too for any signs of a black dog.
- 4 Other things to see include medieval **St Mary's Church** and the **Benedictine priory ruins**. [stmaryschurchbungay.co.uk](http://stmaryschurchbungay.co.uk)
- 5 Beware of **Shuck** or Shock – the black dog of Bungay, who terrorised the congregation at St Mary's Church during a violent storm on Sunday 4 August in 1577. Known by various different

names, black dogs appear in stories in several parts of the country, and particularly in Suffolk and Norfolk. Details of the Bungay story and its interpretations vary too. Look out for Bungay's Black Shuck Festival (see page 49), which celebrates folklore, imagination and storytelling with theatre, music, art, literature and history. [blackshuckfestival.com](http://blackshuckfestival.com)


6 Medieval Bungay Castle is closed for repairs during at least part of 2025, but **Castle Hills**, close by, is a good place for a picnic. And even if you can't visit his castle, you can still enjoy Baron Bigod cheese. The local Fen Farm Dairy produces this Brie-style cheese, a winner again in the 2024 British Cheese Awards. [bungay-suffolk.co.uk/to-do/castle](http://bungay-suffolk.co.uk/to-do/castle)

- Toilets, parking, pubs, other refreshments, shops

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## Oulton Broad F7

**7** Visit **Lowestoft Museum** in Broad House, Nicholas Everitt Park, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad. It's probably best known for its important collection of 18th-century Lowestoft porcelain. [lowestoftmuseum.org](http://lowestoftmuseum.org)

**8** **Nicholas Everitt** wrote that he was 'enchanted beyond measure' by Oulton Broad in his book *Broadland Sport*, published in 1902. His family moved to Broad House, close to the water's edge, in 1874. Other former residents of Oulton Broad include 19th-century writer **George Borrow**, and **TF Goodall**, who published *Life and Landscape on the Norfolk Broads* in 1887, with the renowned photographer PH Emerson. Oulton Broad is the third largest broad and offers all kinds of boating activities, while the park offers a children's play area, tennis courts, refreshments, events and other activities.

**9** **Mutford Lock** (close to the park) was constructed in 1828 as part of a scheme to provide Lowestoft with a direct route to Norwich, avoiding the high tolls charged by Great Yarmouth at the time. The scheme included opening Lake Lothing to the North Sea to provide a harbour. The lock connected Lake Lothing with Oulton Broad,



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Mutford Lock

providing controlled navigational access on to the broad. Due to different tides in Lake Lothing and Oulton Broad, the lock structure has an unusual bi-directional design. It has two pairs of opposing gates at each end to allow for high water levels on either side of the lock. The New Cut, connecting the River Waveney at St Olaves with the River Yare at Reedham (for onward travel to Norwich), opened in 1833, but the route was not very successful. In the 1840s, the Norwich and Lowestoft Navigation assets, including Mutford Lock, were acquired by Samuel Morton Peto, who developed the railway link into Lowestoft. Like other things connected with

trade on the Broads, Mutford Lock has become an asset for tourism, providing access for private boats between the North Sea at Lowestoft and the Broads. [thesuffolkcoast.co.uk/suffolk-coast-towns-and-villages/oulton-broad](http://thesuffolkcoast.co.uk/suffolk-coast-towns-and-villages/oulton-broad)

**10** Enjoy a stroll at **Oulton Marshes**, just across Oulton Dyke from Carlton Marshes. You can reach Oulton Marshes from Church Lane, Oulton Broad, or from the Dutch Tea Gardens moorings at the dyke. [suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://suffolkwildlifetrust.org)  
• Toilets, parking, moorings, pubs, other refreshments, shops

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# THE BROADS HAVE IT ALL AND SO DO WE



## Find your perfect spot – on the water or on deck

Dreaming of life on the water? Whether you need a secure mooring or the perfect boat to explore the Broads, we've got you covered. Visit our marinas, browse our boats and start your next adventure today!



### MARINAS & BOAT SALES

**LOCATIONS:** BROADLANDS PARK & MARINA | BRUNDALL BAY MARINA | WAVENEY RIVER CENTRE



## Stay, play & make the Broads your own

From luxury holiday homes to scenic static and touring pitches, we offer the perfect place to escape, unwind, and keep coming back for more. Discover your home-from-home or book your pitch today!



### HOLIDAY HOMES & CARAVANS

**LOCATIONS:** BROADLANDS PARK & MARINA | CALDECOTT HALL COUNTRY PARK | WAVENEY RIVER CENTRE



## COME FOR THE DAY, STAY FOR THE FUN!



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Per person **£6.00** | Family pass (2 adults & 2 children) **£20.00**

Course may close at short notice during adverse weather



### Swim, splash & relax at our pools!

Our pools at **Broadlands, Waveney, Caldecott Hall and Waterside Park** are open to the public, offering a great way to get active or enjoy a fun day out with the family. No membership needed—just dive in and enjoy!

Please check individual sites for opening times and prices.



### Breakfast, lunch or wine and dine

With a choice of eateries and diverse menus, we strive to bring you a great dining experience across our sites.

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## VISIT OUR SITES, EXPLORE OUR OFFERINGS & MAKE THE BROADS YOUR OWN

**Broadlands Park & Marina**, Marsh Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 9JY | **Brundall Bay Marina**, Brundall Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR13 5PN | **Caldecott Hall Country Club**, Beccles Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 9EY | **Waveney River Centre**, Staithe Road, Burgh St Peter, Norfolk NR34 0DE | **Tingdene Waterside**, The Street, Corton, Suffolk NR32 5HS

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# Secret Broads boat trips

*Ra, Liana and the Electric Eel*

If you know the Broads, the word secret may not spring to mind in relation to Hoveton and Wroxham, known as the capital of the Broads in the early days of Broads holidays. But there are still secrets to be found on our Broads National Park boat trips and the Ra trip at Hoveton is no exception. What's more, this year Ra is celebrating 25 years! The Broads Authority acquired Ra as part of the Clear Water 2000 millennium project to restore Barton Broad and provide recreational access for the public.

Our three small and friendly wildlife boat trips are fun for everyone, and will give you the chance to experience nature in tranquillity – the boats are all quiet, thanks to electric power. Our expert staff will ensure your safety and comfort, and will share their knowledge and love of the Broads with you on these special trips. Whether you're a new or returning visitor, there are secrets to discover, whatever your interests.

## Before you go on these three trips...

- You may find it convenient to book your boat trip in advance at holiday times when trips may be busy; as well as booking direct, you can also book at any Broads information centre
- Family tickets are for up to two adults and two children
- We are sorry we cannot take dogs, except assistance dogs, on any of these trips
- All passengers must wear the life jackets provided
- For spring and autumn trips bring warm, waterproof clothes
- Group bookings also available, including special dawn and evening trips – please ask for details

## More info

Visit [TheBroads.co.uk/information-centres](http://TheBroads.co.uk/information-centres)



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## BOAT TRIP GIFTS

Give your friends and family the experience of one (or more!) of our wildlife boat trips. Full details from our staff at Hoveton (Ra trips), Ranworth (Liana trips) and How Hill (Electric Eel trips).

**Liana boat trip**

## Ra boat trips at Hoveton

Hoveton and Wroxham (B2/B3) lie either side of the River Bure. Take to the water here on Ra, named after the Egyptian sun god, and you'll find yourself drifting into another world, transported along a beautiful stretch of the river, going to Caen Meadow on the short trip and into Bridge Broad and along to Belaugh on the long trip. Ra sits high on the water, so offers great views, and you can listen to the birdsong and relax in a green world, with meadows and wet woodlands on either side that can't be explored by land. It's hard to believe that you're just minutes from the centre of Wroxham. Ra was the first solar-powered passenger boat in the UK, so you can also find out about solar power, and how the Broads Authority and partners are developing the greener next phase of boating on the Broads.

These trips depart from Hoveton Riverside Park, close to Hoveton Broads Information Centre, Hoveton & Wroxham Railway Station (on the Bittern Line between Norwich and Sheringham) and the Bure Valley Railway's Wroxham Station (see page 16). Parking and free 24-hour moorings are close by too. Ra is accessible to wheelchair users via a ramp.

## Boat trip details and bookings

- 1 hour or 1½ hours, up to nine passengers (at driver's discretion) including up to four wheelchair users – please check when booking as number depends on the type of wheelchair
- April, May, October: weekends, bank holidays,

Easter week and local half-term only 10.30am (short trip), 11.45am (long trip), 2.30pm (short trip), 3.45pm (short trip)

• June–September: daily 10.30am (short trip), 11.45am (long trip), 2.30pm (short trip), 3.45pm (short trip)

**Cost:** Short trip £11 adult, £9 child, £34 family; long trip £13 adult, £11 child, £44 family

**Bookings:** Hoveton Broads Information Centre, 01603 756097

## Hoveton Broads Information Centre

Station Road, Hoveton NR12 8UR

01603 756097

[hovetontic@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:hovetontic@broads-authority.gov.uk)

**Open** (free entry)

• 29–31 March, April, May, October, 1–2 November: Monday–Friday 9am–1pm and 1.30–5pm; Saturday–Sunday 9am–5pm

• June–September: daily 9am–5pm

The centre has been refurbished for 2025, with new displays to help you enjoy the Broads and find out about other aspects of the Broads Authority's work. The displays include QR codes to audio recordings.

## More to explore at Hoveton

Expand your day out with a visit to Wroxham Barns for crafts and children's activities, or Hoveton Hall Gardens (both about 1½ miles away), or BeWILDerwood children's woodland adventure park (about 2 miles away). The Bure Valley Path is close by – see page 16. Reburishment work at Hoveton Riverside Park will be completed this year. [wroxhambarns.co.uk](http://wroxhambarns.co.uk) [hovetonhallestate.co.uk](http://hovetonhallestate.co.uk) [beWILDerwood.co.uk](http://beWILDerwood.co.uk)



**Ra boat trip**

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## Liana boat trips at Ranworth

Set off on a voyage of discovery from Ranworth (C3) on board Liana, our Edwardian-style electric launch. As we cross Malthouse Broad, the activity of birds at the staithe subsides and there's a wonderful view of St Helen's Church, known as the cathedral of the Broads. We go past the entrance to Ranworth Broad (the broad and marshes are part of the Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve) and if we're very lucky, we may catch a glimpse of an otter or two as we pass along Ranworth Dam on our way to join the River Bure, heading towards Cockshoot Dyke. Birds peer out of the reed fringes at us, a kingfisher may be zipping across the water and look up too, a marsh harrier could be soaring overhead. These trips depart from Ranworth Staithe, where you'll find moorings (with charge, see page 25) and free parking.

**Cost:** £11 adult, £9 child, £34 family

**Bookings:** Ranworth Broads Information Centre, 01603 756094

### Ranworth Broads Information Centre

The Staithe, Ranworth NR13 6HY

01603 756094

ranworthtic@broads-authority.gov.uk

**Open** (free entry)

• 29 March to 2 November: daily 9am–5pm

### More to explore at Ranworth

At the information centre you can enjoy extracts from archive films about the history of Broads holidays. For ideas to expand your day out see page 5.

**WILDLIFE BOAT TRIPS**  
Buy one ticket and get  
25% off another one!

Buy a ticket for Ra, Liana or the Electric Eel and get 25% off the same type of ticket (adult, child or family) for one of the other trips. See pages 10–11 for details of trips. Please present this voucher and your original ticket on arrival.

Liana boat trip

### Boat trip details and bookings

- 55 minutes, up to eight passengers (at driver's discretion)
- April–October: daily 10.30am, 2pm, 3pm

## How Hill

How Hill National Nature Reserve (C2), close to the village of Ludham, has something of everything that makes the Broads special. The River Ant runs through the reserve and there are reedbeds, grazing marshes, wet woodlands and even a broad – all full of wildlife for you to discover.

Visit Toad Hole Cottage, lived in by generations of eel catchers, and imagine home life on the marshes in Victorian times. You can read about the marshwoman's year on page 42. Then take a boat trip to see where the marshmen worked. How Hill is still a working marsh – reed and sedge are cut for thatch, so you could see a 'modern marshman' at work. Explore the Wildlife Walking Trail, Secret Gardens, riverside walks and maybe even Hathor – one of the Broads sailing wherries (named after an Egyptian goddess, see page 20 for more about wherries).

Entry to the site is free, there are public footpaths, and there's a free car park (open all the time) and 24-hour free moorings. Visitors with disabilities may find it helpful to telephone in advance to check if How Hill is sufficiently accessible for you. In the summer and autumn you may find it helpful to bring an insect repellent for the How Hill trails.

### Electric Eel boat trips at How Hill

Step on board at How Hill Staithe, leave the River Ant behind and enter a tranquil, secret world, where reeds and flowers fringe the narrow dykes. Glide along until we stop for a short walk to a bird hide overlooking Reedham Water. The changing seasons bring changing wildlife. In May, when the sun shines,

### Electric Eel boat trip



the hidden warblers are in full song. June sees the Norfolk hawk dragonfly and the swallowtail butterfly on the wing. Summer is the season for flowers, including water lilies. In autumn, the birds are on the move again. The summer visitors leave for warmer climes and soon, duck including teal and wigeon will arrive from the north, as the marsh moves towards winter.

### Boat trip details and bookings

- 50 minutes for up to six passengers (at driver's discretion)
- April, May, October: weekends, bank holidays,

Easter week and local half-term only 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm

• June–September: daily 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm

**Cost:** £11 adult, £9 child, £34 family (not suitable for children under two)

**Bookings:** Toad Hole Cottage, 01603 756096

### Toad Hole Cottage

How Hill, Ludham NR29 5PG

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# Accessible.

## ...by land and water **Visits**

**N**ational parks are for everyone and the Broads is no exception. In fact it offers many options for an accessible day out. Grid references (for example C2) refer to the map on page 4.

### Easy access paths and boardwalks

These are often the best way to explore the marshy areas of the Broads and many are on nature reserves. They are suitable for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs.

• **Barton Broad** C2 (see page 41), **Filby Broad** E3, **Hickling Broad** D2 and **Ranworth Broad** C3  
01603 625540 [norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)

• **Beccles Marsh Trail** D7  
[VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking)

• **Burgh Castle** E5 and **St Benet's Abbey**, near Ludham D3 (see page 5)  
[norfarchtrust.org.uk](http://norfarchtrust.org.uk)

[norfolk.gov.uk/accesstested](http://norfolk.gov.uk/accesstested) (Burgh Castle)

• **Carlton Marshes** E7  
01502 359480 [suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://suffolkwildlifetrust.org)

• **Chedgrave** C5  
[norfolk.gov.uk/accesstested](http://norfolk.gov.uk/accesstested)

• **Honing to East Ruston** and **East Ruston to Stalham** C1  
[norfolk.gov.uk/accesstested](http://norfolk.gov.uk/accesstested)

• **Horsey Mere** E2  
01263 740241 [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)

• **Horstead Mill** B2  
Mill Road, Horstead

• **Rockland Marshes** C5  
01603 715191 [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)

• **Salhouse Broad** B3  
07795 145475 / 01603 722775  
[salhousebroad.org.uk](http://salhousebroad.org.uk)

• **Wheatfen, Surlingham** B5 (short boardwalk to bird hide)  
01508 538036 [wheatfen.org](http://wheatfen.org)  
For more accessible ways to visit the Broads by land, see page 14 for train travel and page 16 for cycling and horse riding.

### More new developments at **Whitlingham Country Park** B4

The two-mile path around the broad is fully accessible, great for wheelchairs, buggies and mobility scooters, as well as bicycles. An off-road mobility scooter is available to hire at £5 for 3 hours (book a time slot through the website). The scooter can be driven in most areas of the woodlands, as well on the path around the broad.

The park has forged links with Deaf Connexions in Norwich and a fantastic local British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter. Following several very successful guided walks last year with a BSL interpreter, the park will continue to provide this service where possible for events and they are looking into providing BSL interpretation for summer outdoor theatre.



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### Fairhaven Garden



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The flint barn toilets include a changing places toilet and a shower.  
[whitlinghamcountrypark.com](http://whitlinghamcountrypark.com)

### Boat trips, boat hire and other boating activities

Please check with operators for details of wheelchairs and weights they can accommodate.

• **Beccles – River Waveney – Waveney Stardust** D7  
Private cruises for groups with at least one person who requires accessible facilities. Single-deck cruiser with ramp and hydraulic lift, designed for wheelchair users and people with other disabilities, for groups of up to 12 passengers, up to six in wheelchairs. Skipper and crew included, galley and accessible toilet, other starting points may be available, book in advance.

07817 920502 [waveneystardust.co.uk](http://waveneystardust.co.uk)

• **Horning – River Bure – Southern Comfort** C3

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**Open** (free entry)

• 29-31 March, April, May, October, 1-2 November:  
Monday-Friday 10.30am-1pm and 1.30-5pm;  
Saturday-Sunday 10.30am-5pm  
• June-September: daily 9.30am-5pm

### Wildlife Walking Trail

Explore the trail to see wildlife for all seasons. Group bookings also available. In June look out for huge and very rare swallowtail butterflies; sometimes there's a second brood in August. Assistance dogs only on the trail please.

**Open**

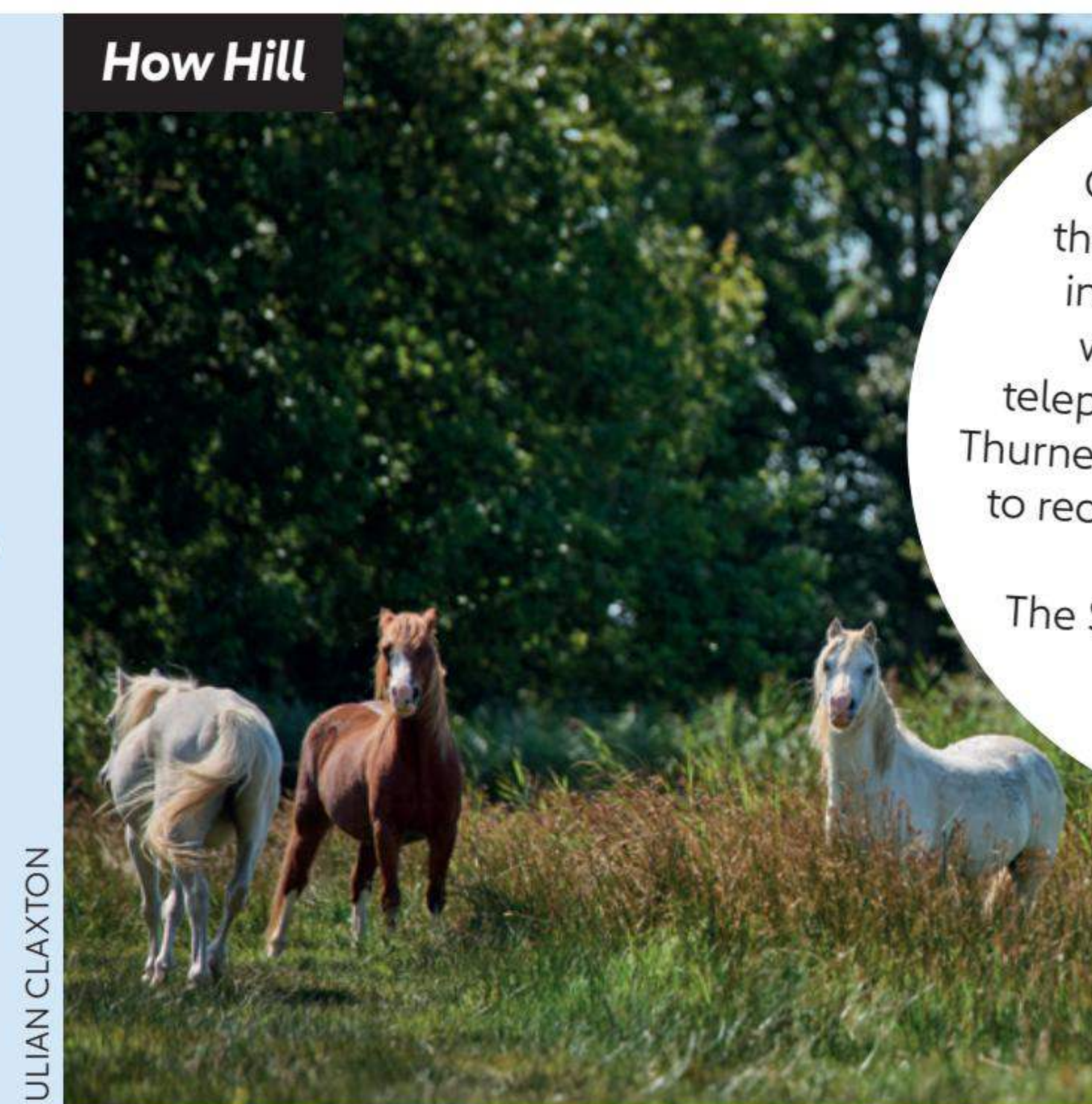
• April, May, October: daily 10.30am-5pm  
• June-September: daily 9.30am-5pm

**Cost:** £3 adult, £1.50 child, includes guide booklet

### Riverside walks

From Toad Hole Cottage the riverside footpath continues downstream to Ludham Bridge and St Benet's Abbey. Or you can take a short stroll upriver, past the boat shed, to Boardman's Mill. The path then goes on to Clayrack Mill and Sharp Street.

### How Hill



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There's a third mill, Turf Fen, on the opposite bank, going towards Ludham. Plans are under way for its restoration. For more about visiting Ludham, see page 5.

### Thurne

Come and visit possibly the smallest national park information centre in the world – inside a former telephone box! Find out about Thurne and the Broads, then listen to recordings of Broads birds to hear who's calling.

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### Marsh refreshments

Not as known by those who lived at the cottage – these are new for 2025! Pop into Toad Hole Cottage garden for hot and cold drinks plus delicious savoury and sweet snacks from Natural Rise.

### How Hill gardens

Explore the Secret Gardens, open all the time, entry by donation. These water gardens were created by local architect Edward Boardman for his family home at How Hill, which dates from 1904. The gardens are always lovely and secluded and in early summer there are spectacular displays of azaleas and rhododendrons. Follow the signs from the car park, moorings and main house. The formal gardens surrounding the house are sometimes open too – check the signs on the gates.  
01692 678555 [howhilltrust.org.uk](http://howhilltrust.org.uk)





Whitlingham



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Nancy Oldfield Trust

Takes up to five wheelchair users on its scheduled trips and private sailings. Please book. 01692 630262 southern-comfort.co.uk

- **Hoveton – River Bure – Ra B2** (see page 10)
- **Martham – River Thurne – Ross' Wildlife Boat Trips D2**  
Daily trips on a classic boat, based at Martham Boats. Good access for those with limited mobility and room for one wheelchair user. Small group size allows commentary to be tailored to individual needs; popular with visually impaired visitors. Book in advance (by text is best); on the day, you may be able to book at departure point. 07791 526440 wildlife-boat-trips.co.uk
- **Neatishead – River Ant – Nancy Oldfield Trust C2**  
Day activities for disabled and disadvantaged people: motor cruises with wheelchair lifts and kitchen and toilet facilities, pedal launches, sailing, canoeing, paddleboarding, wildlife watching and well-being on the water; regular slots sometimes available; self-catering residential bungalow for up to 10 people, for weekends and short breaks. Cruises also start from Ludham Bridge, exploring the rivers Ant, Bure and Thurne. New for 2025, the trust has an additional operating base at Stalham, for trips on their new electric cruiser. 01692 630572 nancyoldfield.org.uk
- **Oulton Broad – River Waveney – Waveney River Tours F7**  
Some wheelchair spaces available. Book in advance. 01502 574903 waveneyrivertours.com

- **Oulton Broad – River Waveney – Waveney Sailability E7**  
Club for people with disabilities, offering the opportunity to sail in specially adapted dinghies. 07914 057678 waveney sailability.co.uk
- **South Walsham – River Bure – Primula C3**  
Wheelchair-accessible boat trip (additional charge) when you visit Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden. For best prices, book in advance. This year is the garden's 50th anniversary and there are lots of events to celebrate throughout the year. 01603 270449 fairhavengarden.co.uk
- **Stalham – River Ant – Marsh Harrier C1**  
Boat trip on an Edwardian-style electric launch, with space for two wheelchair users, based at the Museum of the Broads. Booking essential. 01692 581681 museumofthebroads.org.uk
- **Wroxham – River Bure – Broads Tours B3**  
Wheelchair spaces on two river trip boats. Pre-booking essential. Wheelchair users are situated on the top deck, where there is an accessible toilet on both boats. There's also an accessible day boat available for three hours or more, for up to five people, including one wheelchair user – with a maximum lift of 350kg. 01603 782207 broadstours.co.uk

## Moorings

Most Broads Authority 24-hour moorings are level and without steps.

## Angling

These places have platforms or other access suitable for wheelchair users. They are free or for use with day tickets. For more angling info see A new angle on page 23 and these sites: [broads-authority.gov.uk/angling](http://broads-authority.gov.uk/angling) [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling)

### River Yare

- Buckenham Ferry C5
- Postwick – platforms upstream of Ferry Lane B4

### River Waveney

- Bungay Cherry Tree Angling Club C7 – membership and day or week tickets from Angling Direct, Beccles 01502 713379 and other local outlets [bungaycherrytree.co.uk](http://bungaycherrytree.co.uk)
- Ellingham – 1 platform C7
- Worlingham Staithe – platforms E7

### River Bure

- Upton Dyke D3

### River Thurne

- Ludham – Cold Harbour Farm D3
- Martham Pits E2 – day tickets from Co-op shops in Martham – The Green, 01493 740230 and Repps Road, 01493 740190 [marthamdistrictac.weebly.com](http://marthamdistrictac.weebly.com)
- Potter Heigham – south-east (Martham) bank, upstream of the New Bridge – 10 platforms D2

### Trinity Broads

- Filby Broad – on one boardwalk E3
- Rollesby Broad E3

[VisitTheBroads.co.uk/access](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/access)

## Accessible days out – on video

Watch our video highlighting some of the more accessible places to visit in the Broads National Park – it's available on YouTube [youtube.com/watch?v=4KvFMLZ416g](https://youtube.com/watch?v=4KvFMLZ416g) or scan the QR code to watch.



There are suggestions for boating and land-based things to do, an example of holiday accommodation, tips on where to eat and shopping, and importantly, how to get help and advice. It will probably take some research and planning, but we hope that this video, and information here and on our website, will help you enjoy visits to the Broads.

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The Bittern, Wherry and East Suffolk Lines are a great way to explore the Broads. You can see how the landscape changes as you travel and if time is short, you can see a lot of the Broads even on a day trip. The stations themselves are full of interest. Brundall Gardens (B4) is the 'youngest' station on the Wherry Lines. It was opened in response to the increasing number of visitors who were making their way to the waterways near the station and celebrated its 100th anniversary last summer. This year, 2025, celebrates 200 years of railways, so what better time to visit the Broads by rail?

[railway200.co.uk](http://railway200.co.uk)

The [bitternline.com](http://bitternline.com), [wherrylines.com](http://wherrylines.com) and [eastsuffolklines.co.uk](http://eastsuffolklines.co.uk) sites have lots of walks and places to visit from stations (some may require a walk to reach them), with links to [greateranglia.co.uk](http://greateranglia.co.uk) for timetables and tickets. Please check timetables very carefully, as service times vary throughout the day, may be infrequent and may change. Fares may also change. You'll find walks from many Bittern and Wherry Lines stations under Railway Rambles on [norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://norfolk.gov.uk/trails)

The Bittern Line goes north from Norwich to Sheringham on the North Norfolk coast, passing through the northern Broads, while the Wherry Lines go east and south, one branch to Great Yarmouth and the other to Lowestoft, from where the East Suffolk Lines continue to Beccles and then further into Suffolk. The map on page 4 shows lines and stations and for public transport details, see page 52.

## Some line highlights for...

### The Bittern Line

The station at Hoveton & Wroxham (B2) offers almost instant access to all kinds of boating activities, starting with accessible trips on solar-powered Ra – book with the Broads Information

*When you travel  
by rail in the Broads,  
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part of the holiday  
or day out.*

Centre on Station Road, see page 10. Canoes, day boats and passenger boat trips are all available. There's so much on offer, so a great start is to check out [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/boat-trips](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/boat-trips)

### The Wherry Lines

Alight (in old railway-speak, or get off in plain English) at Reedham (D5) for opportunities to explore the Wherryman's Way. There's a circular walk (see Norfolk Trails link below), taking in the chain ferry, the village and short sections of the Wherryman's Way, east and west of Reedham. Alternatively, you can walk a section of the Wherryman's Way there and back going east (about 45 minutes each way) to see the group of restored mill buildings at the Seven Mile site on Reedham Marshes, including the restored Polkey's Mill. For more about mills see Puzzleland, page 51. [norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://norfolk.gov.uk/trails) (Railway Rambles, Wherry Lines Walk 4) [norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/windmills](http://norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/windmills)

### The East Suffolk Lines

Beccles (D7) has been a flourishing market town since Anglo-Saxon times and still has a market every

Friday, 6am-4pm, in New Market (new in the 14th century!). As you can guess, Beccles has plenty of history to explore, but there are also country walks and boating activities. [visitbeccles.co.uk](http://visitbeccles.co.uk)

### End of the line – or start

There's lots to explore at the start or end of the lines too. You could head to the beach at Great Yarmouth (F4) or Lowestoft (F7), or dip into their boating history, with a visit to the Lydia Eva (a steam drifter) at the former and the Mincarlo (a trawler) at the latter – two survivors from the fishing industry, built in 1930 and 1961-62. [visitgreatyarmouth.co.uk](http://visitgreatyarmouth.co.uk) [thesuffolkcoast.co.uk/suffolk-coast-towns-and-villages/lowestoft](http://thesuffolkcoast.co.uk/suffolk-coast-towns-and-villages/lowestoft) [lydiaevamincarlo.com](http://lydiaevamincarlo.com)

In Norwich (A4) the station is opposite the Riverside Walk, or for somewhere else close by connected with the history of waterborne trade, Dragon Hall, a medieval merchant's trading hall on King Street, now welcomes visitors and is home to the National Centre for Writing. [visitnorwich.co.uk](http://visitnorwich.co.uk) [nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk](http://nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk)

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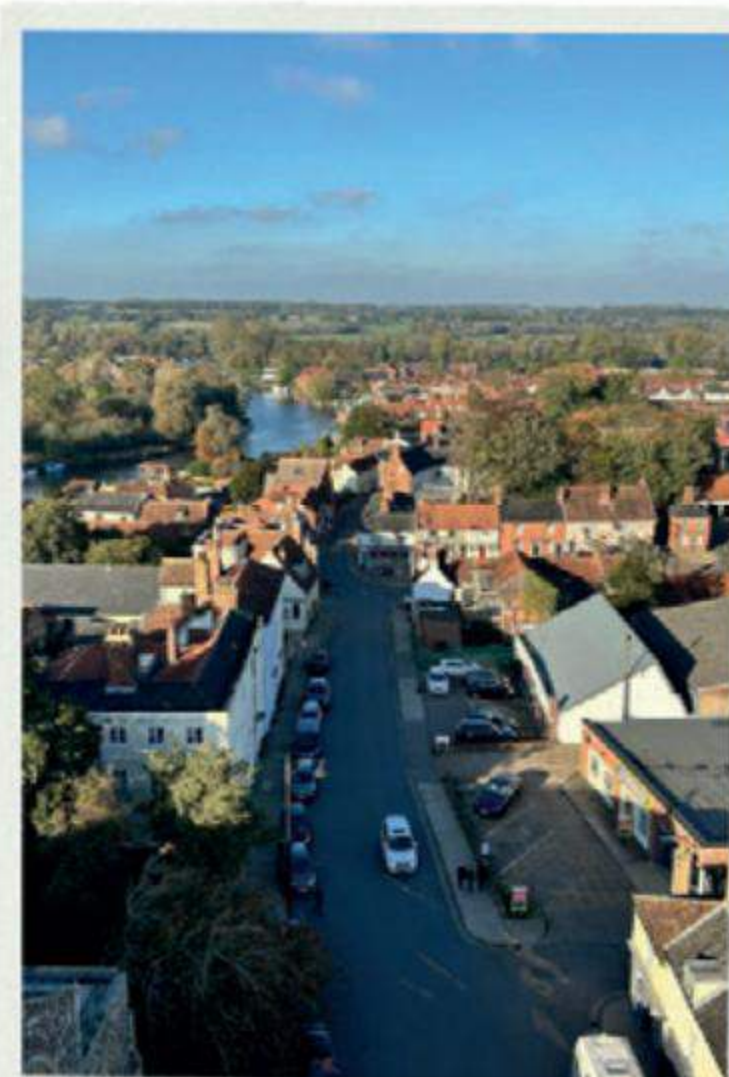
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# Pedal power, electric power and horse power

With beautiful countryside, gentle slopes and quiet lanes, the Broads is perfect for cycling, whether you have your own bike or you're hiring.

Most bike hire centres are open from Easter or April to October. They may have tandems and electric bikes. If you have an electric bike, hired or your own, secure, lockable, solar-powered charging points will be available from this spring at Salhouse Broad, Reedham Ferry and Carlton Marshes. Hire centres may supply maps, or you can download cycle routes from [thebroadsbybike.org.uk](http://thebroadsbybike.org.uk). From Bengate (near Worstead) to Stalham, most of the

Weavers' Way follows disused railway line, providing an off-road route for cycling or horse riding as well as walking. [norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://norfolk.gov.uk/trails)

## Bike hire centres

**Clippesby Hall** 01493 367800 [clippesbyhall.com](http://clippesbyhall.com) D3

**Coltishall** – Bure Valley Cycle Hire, Bure Valley Railway Station 07824 992513 [burevalleycyclehire.co.uk](http://burevalleycyclehire.co.uk) B2

**Horning** – Norfolk Broads Cycling Centre at BeWILDerwood, delivery service, 07747 483154 [norfolkbroadscycling.co.uk](http://norfolkbroadscycling.co.uk) C2

**Somerleyton Cycles**, lifts from moorings and rail station, 01502 732004 [somerleytoncycles.com](http://somerleytoncycles.com) E6

## Bure Valley Railway and Path B2

The narrow-gauge Bure Valley Railway runs from Wroxham to Aylsham. The path for cyclists and walkers follows the same route, and the train carries bikes if there's space. The path is about 9 miles. If you're starting from the bike hire centre at Horning, a route along country lanes will take you to the path. If you're taking the train to Wroxham, you'll find lots of boating opportunities to enjoy the Broads from the water too. There are request stops at Coltishall, Buxton and Brampton. When boarding the train, tell the guard if you want to get off at a request stop. To board at a request stop, stand in the middle of the platform, well back, and raise your arm for the train to stop. If there's space for you, pay exact cash (or



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phone in advance to pay by card). The Bure Valley Railway is accessible by wheelchair, please book in advance. 01263 733858 [bvrw.co.uk](http://bvrw.co.uk)

## Whitlingham Country Park, Trowse B4

The path around the broad makes a lovely short bike ride (about 2 miles). Coming from Norwich city centre, National Cycle Network Route 1 runs through the park.

[whitlinghamcountrypark.com](http://whitlinghamcountrypark.com)  
[sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network](http://sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network)



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## Catch the ferry... and other small boat trips

Ferries and other small boats are part of the history of the Broads – they were essential for getting people and goods around.

**Beccles** – trips along the River Waveney between Beccles Lido and the Locks Inn, Geldeston 01502 801891 [bigdogferry.co.uk](http://bigdogferry.co.uk) D7

**Burgh St Peter** – ferry across the River Waveney between Waveney River Centre and Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve 01502 677343

(enquiries) or 07500 571232 (on demand service) [carltoncolvilletowncouncil.gov.uk](http://carltoncolvilletowncouncil.gov.uk) E6

**Hickling Broad** – wildlife boat trips 01692 598276 [norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk) D2

**Hoveton/Wroxham** – Ra B2 – see page 10

**How Hill, Ludham** – Electric Eel C2 – see page 11

**Martham** D2 – see page 13

**Ranworth** – Liana C3 – see page 11

## Reedham



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**Ranworth Broad** – ferry and wildlife boat trips 01603 270479 [norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk) C3

**Reedham** – vehicle chain ferry across the River Yare to the Loddon and Chedgrave area 01493 700429 [reedhamferry.co.uk](http://reedhamferry.co.uk) D5

**Rollesby Broad** – trips from The Waterside 01493 740531 [thewatersiderollesby.co.uk](http://thewatersiderollesby.co.uk) E3

**South Walsham** – trips on board Primrose when

you visit Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden (additional charge) 01603 270449 [fairhavengarden.co.uk](http://fairhavengarden.co.uk) C3 and see page 13

**Stalham** – trips on Falcon, a Victorian steam launch 01692 581681 [museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://museumofthebroads.org.uk) C1 and see page 13

[VisitTheBroads.co.uk/boat-trips](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/boat-trips)





Surlingham

## Electric days

**H**iring a day boat, for an hour, a few hours or all day, is a fun way to get out on the water, and if you're thinking about a boating holiday, it's a good way to get the feel for it. Many day boats are electric – better for the environment, with a smaller carbon footprint, and quieter, so more relaxing, and you can get closer to the wildlife. On a day boat there's no need for recharging. Please wear the life jackets provided. If you can, think about how you get to the Broads, too. For example, taking the train (instead of driving) from Norwich to Wroxham to hire a day boat cuts the CO<sub>2</sub> produced during the journey by 80%. Visit [TheBroads.co.uk/things-to-do/boating/boathire](http://TheBroads.co.uk/things-to-do/boating/boathire)

The small but growing fleet of hybrid cruisers can top up their batteries overnight at our network of charging points. We are working with partners to support the development of fully electric holiday hire cruisers and with private owners to enable them to move to greener fuels.

Find out more about the UK national parks' contribution in the 'race to zero' at [broads-authority.gov.uk/news/broads-and-uk-national-parks-join-world-race-to-zero](http://broads-authority.gov.uk/news/broads-and-uk-national-parks-join-world-race-to-zero)

### Tour de Broads

The event takes place on Sunday 17 August Octagon Park, Little Plumstead [thepedalrevolution.co.uk](http://thepedalrevolution.co.uk)

Visit [TheBroads.co.uk/cycling](http://TheBroads.co.uk/cycling) [cyclinguk.org](http://cyclinguk.org)

### Horse power

Riding is available for beginners and beyond, and some places offer riding for people with disabilities. Visit [TheBroads.co.uk/horse-riding](http://TheBroads.co.uk/horse-riding)



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# Paddlesports

Exploring by paddlecraft is a great way to discover this fragile wetland and get closer to the wildlife, and canoeing on the Broads is suitable for all the family. Whether you're hiring or have your own craft, please put safety first – always.

- Read the Boating Basics guide in Broadcaster, see page 25, for advice relevant to all. It includes a map on the centre pages. Wherever you are on the Broads, you must take account of local conditions at the time and put safety first.
- Watch our Boating Essentials video guide to paddlesports [broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials)
- Stick to the right-hand side of the waterway unless it's unsafe to do so
- For one-hour, three-hour and six-hour return trails go to [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire](https://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire)
- Paddle UK also has routes, together with lots of other interesting and useful info and advice for all types of paddlecraft, on [gopaddling.info](https://gopaddling.info)
- We recommend all paddlecraft keep off the lower reaches of the rivers (which have stronger currents and tides, and more powered boats). The lower reaches are the stretches of river approaching the sea at Great Yarmouth, so, beyond Acle Bridge on the Bure, beyond Reedham Bridge on the Yare and beyond the Broads Authority moorings at Somerleyton on the Waveney. If you do canoe downstream beyond these places, you need to be extremely experienced, fit and able.
- Paddlesports allow exploration of the headwaters (less tidal waters). Please respect nature reserves and private land, as most smaller channels leading off from the rivers and broads do not have a public right of access. In the spring and summer, please paddle away from

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## TAKE CARE EVERYONE!

- All canoeists should wear a buoyancy aid
- All paddleboarders should wear a buoyancy aid and a safety tether
- Paddleboarders, please be aware that you are especially vulnerable to winds, currents and tides. You are also more likely to fall into the water.
- Don't deliberately capsize

the edges of waterways to minimise disturbance to breeding birds.

- During warmer spells you may see a blue-green coloured scum on the water. This can indicate the presence of toxic bacteria. Don't paddle in areas where the scum is present and avoid coming into contact with it or ingesting it, as it can lead to unpleasant symptoms and diseases. One waterborne disease to be aware of is leptospirosis (Weil's disease). You can reduce the chance of becoming ill by covering open wounds, avoiding swallowing the water, washing your hands before eating or drinking and showering after paddlesports. If you start to feel unwell after taking part in paddlesports, please seek urgent medical advice.



## Hire centres

- For canoe hire centres (mostly open from Easter or April to October) go to [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire](https://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire)
- Canadian canoes usually carry two or three adults, but please check with the centre, where they will also advise you on routes
- Some centres offer paddleboards and other paddlecraft, plus related activities and facilities
- All centres are monitored for safety by the Broads Authority as part of the licensing agreement

## If you have your own paddlecraft

These points apply to all canoes, kayaks and paddleboards (including inflatables) that are used on the Broads.

- You must have an annual or short visit licence for your paddlecraft. For details go to [broads-authority.gov.uk/tolls](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/tolls). Alternatively, if you are a member of Paddle UK, you can paddle for free on the Broads and other UK waterways, provided you have your membership card with you. [paddleuk.org.uk](https://paddleuk.org.uk)
- Follow the canoe manufacturer's guidance on carrying capacity

# Sailsports

Learn the ropes and set sail. A day out or a visit to the Broads is the perfect opportunity to have a go at sailing, with training centres and sailing clubs who are keen to welcome you and share their love of the open water.

For more inspiration read about wherry sailing on page 20.

- **Barton Turf Adventure Centre** 01692 536411 [btac-services.co.uk](https://btac-services.co.uk) C2
- **Green Wyvern Yachting Club RYA Training Centre** [greenwyvern.org.uk](https://greenwyvern.org.uk)
- **Horning RYA Training Centre** [horning-sailing.club](https://horning-sailing.club) C3
- **Hunter's Yard RYA Training Centre**, Ludham 01692 678263 [huntersyard.co.uk](https://huntersyard.co.uk) D2
- **Nancy Oldfield Trust** C2 – see page 13
- **Norfolk Broads School of Sailing RYA Training Centre**, Eastwood Whelpton, Upton 01493 750430 [eastwood-whelpton.co.uk](https://eastwood-whelpton.co.uk) D3

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- **Norfolk Broads Yacht Club**, Wroxham 01603 782808 [nbyc.co.uk](https://nbyc.co.uk) B3
  - **Norfolk Punt Club RYA Training Centre**, Barton Turf [puntclub.co.uk](https://puntclub.co.uk) C2
  - **Norfolk Schools Sailing Association**, Filby [nssa.co.uk](https://nssa.co.uk) E3
  - **Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre** 01502 558487 [ultonbroadwatersportscentre.co.uk](https://ultonbroadwatersportscentre.co.uk) F7
  - **Waveney Sailability** E7 – see page 13
  - **Whitlingham Adventure**, Norwich 01603 632307 [whitlinghamadventure.org.uk](https://whitlinghamadventure.org.uk) B4
- Taster sessions, courses, craft hire, group activities, outdoor learning and clubs – activities include sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, raft building, climbing, archery, and bushcraft and survival

The RYA (Royal Yachting Association) also has lots of information about taster sessions, courses and clubs to help you get started with sailing, windsurfing and other activities. More details from 023 8060 4100 or [rya.org.uk](https://rya.org.uk)

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- Take a phone in a waterproof case with you for emergencies
  - For launching points and slipways go to [broads-authority.gov.uk/slipways](http://broads-authority.gov.uk/slipways)
  - In the south, one of the quieter stretches is the River Waveney between Beccles and Bungay. No motorboats can use the river between Geldeston Lock and Bungay, and there's a canoe pontoon for launching and getting off at the lock (no charge).
  - In the north, quieter places are Salhouse Broad (small charge for launching) and the River Ant between Dilham and Sutton (charges to launch at Smallburgh Staithe and Wayford Bridge, free launch point at Sutton Staithe). Please note that the Trinity Broads is a Norfolk Wildlife Trust nature reserve with no public right of access to the water, including for non-powered craft.
  - Be aware of biosecurity and help stop the spread of invasive species. Check out the Check Clean Dry campaign for more information. [nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry](http://nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry)
  - Before you set off, tell someone where you're going and how long you plan to be out. Let them know when you get back.
- For more about paddlesports go to [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire)

### Wild swimming

The Broads Authority does not recommend swimming in the Broads, except as part of an organised event. For more information please go to [broads-authority.gov.uk/boating/navigating-the-broads/outdoor-swimming](http://broads-authority.gov.uk/boating/navigating-the-broads/outdoor-swimming)

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### The big six

You may be familiar with Arthur Ransome's classic Broads stories, Coot Club and The Big Six (if not, do look out for them and enjoy tales of dastardly deeds), but these six are rather different. Do you ever wonder what's going on unbeknown to you in the little waterways you pass as you're paddling or walking? Well, there's a lot going on! These six in particular are physically small but their significance is enormous – they are very rare snails, all found in the Waveney valley.

### Ditches and snails

Back in 2018 the Broads Authority commissioned a survey to assess the aquatic invertebrate diversity and conservation value of the Waveney valley. One of the aims was to provide a best practice guide for land managers, to help maintain the great diversity of wildlife in the marsh ditches and in particular, the aquatic snails.

### Biodiversity

The survey looked at 274 ditches from Bungay to Burgh St Peter and Blundeston, and found good quality water supporting over 260 species of aquatic wildlife, including plants, invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals such as the water vole and water shrew. Two hundred and sixty-five plant species were found, including 33 aquatic plants, 69 wetland plants and 42 marginal plants. Nationally rare plant species included frogbit and tubular water dropwort. The invertebrates included the Norfolk hawk dragonfly and the great silver diving beetle – in all over 100 species of aquatic beetle were found. But the big story is the big six snails. These six rare aquatic snails have their UK stronghold in the Waveney valley marshes, especially the eastern part, with their best habitat at Aldeby, North Cove, Barnby, western Carlton Colville and Burgh St Peter. The phrase 'dull as ditchwater' suddenly sounds very inappropriate – it turns out ditchwater can be pretty amazing... You can find out more about survey work on page 46.

### The rare snails

- Little whirlpool ramshorn snail (pictured above) – protected under UK and European law; only found in three places in the UK – the Waveney population is the largest
- Shining ramshorn snail
- Large-mouthed whorl snail
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# Set sail with Dawn

*...but Dawn isn't a wherry, she's a modern wherry skipper, though her name would be perfect for a wherry. As far as we know there was never a wherry Dawn. Wherries were the traditional cargo boats used on the Broads, and later pleasure wherries and wherry yachts were built.*

## Early days and the BA

My dad was in the RAF and as a child I was lucky enough to live in Penang (in Malaysia, then Malaya) and Cyprus, learning to swim and enjoying warm seas. One of my early memories is of setting off on a cruise ship for the journey to Penang. Dad always had boats and when my family returned to Norfolk in 1973 he had a 22-foot sailing boat that he kept moored at Blakeney in North Norfolk and later, a large wooden Broads cruiser. But my first trip on the Broads was in a day boat on a very wet summer's day with my parents, brother and nine-month-old daughter – 'This is lovely!' I said.

More than a decade later I started a part-time secretarial job with the Broads Authority (BA). I just saw the advert and it appealed because it was the Broads. The work was with conservation and planning staff, very varied and enjoyable, but I was always interested to join in other activities when help was needed, including assisting with saline testing on Halvergate Marshes and boat counts on the River Waveney.

In the early 1990s, the BA had chartered the wherry Hather for an official event and it was decided to

advertise the return journey to the public. I'd only seen photos of wherries but I booked my parents on the trip and met them at the end of their journey at Wroxham after a beautiful, calm sunny day. Despite a very late return everyone had thoroughly enjoyed it.

After this successful outing it was repeated, but this time a message went round to staff asking for a couple of volunteers to go along, to make cups of tea and be 'useful'. I'm not sure how useful we were; we found it all very confusing. We knew none of the terminology or requirements for sailing Hather, but we made up for our lack of usefulness with enthusiasm. We reported back and little did we know it, but the foundations had been laid for the extremely popular scheduled day sailings with Wherry Yacht Charter today. I wasn't the only member of staff who got hooked and many others have been involved over the years.

I'd never sailed a boat before and do very little sailing in other boats now. I was lucky I worked part-time, and with the support of my colleagues and family, I was able to sail as crew increasingly more often each year. My quanting skills (pushing the boat along with a large wooden pole) took many years to

develop. While still with the BA, I was eventually asked to become a trainer and then I was encouraged to skipper...

## A change of job leads to more wherrying

In 2002 I left the BA for a job with Norfolk police – it was closer to home so more convenient for family circumstances at the time. Just as important to me, if not more so, I became a Friend of Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust, established that year with the support of the BA's then Chief Executive and Chief Planning Officer. The original Wherry Yacht Charter had been a private business, set up by two partners, Peter Bower and the late Barney Matthews. They each had a wherry, Olive and Norada respectively, then jointly bought Hather. They rapidly realised they needed to make some money from the wherries in order to keep them going and set up the first charters. Peter still skippers and is involved in the training.

Since then, the trust has been successful in obtaining National Heritage Lottery funding, enabling it to expand its activities, get a base for the wherries and keep our first three sailing. Absolutely crucial to this was employing a brilliant boatbuilder as our



first Operations Manager. The work now involves maintaining five wherries and supervising Dylan, our Apprentice, who is speedily learning the ropes and all the other aspects of sailing and looking after a wherry.

## New challenges

In 2015 I took early retirement, which offered opportunities for even more sailing. I've been a skipper for over 20 years now, crew for over 30 years. When you're training, you can do as much as suits you and to the level you prefer. Crew members are all ages, come from many places and have many different backgrounds; I really enjoy meeting them. Some people crew for all three wherry trusts (see below), a good way of drawing the trusts together to co-operate, which is important for the future of all the wherries. My two grandsons trained as crew and when time and circumstances allow, they are still pressed into service.

It takes up to three to four years to train as crew, depending on the time spent, and five to six years to train as a skipper. I skipper our wherry yachts but they're all different, I don't have a favourite. Hathor is usually at How Hill and Ardea is larger and heavier to sail. For sailing a wherry technique is important, together with stamina and a fair level of fitness – I don't need a gym. I enjoy crewing as well as skippering, you're using different muscles. The skipper helms and keeps charge of the sail, being a skipper is a big responsibility. Finally, I was 'persuaded' to become a trustee.

October to April is our planning season and our activities run from May to September. I do two or three days a week on average. For scheduled day sailings we have a skipper and two or three crew, who meet the passengers and accompany them to the wherry. For day charters we have a skipper and at least one crew member, for longer charters there's just a skipper and the passengers assist, under firm instructions to do as asked (within reason!) and discuss afterwards.

For the charters I stay on board for up to five days in the fo'c'sle (forecastle) – the crew's quarters on a

ship. There are two fold-down bunks, a two-burner cooker, grill, fridge, loo and running water – it's the same as the old days apart from the fridge. It may not have been quite like the passenger cabins, but it was comparatively comfortable for crew even then, very different from the rough conditions on a trading wherry. On pleasure wherries and wherry yachts the crew also looked after all the domestic arrangements for passengers, including cooking. If I'm staying on board during scheduled day sailings I stay in the main cabin for a taste of Edwardian luxury. Early mornings are beautiful, with the mist rising and I'm disappointed if I don't see a kingfisher on a wherry trip.

As a trustee, my area of responsibility is crewing and training, and co-ordinating skippers and crew. Chartering is going well, we do about 50-60 in a season now, though we'd like to do more. We have about 80 crew, including eight skippers and one in training, but we are always in need of more crew and skippers. The Wherry Friends are an important source of income, and crew and skippers must be members of the friends, what we call 'active friends'. Our other main income is from the charters and scheduled sailings, plus some smaller grants. Together these are keeping us afloat financially for the present and future.

## Looking back and looking forward

I have so many wherry memories. Taking a wherry down the River Chet is a challenging experience and getting stuck on Breydon Water is definitely one to be avoided. I always remember encountering the Blackheath coming from the sugar beet factory at Cantley on the River Yare. (The factory's last use of water transport, a vestige of trading on the Broads, was employment of the Blackheath, which brought oil from Great Yarmouth to Cantley until the mid-2000s.)

Anniversaries are always highlights. I remember taking part in the 1996 celebrations for 900 years of Norwich Cathedral. A huge block of Caen stone (the original building material for the cathedral) was brought by sea from Normandy in France and then travelled on the wherry Albion to Norwich, recreating

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## What about setting sail on a wherry trip (or just visiting)?

### Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust

This is a fleet of two pleasure wherries, Hathor (1905) and Ardea (1927), and three wherry yachts, Olive (1909), Norada (1912) and White Moth (1915). The wherries can be chartered (hired) for a day, a weekend or a longer visit. There's also a programme of scheduled sailings where you can join a half-day or day trip (with skipper and crew). Hathor is based at How Hill Staithe (C2) from May to September and except when sailing will usually be on view, when you're welcome on board for a free look round. We suggest you check in advance by emailing [jk@wherryyachtcharter.org](mailto:jk@wherryyachtcharter.org) if you want to be sure of visiting Hathor. 01603 781475 [wherryyachtcharter.org](http://wherryyachtcharter.org)

### Norfolk Wherry Trust and Wherry Maud Trust

The only two trading wherries left are Albion (1898) and Maud (1899). The Norfolk Wherry Trust offers



public day trips, shorter 'taster' trips and charters (hires) on Albion, plus open days around the Broads when you are welcome on board for a look round. Wherry Maud Trust offers day and short sailings (you need to become a trust member to join these), open days and many other events for all. [wherryalbion.com](http://wherryalbion.com) [wherrymaudtrust.org](http://wherrymaudtrust.org)

### Solace

Built in 1903, Solace is privately owned, but you may see this pleasure wherry out on the Broads too. [nationalhistoricships.org.uk/register/666/solace](http://nationalhistoricships.org.uk/register/666/solace)

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the journeys. You can see the stone by the cathedral entrance. Hathor and White Moth's 100th birthdays in 2005 and 2015 were great occasions and for Ardea's 90th in 2017 we had a jazz band at Wroxham Broad. In July 2024 our five wherries sailed together to Ranworth, in celebration of Norfolk Day.

I've enjoyed promoting the Broads, the wherries, the BA and, more recently, the trust, to thousands, through volunteering at wherry open days at moorings as well. The sailings take us to many little staithes like Dilham, Geldeston, Puddingmoor, Aldeby, busier ones like Ranworth, Whitlingham, Acle and Hardley Dyke, and village moorings at Bramerton, Brundall, Burgh Castle, Cantley and Loddon.

As for future plans, I intend to carry on wherrying and in the immediate future (at time of writing), I'll soon be off on a working boat cruise of the Norwegian fjords – though I'll be strictly a passenger. Back in the Broads, I've sailed all the Broads waterways apart from a small section of the River Bure between Belaugh Church and Hoveton Riverside Park – I aim to sail this in 2025. Our next big anniversary will be in 2027, with the centenary of Ardea. As one of our volunteers wrote, without all those involved, from trustees to the newest crew recruits, our wherries "would be lifeless pieces of wood either in a museum or at the bottom of the river" – the fate of so many others.

Wherry enthusiasts will often refer to 'wherry

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time' – something infinitely flexible. Late arrivals are not uncommon! With the wind and the tide, wherries under sail are at one with nature – time and tide wait for no wherry, as the old wherrymen knew when they waited for the tide or were delayed by the weather. So wherrying really is a great way to unwind, recharge, reconnect... but mainly to enjoy the Broads.

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## A new angle

Get a new angle on the Broads with angling. It's a great place to try it and the Angling Trust [anglingtrust.net](http://anglingtrust.net) has lots of information to help you get started. The coarse fishing season runs from 16 June to 14 March every year and you must have a current Environment Agency licence, available from [gov.uk/fishing-licences](http://gov.uk/fishing-licences). Bream, perch, pike, roach, rudd, tench and eel are the likely catches. You'll find many local fishing tackle shops and if you're a beginner they'll be happy to advise you. Take unwanted tackle home. Discarding it can cause problems for wildlife. For disposal facilities go to [broads-authority.gov.uk/waste](http://broads-authority.gov.uk/waste)

You can fish from the bank or from platforms, or you can hire a boat. Some boatyards hire day boats specifically for fishing and you're allowed to fish in most of the Broads waterways provided there is public access. Boats must not be under power while you are fishing. Angling is allowed from most Broads Authority 24-hour moorings (see map on centre pages) but please make way for boaters and canoeists if you're at a mooring. For accessible fishing locations suitable for wheelchair users see page 13.

For more angling details go to our websites: [broads-authority.gov.uk/angling](http://broads-authority.gov.uk/angling) (includes map) [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling)

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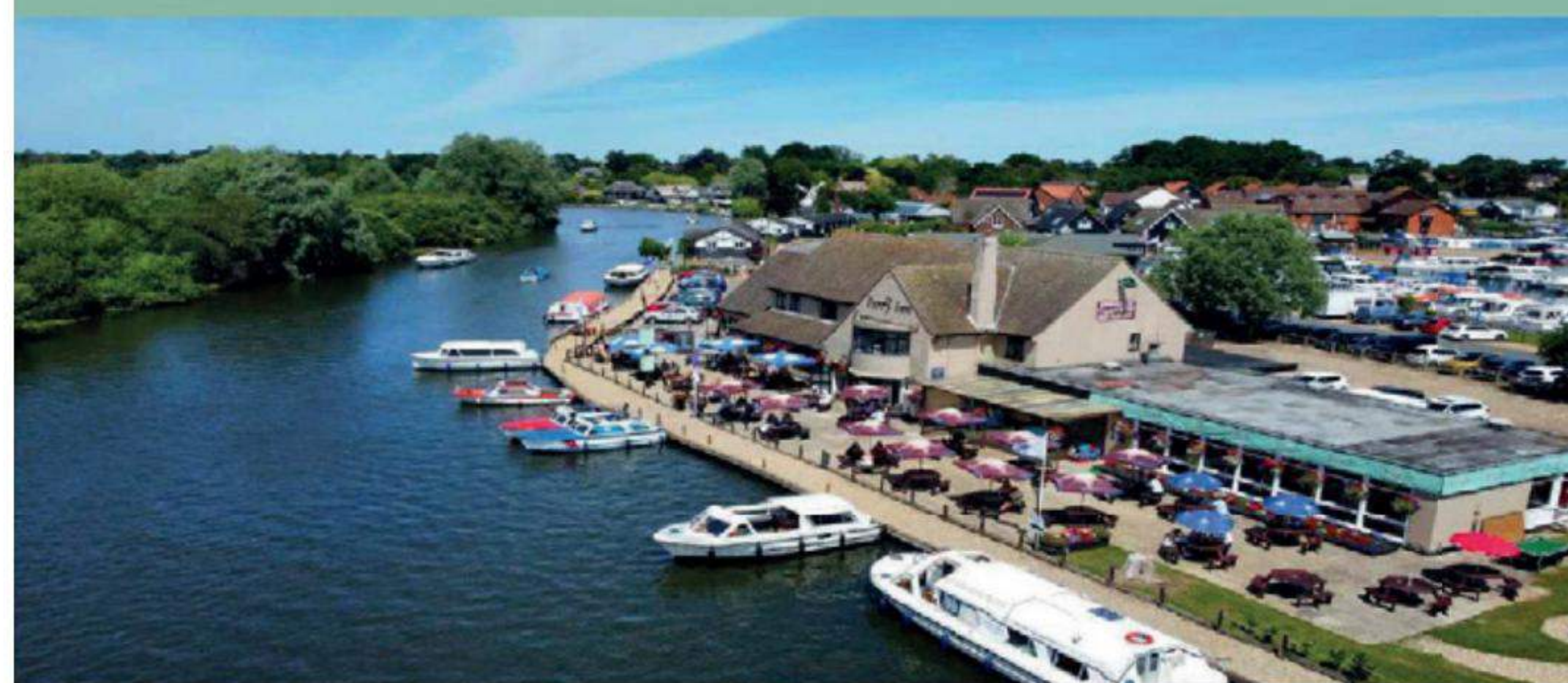


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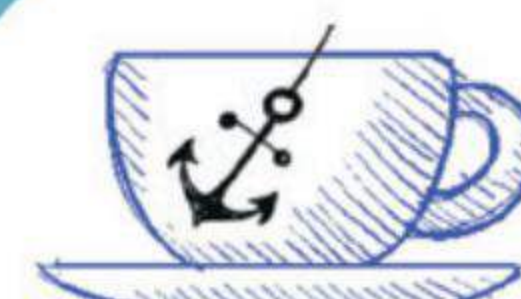


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# Boating Basics

**Your 8-page guide packed with essential information and navigation advice**



JULIAN CLAXTON

## Welcome to our Yacht Stations

**The quay rangers at our yacht stations are happy to help with all your boating questions, and to give advice about places to visit and things to do. The yacht stations aren't just for boaters – land-based visitors are very welcome too!**

### Norwich (A4 - map page 4)

Riverside Road, NR1 1SQ

01603 612980 / 07747 065378

[norwichyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:norwichyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk)

- Staffed from 29 March to 2 November, 8am-8pm (or dusk if earlier)
- Water, toilets and showers
- Pump-out service £20-30
- About 30 moorings (depending on boat sizes), starting on the far side of Foundry Bridge as you approach from Great Yarmouth (there are no other public moorings in Norwich)
- Mooring charges - £8 during the day (until 6pm), and £18 for combined daytime and overnight (until 10am) or overnight only (until 10am)

### Reedham (D5 - map page 4)

Reedham Quay, NR13 3TE

01493 701867 / 07733 102566

[reedhamquay@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:reedhamquay@broads-authority.gov.uk)

- Staffed from 29 March to 2 November, 9am-6pm
- Water
- 24-hour moorings, about 24 (depending on boat sizes)
- We intend to introduce mooring charges at this site this year

### Ranworth (C3 - map page 4)

The Staithe, NR13 6HY

01603 756094

[ranworthtic@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:ranworthtic@broads-authority.gov.uk)

- Staffed from 29 March to 2 November during information centre opening times (see page 11)
- Water
- 24-hour moorings, about 22 (depending on boat sizes)
- Mooring charges - £6 during the day (until 5pm), and £12 for combined daytime and overnight (until 10am) or overnight only (until 10am)
- Day boats - £4 to use dinghy dyke
- Please pay in the information centre

### Great Yarmouth (F4 - map page 4)

Tar Works Road, NR30 1PU

01493 842794 / 07766 398238

[yarmouthyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:yarmouthyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk)

- Staffed from 29 March to 2 November, 8am-8pm (or dusk if earlier)
- Water, toilets, showers and life jacket lockers
- About 60 moorings (depending on boat sizes)
- Mooring charges - £8 during the day (until 6pm), and £18 for combined daytime and overnight (until 10am) or overnight only (until 10am)



**Great Yarmouth Yacht Station**

There are also yacht stations at Beccles (D7, 01502 712225 / 07938 845744, [becclestowncouncil.gov.uk](http://becclestowncouncil.gov.uk), Beccles Town Council) and Oulton Broad (F7, 01502 523408, [yachtstation.co.uk](http://yachtstation.co.uk), East Suffolk Council) on the River Waveney.



# Top 10 Boating Tips...

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Stay safe – follow the advice from the Broads rangers, who work on the Broads all year round. **Jess Alleguen** (left) is part of our River Thurne team of rangers, who look after a large area of the northern Broads.

## 1 Before you go...

**Read your skipper's manual – if you're on a holiday cruiser, your boatyard should supply one on board.**



- Our 'essential guide' boating videos have lots of practical boat handling and navigation advice for all ([broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials)). The videos cover Preparing for Your Holiday, Staying Safe, Mooring Up, Ropes and Knots, Man Overboard, Navigating Bridges, Crossing Breydon Water, Paddlesports, and Dealing with Accidents. The boating section of our website also has all you need to know about boating, including tide tables.

- Navigation maps (published by Heron Maps) and Broads tide tables are on sale at our information centres and yacht stations.

- You can get boating advice from your boatyard or yacht stations (see page 25) or by calling the Broads Authority's Broads Control, staffed daily 9am–5pm (6pm from April to October) on 01603 756056. The rangers, who you'll see out and about, are always happy to help too.

## 2 Wear it

**Always wear your life jacket when you are on deck, getting on and off or tying up your boat – even if you can swim. It's especially important at Great Yarmouth. Step ashore, never jump, and wear shoes with a good grip.**

- **Children should wear life jackets even when your boat is moored.**

- A life jacket will help you float. Try to relax and float on your back before trying to get out.

- Don't forget to put a life jacket on your dog, too. Dogs are just as susceptible to cold water and other hazards as people. You can buy dog life jackets from boating suppliers and some hire boatyards provide or rent them for customers' pets. Never enter the water to rescue a pet – you are putting your own life at risk. See page 52 for more about visiting with your dog.

## 3 Plan ahead

**Plan your journey before setting out.**

- Keep a note of the important points for your journey. Water is always moving and your boat may be affected by wind and tides. Check the weather, the day's tides for where you're going, and sunrise and sunset times – that's what we do. Hire boats are not allowed to navigate before sunrise or after sunset as they have no navigation lights.

- Always keep track of where you are on the waterways and make sure others on board know where you are too. They also need to know what to do in case of an emergency.

- Keep a phone charged.

## 4 Be vigilant

**Keep an eye on everyone on board at all times (especially small children).**

- Don't let children sit on the front of a boat, or play at the back or on the roof unsupervised, especially when a boat is under way.

- Never allow anyone to travel in any kind of boat or inflatable that your boat is towing.

- Drive on the right-hand side, about 2m or 6' away from the bank.

- Hold on to your boat when moving around it.

- Look out for paddlecraft, rowing boats and swimmers in organised events. Reduce speed and allow them plenty of space.

- Keep out of the way of sailing boats – slow down and if you need to, pass behind, never in front.

- Keep away from maintenance boats and other large vessels.

- Keep out of the way of water skiers and other fast boats on the rivers Waveney and Yare and on Breydon Water.

## 5 Mooring must-dos

**Always have your ropes ready and drive into the flow of the water when mooring.**

- Watch our essential guide to mooring, see point 1, left. Our website guidance will also help you.

- Don't jump – always step aboard and ashore carefully. Beware of hazards on the quay such as ropes, posts and wet or other slippery surfaces. Everyone involved should always keep a good handhold during casting off and mooring, and don't use arms or legs to stop your boat hitting the quay or another boat. Make sure ropes are ready and that everyone knows what to do. Everyone not involved should stay off deck.

- Always approach a mooring against the tide or flow of the river, with a careful hand on the throttle. You'll then be able to hold the boat stationary heading into the tide and approach the mooring sideways under control. If necessary, go past the mooring and turn the boat around so you can approach against the flow. If you approach the mooring with the tide or flow of the river you will have little or no control at low speeds.

- The fittest adult should step ashore once the boat has stopped. Tie the front rope first – this is especially important in areas with strong tides. We recommend that you moor at signed moorings only. Other areas are not maintained and there may be no posts. Never moor under bridges. Make sure that your boat is securely tied up. Take a torch and spare batteries if you will be returning to your boat after dark.



Boating videos

### Boating

- [broads-authority.gov.uk/boating](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/boating)
- [broads-authority.gov.uk/yacht-stations](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/yacht-stations)
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- [VisitTheBroads.co.uk](https://www.visitthebroads.co.uk) - with Digital Pocket Guide app
- [what3words.com](https://www.what3words.com) - app to help the emergency services find you



6 Keep your head down

Mind your head at all bridges.

- Think ahead for bridges. Tides go up and down so be very careful. Check how high your boat is with the canopy down. Check the clearance boards that tell you the height above water under the bridge.
- Take down your canopy and windshield, get everyone off deck and make sure that all hands, feet and heads are inside the boat. Make sure you have the boat well under control before the bridge, especially if there's a strong current.
- Watch carefully for signs of other boats coming through – usually the boat travelling with the current has right of way as it's more difficult for it to manoeuvre. Never stop or moor under bridges.
- Keep hands, feet and heads inside the boat until you are well clear of the bridge, and if things go wrong, don't try to fend off using your hands or feet.



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7 Stay aboard

We don't recommend swimming in the rivers and broads, except as part of an organised event (see page 19).

- You'll never see a ranger swimming – it's too dangerous, no matter how hot the weather is or how good a swimmer you are. There are currents and obstructions and cold water can be dangerous.
- If someone falls in, throw them a lifebuoy and pull them to a bank or ladder. If you have to bring someone up on to your boat from the water, make sure the engine is switched off as they get close. Never reverse towards them and keep them clear of the back of the boat – this where the sharp propeller blades are. Never put yourself in danger by entering the water.

8 Bon appetit

Take care with barbecues, in permitted areas.

- Never light or use barbecues on deck or anywhere else on your boat, or on wooden moorings.

9 Keep your wits about you

Don't drink and drown.

- We recommend that people do not drink alcohol until their boat is moored for the evening and even then take particular care when moving around the boat.

10 Slow down and relax

Stick to speed limits and check your wash (the waves made by your boat).

- Always look behind your boat – there should be no big waves (they damage banks, disturb wildlife, rock moored boats and can even capsize small craft).

Bridges

- Remember that bridge clearances given in our table are averages, based on normal tides. But tidal levels can vary considerably and so affect the figures.
- At railway swing bridges a single red flag indicates bridge in service/operable. Two red flags indicate bridge out of service/inoperable. Take note of the electronic signage at each bridge. If you are unable to pass under due to water levels, approach the bridge, give three blasts on the horn and follow the instructions on the illuminated signs on the bridge. You can contact these swing bridges on VHF radio Channel 12 or the following telephone numbers: Oulton Broad 0330 852 5351,

Location	Central bridge clearance High Water normal tide	
River Bure		
••• Wroxham Railway	15'	4.57m
••• Wroxham Road	7'3"	2.21m
• Acle	12'	3.66m
around Great Yarmouth		
•• Yarmouth/Acle Road	7'	2.13m
•• Yarmouth Vauxhall	6'9"	2.06m
• Yarmouth Haven	9'6"	2.90m
Breydon Fixed Span	13'	3.96m
• Breydon Lifting Span	11'6"	3.51m
River Thurne		
Potter Heigham New	7'7"	2.31m
••• Potter Heigham Old	6'6"	1.98m
River Ant		
Ludham	8'6"	2.59m
•• Wayford	7'	2.13m
River Wensum		
• Norwich Railway Trowse	9'	2.74m
• Norwich Carrow	14'	4.27m
• Norwich Novi Sad	16'	4.88m
• Norwich Lady Julian	13'	3.96m
Norwich Foundry	10'	3.05m
• Norwich Bishop	10'6"	3.20m

- Reedham 0330 858 4655, Somerleyton 0330 858 4656; Trowse 01603 675297 or 01603 763440 (seven days' notice required for openings). In hot weather, you may like to check ahead to see if Somerleyton Bridge is working as temperature can affect the mechanism.
- At Potter Heigham all hire cruisers must use the bridge pilot from Phoenix Fleet boatyard and private boats are advised to do so. The pilot service is available daily 9am-5pm from Easter to October, depending on tide and weather conditions, 01692 670460 (Phoenix Fleet boatyard). The cost for hire boats is £10-15 return and for private boats £20-30 return.
  - At Wroxham there are two bridges close together. Hire cruisers must follow their boatyard's advice on passing under Wroxham Bridge.

Location	Central bridge clearance High Water normal tide	
River Yare		
• Reedham	10'	3.05m
Postwick Viaduct	35'	10.67m
•• Thorpe Railway (2 bridges)	6'	1.83m
River Waveney		
Beccles New	12'	3.66m
••• Beccles Old	6'6"	1.98m
• Oulton Broad Mutford	7'10"	2.39m
• Oulton Broad Lake Lothing	15'	4.57m
• Somerleyton	8'6"	2.59m
St Olaves	8'	2.44m
Haddiscoe New Cut		
Haddiscoe Flyover	24'	7.32m

Note: In all cases, tidal levels can vary considerably and so affect the above figures.

- Arched Bridges – clearance is given at the centre.
- Canopies, windscreens, etc. should be lowered and extra care taken.
- As references • and •• combined.
- Lift or Swing Bridges

Emergency!


- Call 999 or 112 from any type of phone for coastguard, fire, police or ambulance services.
- Ask for the coastguard if you are on or next to the water – they're not just for the sea. They will call the other services if needed.
- Tell the emergency services or your boatyard where you are. Always keep track of where you are when boating. [what3words.com](https://www.what3words.com) is an app to help the emergency services find you
- If you are on a holiday boat the contact details for your boatyard are in the back of your skipper's manual.
- The Broads Authority 24-hour moorings have name plates with Ordnance Survey grid references and postcodes on them. If you are near one, give these details to the emergency services or your boatyard so they know where you are.



- Keep your mobile phone charged.
- For other important numbers see the telephone directory on page 52.
- Defibrillators are available at some boatyards and villages (usually near a pub, shop or village hall). They are also available at Broads Authority information centres and yacht stations, and Yare House, Norwich NR1 1RY (all only when staffed).



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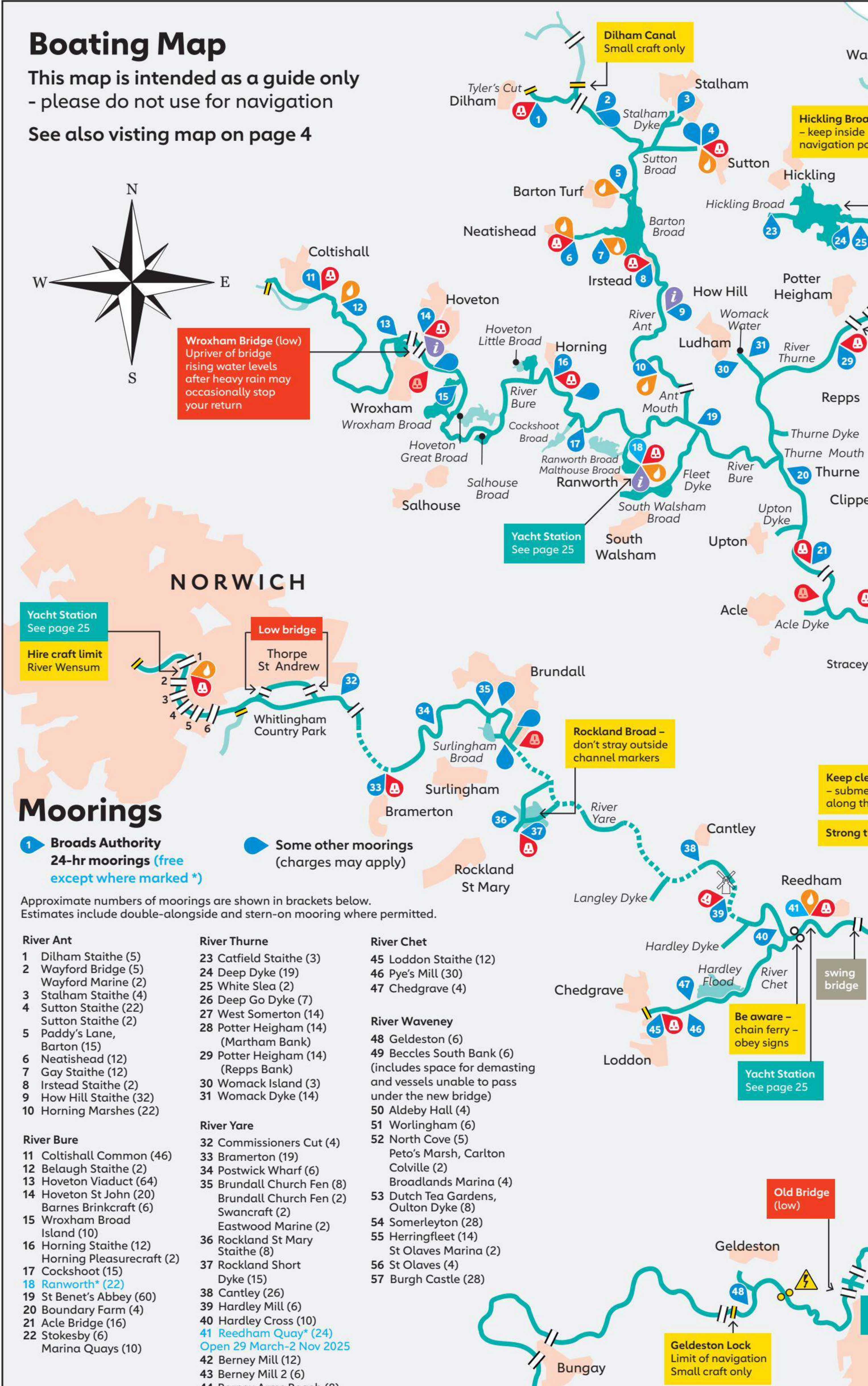
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## Boating Map

This map is intended as a guide only  
- please do not use for navigation  
See also visiting map on page 4



**Wroxham Bridge (low)**  
Upriver of bridge rising water levels after heavy rain may occasionally stop your return

**Dilham Canal**  
Small craft only

**Hickling Broad**  
- keep inside navigation point

**Yacht Station**  
See page 25

**Low bridge**  
Thorpe St Andrew

**Rockland Broad**  
- don't stray outside channel markers

**Keep clear**  
- submerge along the bank

**Strong tide**

**Be aware**  
- chain ferry - obey signs

**Yacht Station**  
See page 25

**Old Bridge (low)**

**Geldeston Lock**  
Limit of navigation  
Small craft only

## Moorings

1 Broads Authority 24-hr moorings (free except where marked \*)

Some other moorings (charges may apply)

Approximate numbers of moorings are shown in brackets below.  
Estimates include double-alongside and stern-on mooring where permitted.

River Ant	River Thurne	River Chet
1 Dilham Staithe (5)	23 Catfield Staithe (3)	45 Loddon Staithe (12)
2 Wayford Bridge (5)	24 Deep Dyke (19)	46 Pye's Mill (30)
3 Wayford Marine (2)	25 White Sleas (2)	47 Chedgrave (4)
4 Stalham Staithe (4)	26 Deep Go Dyke (7)	
5 Sutton Staithe (22)	27 West Somerton (14)	
6 Sutton Staithe (2)	28 Potter Heigham (14)	
7 Paddy's Lane, Barton (15)	29 Potter Heigham (14)	
8 Neatishead (12)	30 Womack Island (3)	
9 Gay Staithe (12)	31 Womack Dyke (14)	
10 Irstead Staithe (2)		
11 How Hill Staithe (32)		
12 Horning Marshes (22)		

River Bure	River Yare	River Waveney
11 Coltishall Common (46)	32 Commissioners Cut (4)	48 Geldeston (6)
12 Belaugh Staithe (2)	33 Bramerton (19)	49 Beccles South Bank (6)
13 Hoveton Viaduct (64)	34 Postwick Wharf (6)	(includes space for demasting and vessels unable to pass under the new bridge)
14 Hoveton St John (20)	35 Brundall Church Fen (8)	50 Aldeby Hall (4)
15 Barnes Brinkcraft (6)	36 Brundall Church Fen (2)	51 Worlingham (6)
16 Wroxham Broad Island (10)	37 Brundall Church Fen (2)	52 North Cove (5)
17 Horning Staithe (12)	38 Eastwood Marine (2)	Peto's Marsh, Carlton Colville (2)
18 Horning Pleasurecraft (2)	39 Rockland St Mary Staithe (8)	Broadlands Marina (4)
19 Cockshoot (15)	40 Rockland Short Dyke (15)	53 Dutch Tea Gardens, Oulton Dyke (8)
20 Ranworth* (22)	41 Cantley (26)	54 Somerleyton (28)
21 St Benet's Abbey (60)	42 Hardley Mill (6)	55 Herringfleet (14)
22 Boundary Farm (4)	43 Hardley Cross (10)	56 St Olaves Marina (2)
23 Acle Bridge (16)	44 Reedham Quay* (24)	57 St Olaves (4)
24 Stokesby (6)	Open 29 March-2 Nov 2025	58 Burgh Castle (28)
25 Marina Quays (10)	42 Berney Mill (12)	
	43 Berney Mill 2 (6)	
	44 Berney Arms Reach (8)	

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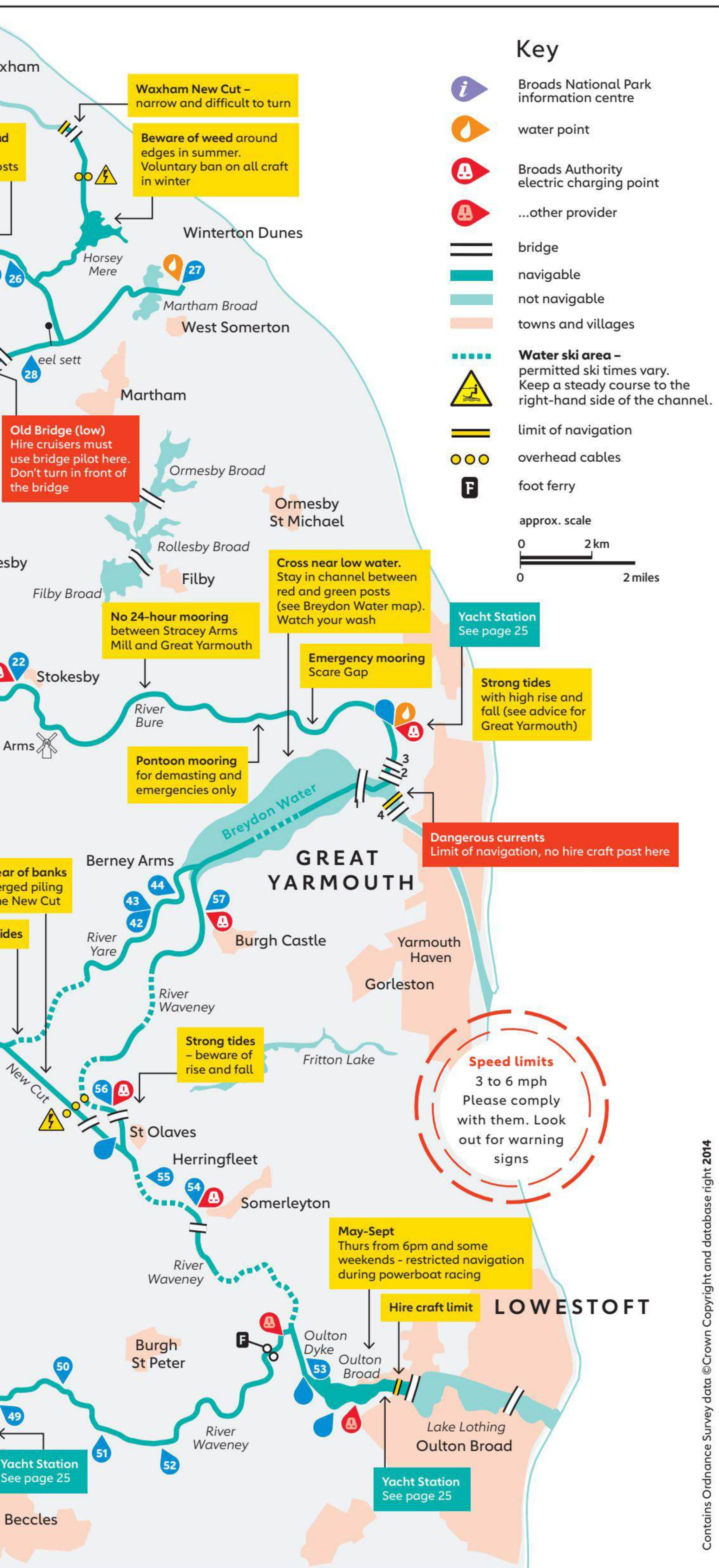
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# How to cross Breydon Water

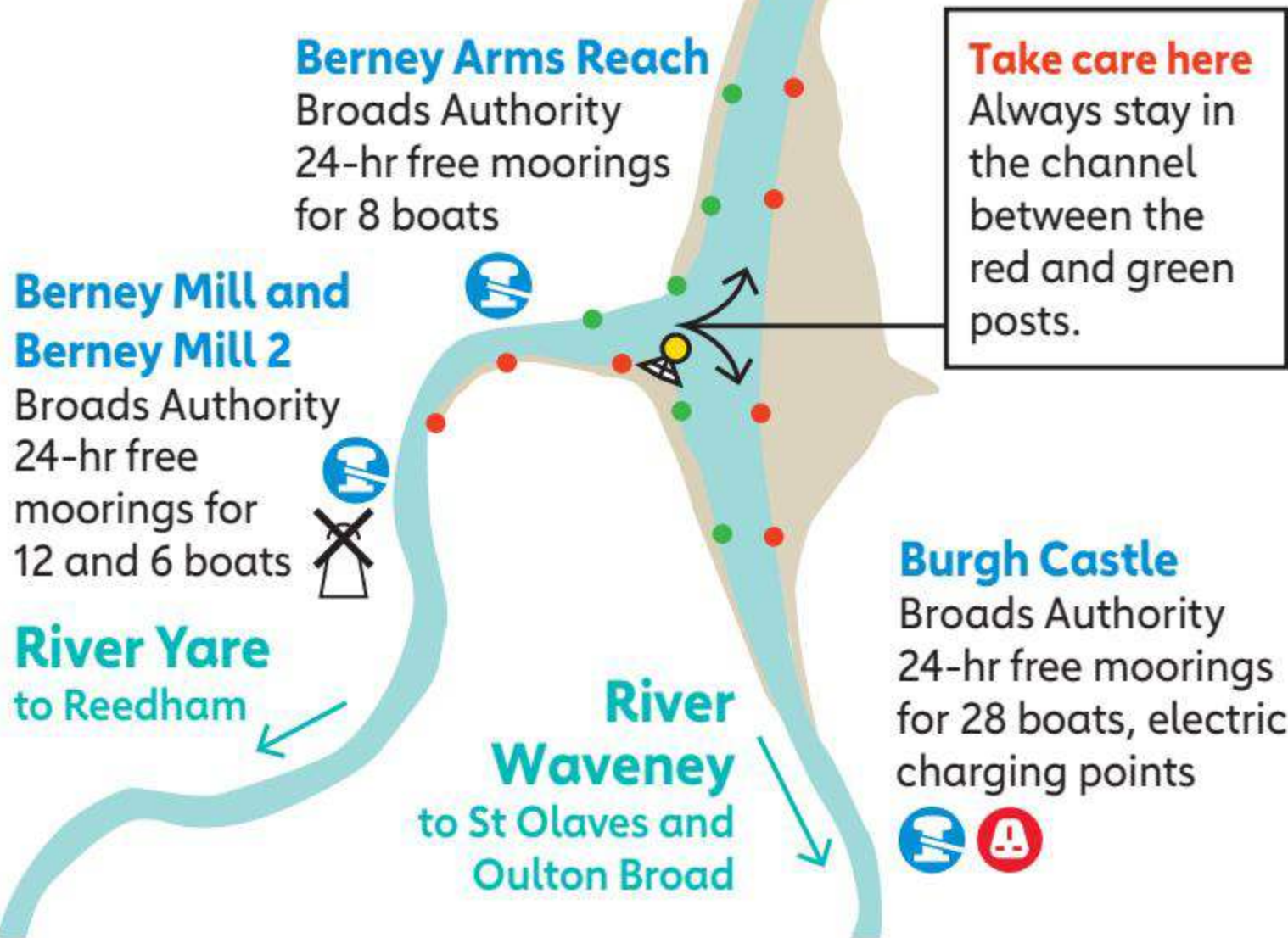
Beautiful Breydon Water, on the edge of Great Yarmouth, is an internationally important site for water birds. A cruise across it takes you to and fro between the northern and southern rivers. It can be challenging, so you need to prepare and take care.

Follow our guidance here for a safe crossing.

**1** Think about your journey well ahead. You can contact our staff at Great Yarmouth Yacht Station on 01493 842794 or 07766 398238 (see page 25). They'll work out the best time for you to cross and give guidance. If anything's not clear to you, ask again. Leave a message if necessary (with your telephone number) and they will get back to you.

**2** Plan your crossing so that you can go under Great Yarmouth bridges at slack water, which is about an hour after low water. The tide will be less of a hazard and you'll have maximum clearance under the bridges. Larger vessels (with an air draft over 2.32m or 7'6") may need to cross at low water rather than waiting for slack water – please contact Great Yarmouth Yacht Station for advice. The tide tables on page 31 give the times of low water. Crossing at other times is inadvisable. There are two bridges close together. The old metal railway bridge, Vauxhall Bridge, is 7.62cm (3") lower than the concrete road bridge, Yarmouth/Acle Road Bridge. You should be passing under bridges with at least 30cm (a foot) to spare.

**3** Work out the time you need to leave your previous mooring by working backwards from the time you need to be in Great Yarmouth. It will take about 2¼ hours to get to Great Yarmouth from Acle and about 2 hours from Reedham or St Olaves. Make sure that you won't be navigating in the dark – hire boats are not allowed to navigate before sunrise or after sunset as they have no navigation lights. Check the weather forecast – don't cross if visibility is poor or there are strong winds.



**4** Always wear life jackets when on deck. Have your canopy or mast lowered ready for passing under the bridges. Before going under any bridge check your boat height (shown on a plate in the cockpit or in the skipper's manual). Check the bridge clearance boards to make sure that your boat will fit under the bridges. Don't steer your boat from the outside steering position – if something goes wrong you are vulnerable.

**5** Check the map here to make sure you know what to do. Keep everyone inside the boat or cockpit during the crossing. Concentrate on what you are doing. The channel has some bends in it, but don't take shortcuts. Never go outside the red and green navigation posts. If you get stuck, try and reverse. If that doesn't work, call your boatyard.



Crossing Breydon Water at slack water – note how the navigation channel runs through extensive mudbanks

**MOORING - tie the front rope first.** Be aware of the rise and fall of the tide in this area (about 2.2m or 7') and adjust your ropes and fenders.

In an emergency call the coastguard on 999 or 112



Demasting structure

Lay-by mooring

Channel

Shallow water and mud

Strong currents outside slack water

Dangerous currents

### Bridge Clearance

Clearance at average high water during the summer is given below but always check the bridge clearance boards (pictured right). Look out for additional advance bridge clearance boards as you approach Breydon Water and also on the Lower Bure. The river is narrow and tides can be strong. Lower your canopy in plenty of time. Make sure everyone is down inside the boat.

Navigate between the two arrows on the bridges.

Stop lights indicate you must not pass through the centre span.

**1 Breydon Bridge 3.96m (13')**  
Go through the right-hand side span.

**2 Vauxhall Bridge 2.06m (6'9")**

**3 Yarmouth/Acle Road Bridge 2.13m (7')**

Note: In all cases tidal levels can vary considerably and so affect the above figures.

MAXIMUM HEIGHT UNDER BRIDGE	
FEET	METRES
5	1.50
6	1.75
7	2.0
8	2.25
9	2.50

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# Low water predictions for Great Yarmouth Yacht Station (corrected for BST)

Use these tables to work out when to cross Breydon Water, see page 30.  
Slack water is about 1 hour after low water at Great Yarmouth Yacht Station.

March-April			May			June			July			August			September			Oct-Nov		
	am hr:min	pm hr:min		am hr:min	pm hr:min		am hr:min	pm hr:min		am hr:min	pm hr:min		am hr:min	pm hr:min		am hr:min	pm hr:min		am hr:min	pm hr:min
29 Sa	03:48	15:48	01 Th	07:16	19:36	01 Su	08:28	21:21	01 Tu	08:41	21:40	01 Fr	09:17	22:17	01 Mo	10:18	22:40	01 We	11:10	23:09
30 Su	05:33	17:31	02 Fr	08:00	20:31	02 Mo	09:15	22:15	02 We	09:21	22:26	02 Sa	10:06	23:03	02 Tu		12:06	02 Th		12:54
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More details on all these points from our yacht stations and information centres

**Moorings**

- For Broads Authority 24-hour free moorings see map on centre pages
- Broads Hire Boat Federation (BHBF) operators allow other member companies' boats to moor in their boatyards free of charge, subject to availability; look out for the BHBF logo at boatyards or check your skipper's manual
- Many other places also provide moorings

**Tides**

- All Broads rivers are close to the sea so are all affected by tides (or are tidal)
- Consideration of tidal flow may be important as journeys by boat are harder and slower when the flow is against you

- Rise and fall of the tide is on average about 2.2m/7' at Great Yarmouth and Reedham, while at Norwich it's about 60-90cm/2'-3' and at Wroxham it's about 15cm/6"
  - There are usually two high tides and two low tides each day but times vary daily
  - Knowing when high and low tide times occur can be important for getting under bridges, and tides can create strong currents in certain areas
  - If you are staying on a holiday boat, your skipper's manual may include tide tables
- Broadcaster tide tables**
- These show times for low tide at Great Yarmouth Yacht Station, close to Breydon Water
  - We include these times because at Breydon Water it is essential to pay careful attention to the tide in your planning
  - Read the instructions for crossing Breydon Water on page 30

- Posts**
- Where there are red and green posts, keep in the main channel between them
  - Red and green posts and buoys don't mean red for danger and green for go – they mark the edges of channels
  - Yellow posts usually mark a hazard – keep well clear and keep to channel
- Water**
- For water points at Broads Authority moorings see map on centre pages (some are seasonal, such as Gay Staithe and West Somerton)
  - Water points are available at many other moorings and boatyards (small charge)
  - Boil water from all water points before drinking
  - Waste water from boats, except sewage, empties into the waterways, so use biodegradable washing-up liquid and other cleaning products, and use only small amounts

- Pump-out services available at many boatyards throughout Broads
  - Absorb oil on to kitchen paper and put paper in bin
- Paddlesports**
- See page 18
- Sailing events**
- If you find yourself on the water during a regatta:
- Keep close to the right-hand bank and slow down as you pass through
  - Sailing boats have right of way
  - If they are zigzagging across the river to catch the wind, slow down and try to pass behind them
  - Make your course clear – do not weave about
  - Watch for indications on when to pass, but do not put yourself or others in danger, or just moor up to watch
  - Where channels are provided for safe passage, stay in channel
  - Listen to and follow advice from rangers or safety patrol boats

- Oulton Broad racing**
- Races held Thursday evenings, bank holidays and some Sundays
- During powerboat racing:
- Do not enter or leave via main body of broad where event is taking place
  - Keep speed down and follow instructions from patrol boats, rescue boats and yacht station staff for safe passage and mooring
- North Walsham and Dilham Canal**
- For small craft only, charge or donation payable to the trust [nwdct.org](http://nwdct.org)
- Peace and quiet**
- Be sensitive to your neighbours – don't leave your engine idling late at night or early in the morning
  - Be aware of radio and TV volume too, especially when the roof of your boat is open
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Tolls

- Boat owners who are already registered with the Broads Authority can renew annual tolls online

Slipways

- There are many slipways and launching points – some free, some with charges
- Many boatyards also have slipways – charges apply

Electric charging point cards

- £1 from Broads National Park information centres and yacht stations at Hoveton, Ranworth, How Hill, Norwich, Reedham and Great Yarmouth, and from some shops and boatyards
- Keep cards away from mobile phones – they can interfere with credit on cards
- See link below for details on where to find electric charging points, how to use them and where to buy cards

Mutford Lock

- Between Oulton Broad and Lake Lothing at Lowestoft – limit of hire boat navigation
- Not for use by hire boats
- For private boats, call 01502 523408 or 01502 531778, 24 hours ahead, to book a passage (£17)

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- [broads-authority.gov.uk/moorings](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/moorings)
- [broads-authority.gov.uk/tides](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/tides)
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BROADS BEAT

- Now in their 30th year – a team of Royal Yachting Association-trained police officers and support staff who patrol the Broads throughout the year, preventing and detecting crime, reducing anti-social behaviour and disorder, assisting boaters and ensuring the safety of all on land or water
- Officers work with the other emergency services and partnership agencies, including the Broads Authority, RNLI, Border Force, Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, and Environment Agency
- Broads Beat is supported by many businesses and is the UK's longest-running police and public sponsorship scheme
- Contact them through 101 (for non-emergencies) or 999 in an emergency, or use the Norfolk police online reporting form at [norfolk.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime](https://norfolk.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime)
- Follow their daily activities on Twitter/X @BroadsBeat



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Journey times in the Broads (in hours)

Times are a rough guide only. When planning your journey remember traffic, tide and weather may make it take longer.

Northern Rivers/Broads	River Bure								River Thurne		River Ant	
	Coltishall	Wroxham	Horning	Ant Mouth	Thurne Mouth	Acle	Stracey Arms Mill	Great Yarmouth	Potter Heigham	Hickling Staithe	Stalham	Barton Broad
River Bure												
Coltishall	-	1½	2¾	3¾	4¼	4¾	5¾	7¼	5	6¼	5¾	5
Wroxham	1½	-	1¼	2¼	2¾	3¼	4	5½	3½	4½	4¼	3½
Horning	2¾	1¼	-	1	1½	2	3	4½	2¼	3½	3	2¼
Ant Mouth	3¾	2¼	1	-	½	1	2	3½	1¼	2½	2	1¼
Thurne Mouth	4¼	2¾	1½	½	-	½	1½	3	¾	2	2½	1¾
Acle	4¾	3¼	2	1	½	-	1	2¼	1¼	2½	3	2¼
Stracey Arms Mill	5¾	4	3	2	1½	1	-	1½	2¼	3¼	4	3¼
Great Yarmouth	7¼	5½	4½	3½	3	2¼	1½	-	3¾	4¾	5½	4¾
River Thurne												
Potter Heigham	5	3½	2¼	1¼	¾	1¼	2¼	3¾	-	1¼	¾	2½
Hickling Staithe	6¼	4½	3½	2½	2	2½	3¼	4¾	1¼	-	4½	3¾
River Ant												
Stalham	5¾	4¼	3	2	2½	3	4	5½	¾	4½	-	¾
Barton Broad	5	3½	2¼	1¼	1¾	2¼	3¼	4¾	2½	3¾	¾	-
Southern Rivers/Broads	River Yare								River Waveney			
	Norwich YS	Thorpe Green	Brundall	Cantley	Loddon (River Chet)	Reedham	Berney Arms	★ Gt Yarmouth	Burgh Castle	St Olaves	Oulton Dyke	Oulton Broad YS
River Yare												
Norwich YS	-	½	2	¾	4¾	4	5	5¾	5¼	4¾	5¾	6¼
Thorpe Green	½	-	1½	2½	4¼	3½	4½	5¼	4¾	4¼	5¼	6¾
Brundall	2	1½	-	1¼	2¾	2	3	3¾	3¼	2¾	3¾	4¼
Cantley	3¼	2½	1¼	-	1½	1	1¾	2¾	2	1¾	2½	3
Loddon (River Chet)	4¾	4¼	2¾	1½	-	1¼	2¼	3	2½	2	3	3½
Reedham	4	3½	2	1	1¼	-	1	1¾	1¼	¾	1¾	2¼
Berney Arms	5	4½	3	1¾	2¼	1	-	¾	1¼	1¼	2¼	2¾
★ Great Yarmouth	5¾	5¼	3¾	2¾	3	1¾	¾	-	1	2	3	3½
River Waveney												
Burgh Castle	5¼	4¾	3¼	2	2½	1¼	1¼	1	-	1	2	2½
St Olaves	4¾	4¼	2¾	1¾	2	¾	1¼	2	1	-	1	1½
Oulton Dyke	5¾	5¼	3¾	2½	3	1¾	2¼	3	2	1	-	1½
Oulton Broad YS	6¼	5¾	4¼	3	3½	2¼	2¾	3½	2½	1½	½	-
Beccles	7½	6¾	5½	4¼	4¾	3¼	4	4¾	3¾	2¾	1¾	2¼
Geldeston	8½	7¾	6½	5¼	5¾	4¼	5	5¾	4¾	5¾	2¾	3¼

★ = crossing Breydon (timing critical)  
YS = yacht station

WASTE DISPOSAL

- Recycling and other waste disposal facilities are often available near moorings or in towns and villages
- Be careful with waste – don't leave bags at the back of boats where they could easily fall into the water
- Dispose of waste at proper sites – don't leave bags at sides of moorings or adjacent roads and don't overload bins or leave bags by bins if bins are full

- If necessary, hang on to waste till you reach the next site
  - Discarded litter and fishing tackle can entangle and kill wildlife
- Boat waste facilities on each river** (available at time of compilation)
- Wensum•Yare•Chet**
- Norwich Yacht Station**
- Brundall:** Broom Boats, Silverline Marine (both hire craft only)
- Rockland Staithe**

- Loddon:** Staithe, Pye's Mill; Maffett Cruisers, Pacific Cruisers (both hire craft only)
- Reedham Quay**
- Bure**
- Coltishall:** Kings Head
- Wroxham/Hoveton:** Broads National Park Information Centre; Barnes Brinkcraft, Norfolk Broads Direct (both hire craft only)
- Salhouse Broad**
- Horning:** Ferry Marina (hire craft only); Swan Inn
- Ranworth Staithe**

- Acle:** Acle Bridge Moorings car park; Bridgecraft (hire craft only)
- Great Yarmouth Yacht Station**
- Ant**
- Stalham:** Richardson's (hire craft only)
- Barton Turf Staithe car park**
- Neatishead Staithe**
- Irstead Staithe**
- Ludham Bridge Staithe**
- Thurne**
- Hickling:** Pleasure Boat Inn
- Horse Mill**
- Repps Staithe**

- Potter Heigham:** Staithe; Herbert Woods (hire craft only)
- Ludham:** Womack Staithe
- Waveney**
- Geldeston:** Locks Inn
- Beccles Yacht Station**
- Burgh St Peter:** Waveney River Centre (hire craft only)
- Oulton Broad Yacht Station**
- Somerleyton**
- Burgh Castle**
- Waste**
- [broads-authority.gov.uk/waste](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/waste)
- See also page 52





# VISIT THE BROADS NATIONAL PARK

*Visit the Broads is a membership organisation for Broads businesses. We hope you enjoy these guides featuring our members, which we have designed to help you get the most from your visit to the Broads National Park.*

## The Adventurer's Guide to the Broads

Thrills on Water, Wheels and Trails

Whether you're paddleboarding through twisting rivers, cycling rugged trails, or sailing into uncharted waters, this guide highlights the best ways to get your adrenaline pumping. Here's everything you need to plan your ultimate adventure in the Broads National Park.

### Master the Waters

Why walk when you can paddle? **Go Paddle** offers stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes for those ready to take on the Broads' waterways. Why not take on their escape room on the water – will you lift the curse of the River Bure?

### Sail Like a Pro

Think sailing is relaxing? Think again! With **Oliver's Sailing Holidays**, you can experience the thrill of captaining your own sailing boat. Perfect your tacking and gybing skills while exploring the Broads.

### Escape on Your Own Adventure

Put yourself at the helm, chart your own course through the serene beauty of the Broads.

Perfect for day trips, **Phoenix Fleet** offers hourly rentals on day boats that accommodate up to 12 people, including your four-legged friends!

Dreaming of a full-on holiday on the water? Spend your nights under the starry skies of the Broads National Park aboard your own cruiser. **Pacific Cruisers** provides a range of hire options and ensures even first-timers are fully prepared with a comprehensive tutorial when you pick up your floating home.

**Barnes Brinkcraft** offers an exclusive fleet of high-end cruisers. Each boat is equipped with modern amenities, from plush interiors to spacious sun decks, ensuring a first-class experience as you explore the Broads.

For those who truly fall in love with life on the water, **Norfolk Yacht Agency** offers an exclusive selection of boats for sale. From sleek modern yachts to classic river

cruisers, their team will help you find the perfect vessel to call your own. Owning a boat on the Broads is the ultimate way to enjoy this stunning destination year-round.

### Conquer the Trails

Experience the region's diverse landscapes with **Explore Norfolk**, who offer tailor-made walking and cycling holidays. From the historic Peddars Way to the stunning Norfolk Coast Path and the exciting Rebellion Way, stay in lovely accommodation, and have your luggage transported so you can take your time to enjoy the many wonderful sights along the way.

Rent a bike for a half or full day adventure from **Bure Valley Cycle Hire** in Coltishall, which offers mountain bikes for riders aged 8+. Take on the challenge of the 9-mile Bure Valley Path, connecting Wroxham with Aylsham, where you'll cycle right next to narrow-gauge steam trains.

### Wild Expeditions

Adventure isn't just about action, it's also about discovery. Join the **Norfolk Wildlife Trust** for thrilling excursions into the wild. Explore Hickling Broad on a wildlife safari and search for some of the UK's rarest species, like the elusive otter or the swallowtail butterfly. For night-time adventurers, guided bat safaris and stargazing events will get your heart pounding as you delve into the mysteries of the night.

**Jet Adventures** depart from South Pier, Lowestoft, they're all about creating unforgettable experiences on the water. Their seal trips bring you up close to fascinating colonies of seals in their natural habitat, offering unforgettable wildlife encounters.

### Dare to Camp

Adventurers need a basecamp, and camping in the Broads offers the perfect mix of rustic charm and outdoor excitement.

**Three Rivers Camping** is ideal for thrill-seekers. Paddle directly to your riverside campsite, then set out on a new adventure the next morning, whether it's hiking, fishing, or kayaking.

**Wardley Hill Campsite** offers a wilder experience. Stay in tree hammocks or on spacious off-grid pitches

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and wake up to a world of exploration. The surrounding woods and meadows are perfect for orienteering, geocaching, or just seeing how far you can wander before stumbling upon a new discovery.

### Push Your Limits in the Broads

Grab your gear, rally your friends, and get ready to explore the Broads like never before.

## Wildlife Wonders of the Broads

Exploring Nature's Paradise

The Broads National Park is one of Britain's most biodiverse regions, home to rare species, unique ecosystems, and breathtaking landscapes.

### Discover Hidden Habitats

For an immersive experience of the Broads' unique ecosystems, **Suffolk Wildlife Trust** is an essential destination. Their nature reserves, such as Carlton Marshes, serve as sanctuaries for rare and diverse wildlife. Enhance your adventure by joining expert-led guided tours, engaging birdwatching events, or simply exploring these breathtaking habitats at your own pace.

If you're looking to experience exotic and native wildlife up close, **Thrigby Hall Wildlife Gardens** offers an unforgettable day out. The park focuses on conservation and features species from Asia alongside local favourites. Walk high above tiger enclosures on the Jungle Bridge or peer into the ponds of wading birds.

### Nature from the Water

To see the Broads' wildlife in its most natural setting, hop aboard a **Broads Tours** boat trip. Their wildlife-focused tours take you along the River Bure and beyond, with expert guides pointing out species like grebes, herons and kingfishers.

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ideal for spotting herons, kingfishers and otters in their natural habitats.

Explore the southern stretches of the Broads with [Waveney River Tours](#). Their guided tours offer unrivalled access to serene marshes and remote waterways, you may encounter marsh harriers, otters and dragonflies on the way. It's a magical experience for wildlife lovers and photographers alike.

#### Accessible Wildlife Adventures

Nature should be for everyone, and [Nancy Oldfield Trust](#) ensures that it is. Specialising in accessible boating, this charity encourages people of all abilities to enjoy the wonders of the Broads. Gliding through the waterways is perfect for approaching shy species like otters and water voles.

#### A Heartwarming Experience

A visit to [Redwings Horse Sanctuary](#) at either their Caldecott or Aylsham centres is an inspiring way to connect with rescued animals and learn about their rehabilitation journeys. Home to rescued horses, ponies and donkeys, a visit makes for a heartwarming day out.

#### Wild Nights Under the Stars

Stay at [Walnut Farm Waxham](#), an eco-friendly retreat just a stone's throw from the coast. It's an ideal base to visit the huge colony of seals which come ashore to pup each winter. The farm's surrounding meadows and waterways are a hotspot for biodiversity, making it a great base for wildlife enthusiasts.

For a truly immersive wildlife experience, spend a night at [Whitlingham Broad Campsite](#). Wake up to the sound of birdsong, explore nearby trails teeming with wildlife. Evenings at the campsite are just as magical, with opportunities for stargazing or spotting bats as they dart across the night sky.

#### A Wildlife Wonderland Awaits

Book your wildlife adventure today and step into a world where nature reigns supreme.

## History and Heritage in the Broads

### Discovering a Storied Landscape

The Broads National Park isn't just a treasure trove of natural beauty – it's also a living museum of history and heritage. From ancient boats to tales of wartime innovation, this iconic region has a fascinating past that continues to shape its present.

#### A Window Into the Past

Located in Stalham, the [Museum of the Broads](#) is the ultimate starting point for exploring the history of the region. This engaging museum chronicles life on the Broads, from its medieval origins to its industrial and recreational evolution. The museum offers a captivating experience for visitors of all ages.

As you journey through the Broads, you'll encounter numerous mills, each a testament to the region's rich heritage. These iconic structures, once crucial for draining the marshlands, now serve as picturesque landmarks, blending history with natural beauty.

#### Secrets of Wartime Innovation

Dive into the Broads' role in wartime history with a visit to the [RAF Air Defence Radar Museum](#) in Neatishead. Situated in a former radar station, this unique museum showcases the pivotal role radar technology played during World War II and the Cold War.

#### Journey Through Time

Experience the Broads as they were in the early 20th

century with [Hunter's Yard Heritage Fleet](#). This fleet of traditional wooden sailing yachts, lovingly maintained and restored, offer visitors the chance to sail aboard vessels that have graced these waterways for nearly a century.

Step into a world of traditional boatbuilding at [Martham Boat Building & Development Co](#), a family-run business preserving the art of wooden boat restoration and hire. Operating for over 70 years, the yard offers visitors the chance to sail on beautifully restored craft, each steeped in history.

Experience the charm of vintage rail travel aboard the [Bure Valley Railway](#), Norfolk's longest narrow-gauge steam railway. This historic railway offers scenic journeys between Wroxham and Aylsham, providing a unique way to see the stunning landscapes of the Broads.

#### Sailing a Piece of History

Discover the story of the wherries, with their distinctive black sails, that were used for transporting goods such as coal, reed and timber. These flat-bottomed vessels were designed for the shallow waters of the Broads.

Join [Wherry Maud Trust](#) on one of their sailing trips or heritage days to learn about life aboard these historic vessels, from their cargo-hauling days to their current role as cultural ambassadors for the Broads.

Another vital organisation preserving the legacy of wherries is the [Norfolk Wherry Trust](#). Their meticulously restored wherry Albion offers an authentic sailing experience that transports you back to its heyday when it was used as a trading vessel.

#### Rustic Luxury

History meets comfort at [Dairy Barns](#), a converted farmstead offering accommodation in Hickling. This family-run establishment pays homage to its agricultural past with original features preserved in its charming rooms and self-catering cottages.

[Tunstead Cottages](#) offers another unique way to immerse yourself in the Broads' history. These beautifully restored cottages retain much of their original character, offering guests a cosy retreat steeped in heritage.

#### Stories that Bring History to Life

Step into the past with [Paul Dickson Tours](#), revealing fascinating tales of the people, places and events that shaped the Broads National Park. Whether you're exploring medieval churches, learning about the legacy of wherries, or hearing stories of industrial innovation, Paul provides a deeper appreciation for the Broads' rich heritage.

#### A Broads Legacy

No exploration of the Broads' heritage is complete without a visit to [Roys of Wroxham](#), the "world's largest village store" and a local institution since 1895. This family-run business has deep roots in the Broads, providing everything from groceries to hardware.

#### History Awaits in the Broads

Plan your trip today to experience the history and heritage that make the Broads such a captivating destination.



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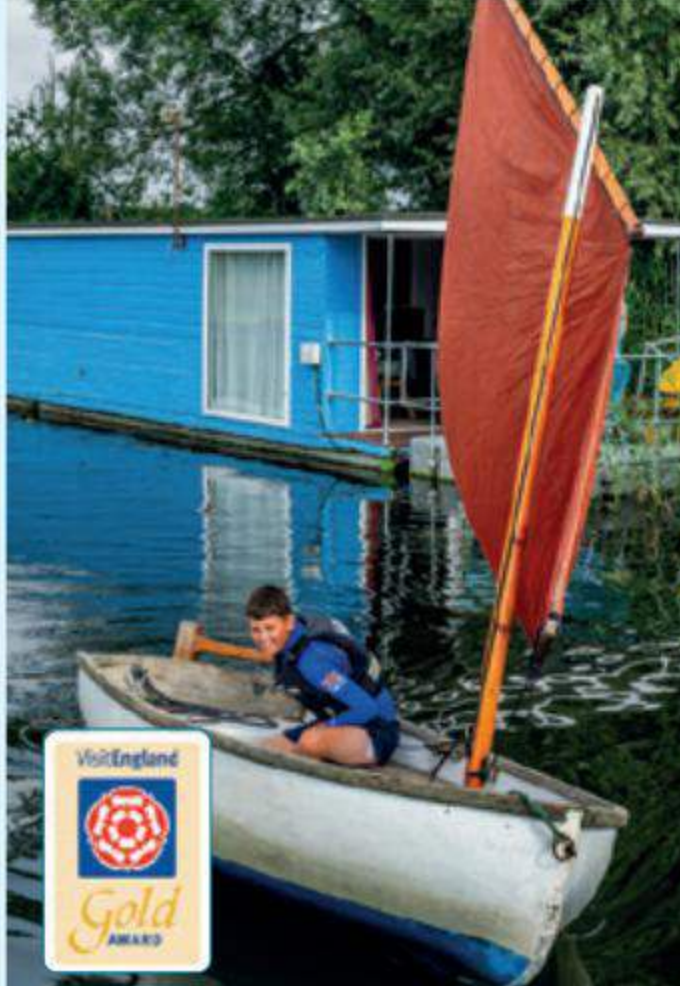
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### Family Fun in the Broads

Nature, Play and Unforgettable Memories

The Broads National Park is the perfect playground for families, offering an incredible mix of outdoor adventures, fun attractions and exciting activities.

#### Go Wild and Explore

**Pettitts Animal Adventure Park** is a family-friendly attraction which combines hands-on animal experiences with rides, play areas and live shows. Younger children will love meeting the park's friendly animals, including meerkats, alpacas and reptiles, while older kids can enjoy roller coasters and go-karts.

Get lost in an adventure at the **Wizard Maze**, a giant maize maze at Melton to the north of the Broads. Perfect for families with curious kids, the maze offers hours of entertainment as you work together to solve riddles, crack codes, and navigate twists and turns.

#### Make a Splash

When the weather's warm, cool off at **Beccles Lido**, a fantastic outdoor swimming pool on the River Waveney. Kids will love splashing around in the heated pools, while parents can relax on the sun terrace or take a leisurely swim.

#### Pitch Up

Turn your family trip into a memorable camping adventure at **Outney Meadow Caravan Park**, on the River Waveney. It has plenty of space for tents, caravans and motorhomes, along with direct access to beautiful walking and cycling trails.

#### Farmyard Fun

**Wroxham Barns** is the perfect family destination, blending a working farm, craft shops and fun-filled activities. Kids can meet and feed animals at Junior Farm or enjoy rides, mini-golf and pedal tractors at the Fun Park. Meanwhile, parents can explore boutique shops and savour local treats at the on-site cafe. There's also a summer season campsite and luxury bell tents on site too.

#### Learn to Sail

Turn your family holiday into an unforgettable adventure by learning to sail with **Eastwood Whelpton Sailing Holidays**. Their family-friendly courses and hire boats make it easy for everyone, from kids to grandparents, to enjoy the thrill of being on the water.

With **Norfolk Broads Direct**, you can hire a self-drive cruiser or day boat and explore the Broads at your own pace. The modern, easy-to-operate boats are equipped with all the amenities you need, ensuring comfort and safety for families, even with younger children.

#### Access for All

**Waveney Stardust** is a purpose-built motor cruiser, designed to offer people who would not be able to use a traditional boat the opportunity to use the Broads National Park's waterways. Access to the boat is by way of a lift and it has no steps to negotiate. A hoist is available for use by passengers with carers.

Trips can be booked for family groups where one or more members are disabled or unable to board a self-hire craft.

#### Adventure Time

For a day packed with variety, head to **Nicholas Everitt Park** at Oulton Broad. This family-friendly park features a play area, tennis courts, and plenty of green spaces for picnics and games. The riverside location is perfect for boat watching or feeding the ducks. During the summer, families can enjoy regular events like powerboat racing and outdoor concerts, adding an extra element of excitement to your visit.

#### Fabulous Places to Stay

Combine the Broads' charm with classic seaside fun at **Richardson's Holiday Complex** in Hemsby. Just a short drive from the Broads, this family-friendly resort offers endless entertainment, from indoor swimming pools to evening shows and kids' clubs.

Spend your days building sandcastles on the beach, or exploring the Broads' waterways. It's the perfect base for a family holiday filled with fun and adventure.

**Waveney River Centre** is set beside a stunning marina, with amazing views over the Broads. Choose from lodges, apartments or hotel rooms for year-round



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holidays, there are also touring pitches May to October. Families will love the adventure of taking the foot ferry to explore Carlton Marshes, as well as the on-site swimming pool.

#### A Playground for Families

Book your trip to the Broads today and create memories your family will treasure forever.

## The Perfect Romantic Getaway

### Escape to the Broads

There's something undeniably romantic about the serene waterways and lush landscapes of the Broads. This unique corner of England offers countless opportunities for couples to connect.

#### Chic Comfort and Countryside Charm

Tucked away in the charming village of Loddon, **Farthing Green Apartments** offer stylish, self-contained accommodation. These cosy apartments are ideal for lazy mornings with breakfast in bed or evenings spent relaxing after a day of exploring.

For couples seeking a countryside escape, **Worstead Estate Accommodation** offers an idyllic retreat. These luxurious cottages blend rustic charm with modern elegance.

Take a romantic stroll through the estate's picturesque landscapes or enjoy a quiet evening by the fire. The estate also hosts weddings, if you want to take the romance to the ultimate next step!

#### A Historic Escape

Step back in time with a stay at **Hoveton Hall B&B**, a historic Georgian home surrounded by stunning gardens. Don't miss a leisurely walk through the Hall's renowned gardens, especially beautiful in the spring and summer months.

For a taste of historic luxury, the **Maids Head Hotel** in Norwich is the perfect choice. Dating back over 800 years, this award-winning hotel blends timeless charm with modern comforts. The ideal blend of city exploration and water adventures.

#### Riverside Romance

For an unforgettable experience, book a stay at **Hippersons Boatyard** in Beccles where you can choose to stay on houseboats or quirky glamping pods, perfect for couples looking for something a little different. Wake up to the tranquil sounds of the river, enjoy a romantic paddle together, or take a day boat out for your own private adventure on the water.

Elevate your romantic escape with **Riverside Rentals**, offering a range of luxurious waterside cottages and lodges. These stylish properties come with stunning river views, great to enjoy a scenic breakfast, a glass of wine as the sun sets, or a peaceful boat trip straight from your doorstep.

The **Waveney Inn & Hotel**, nestled in the southern Broads, offers the perfect escape for a romantic break. Its picturesque riverside setting provides an idyllic backdrop for couples seeking a blend of adventure and relaxation.



#### Relax and Rejuvenate Together

What's more romantic than unwinding with a spa day? **Perfect Pamper** offers mobile spa services, bringing luxurious treatments right to your accommodation. Choose from couples' massages, facials and beauty treatments for a truly indulgent experience that will leave you both feeling refreshed and closer than ever.

#### Explore the Water Together

Discover the magic of the Broads with boat hire from **Maycraft Boat Services** allowing you and your partner to explore hidden corners and experience the beauty of the Broads at your own pace.

**Martham Ferry Boatyard** has a small fleet of quiet electric day and picnic boats for hire. Enhance your adventure with one of their luxurious wicker hampers, brimming with gourmet treats, and enjoy a dreamy picnic at your favourite spot along the way.

#### A Destination Where Love Flourishes

Plan your romantic getaway today and discover the magic of the Broads with the one you love.

## Pet-Friendly Escapes

### Travelling With Your Furry Friend in the Broads

Why leave your beloved pet behind when the Broads National Park is the perfect destination for both you and your four-legged companion? The Broads is a haven for animal lovers who want to share the joys of a holiday with their pets.

#### Tail-Wagging Adventures

Make your pup feel like royalty with a stay at Canine Cottages. These handpicked, pet-friendly holiday homes offer everything from spacious gardens for off-leash play to cosy interiors for snuggling up after a day of exploring the Broads.

**East Ruston Cottages** with their award-winning, dog-centric cottages are designed with your pup in

mind. From fully enclosed gardens and dog showers to welcome packs that include treats and toys, they'll make sure your pet feels at home.

Stay in style at **Cottingham Barn**, a charming rural retreat that welcomes pets with open arms. Surrounded by tranquil countryside, this bed and breakfast features spacious grounds where your furry friend can stretch their legs.

Nestled in the heart of the Broads, **Norfolk Holiday Lodges Ltd** offers pet-friendly lodges where your dog can enjoy the holiday as much as you. Each lodge provides plenty of space for your pet to roam, with nearby walking trails perfect for morning or evening strolls.

**Broads Escapes** offers a collection of self-catering holiday and pet-friendly cottages. All of their cottages are comfortably furnished and come fully equipped so that you can create a home away from home and enjoy the freedom of having your own place to relax and reconnect with family, friends and loved ones.

The villages of Coltishall and Horstead are on the northern River Bure, and make an excellent base for exploring the area with your four-legged friend. **Horstead Cottages** sleeps up to four, with a private garden area to keep your dog safe, and to enjoy a BBQ.

#### Seaside Retreats for Pets

Located near the coast, **Beachside Holidays Norfolk** offers pet-friendly accommodation that gives you and your furry friend easy access to sandy shores. Enjoy seaside walks, sunset views, and a cosy place to unwind at the end of the day.

#### Dining With Your Dog

No need to leave your pup behind when dining out, **The Swan Inn** Stalham welcomes pets with open arms. This traditional pub combines delicious local fare with a warm, dog-friendly atmosphere.

As its name suggests, **The Dog at Ludham** is a very pet-friendly spot. This charming pub is a favourite for its cosy atmosphere and dog-welcoming vibe. It's the perfect place to relax after a day of exploring nearby walking trails to St Benet's Abbey and How Hill.



Boating With Your Best Friend

Why not bring your dog along for a day on the water? **Horning Pleasurecraft** offers pet-friendly boat hire, so you and your pup can cruise the Broads together. Their spacious boats provide plenty of room for dogs to relax while you take in the stunning scenery.

Plan Your Pet-Friendly Escape Today

Book your next trip today and experience the joy of travelling with your pet in one of the UK's most beautiful and welcoming destinations.

A Foodie's Journey Through the Broads  
A Taste Sensation

The Broads National Park isn't just a feast for the eyes - it's a feast for the taste buds too. With its vibrant local produce, traditional pubs, artisan bakeries and celebrated breweries, the Broads offers culinary experiences to delight any foodie.



Historic Riverside Dining

Tucked along the River Waveney, **The Bell Inn** at St Olaves is one of the oldest inns in Norfolk, blending history with modern gastronomy. Their menu showcases fresh, locally sourced produce.

Award-Winning Local Ales

Continue your foodie adventure at **Humpty Dumpty Brewery** in Reedham, a must-visit for craft beer enthusiasts, famous for its wide range of ales, from classic bitters to creative seasonal brews. Take a tour, sample their beers, and don't forget to grab a few bottles to enjoy at home.

No trip to the Broads is complete without a visit to **Woodforde's Brewery** and its adjoining pub, the **Fur & Feather** in Woodbastwick. This iconic brewery has been crafting exceptional beers for over 40 years, including the renowned Wherry Ale. Enjoy a pint alongside their seasonal menu of hearty pub classics, which feature locally sourced ingredients.

Artisan Perfection

For a casual yet unforgettable meal, head to **Oak Fired Pizza** in Beccles. Their speciality is authentic

Neapolitan-style pizzas cooked in a wood-fired oven, and this eatery has a cult following for good reason.

Indulge in a selection of fine cheeses, charcuterie, and artisan goodies at **Willow Tree Delicatessen** at Wroxham Barns. Perfect for stocking up on picnic essentials, this deli offers a range of local products that capture the flavours of Norfolk.

**The Angel Inn** in Loddon is a foodie haven, blending a continental cafe with a craft ale house. Enjoy freshly made baps, customisable English breakfasts, or Lowestoft smoked kippers. With free-range eggs, organic milk and rare-breed pork sourced locally, every bite is a treat, plus there's a lovely beer garden!

**Rustic Charm Meets Great Food**

Right beside the historic chain ferry across the River Yare, the **Reedham Ferry Inn** offers a truly unique dining experience. Known for its welcoming atmosphere and delicious menu, this pub serves everything from hearty pub classics to innovative specials crafted with seasonal ingredients.

Nestled on the River Waveney, **The Locks at Geldeston** is a charming riverside pub. Their seasonal specials, craft beers, and cosy vibe make it a perfect spot for a leisurely lunch or enjoying their many live music events. Arrive by boat, bike, or foot, and soak up the serene atmosphere that perfectly complements the delicious food.

**The White Horse** pub and shop, a short walk from Upton moorings, is a vital stop-off for locals and holidaymakers alike, boasting a welcoming bar, superb restaurant, and numerous events throughout the year including live music, quiz nights and festivals.

**Farm Favourites and Sweet Treats**

Buy the freshest local produce at **A G Meale & Sons**, a family-run farm shop in Stalham. Stock up on their high-quality meats, fruits and vegetables, perfect for BBQ or picnic, or for cooking your own feast at your holiday accommodation.

**Vera's Coffee Shop** is on the same site. Known for its friendly service and delightful homemade cakes, Vera's is the ideal spot for a mid-morning coffee or afternoon treat - perfect fuel for the rest of your Broads adventure.

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For a dining experience with breathtaking views, head to **Filby Bridge Restaurant Ltd** on the edge of Filby Broad. Known for its welcoming ambience, this restaurant offers locally sourced seafood, meat, and vegetarian options, as well as weekly takeaway menus to eat back at your accommodation.

Add a touch of modern elegance to your journey with a visit to **The White Heron** in Brundall. This stylish gastropub is in a perfect spot right on the river for a leisurely lunch or romantic dinner.

Located in the bustling hub, **Wroxham Hotel** offers sleek interiors and stunning views over the River Bure. Enjoy fine dining at The Waterside Terrace restaurant. Wake up to the sight of boats moored just outside your window.

Tucked along the River Ant, **Wayford Bridge Hotel** boasts spacious riverside rooms and a restaurant serving locally sourced cuisine. It's a great base for a food lover's stay. Relax with a glass of wine on the terrace as boats glide by, or take advantage of its central location to explore the nearby market town of Stalham.

True Local Gems

Head to **The Greyhound Inn Hickling**, where friendly locals, hearty portions, and an ever-changing menu make this pub a favourite among foodies. Known for its excellent Sunday roasts and fresh fish dishes, it's the kind of place that feels like a home away from home.

Embark on Your Foodie Journey

Plan your trip today, and let your taste buds lead the way. Every bite is a celebration of our rich culinary heritage.

Exploring  
The Broads  
The Ultimate Group Getaway

Whether you're planning a reunion, a milestone celebration, or a memorable escape with friends, the Broads National Park is the perfect destination for group adventures.



Adventures for All

For an unforgettable group experience, charter a cruiser from **Broom Boats Ltd**. These vessels are spacious and well-equipped, making them perfect for groups wanting to explore the Broads in comfort and style. Navigate the waterways together, moor up at picturesque villages, and enjoy evenings onboard with friends and family.

Whether you're looking for a day trip or a longer adventure, **Sutton Staithe Boatyard** has you covered with its fleet of hire boats. Their cruisers and day boats are perfect for groups wanting to explore the Broads together.

Smaller groups with a passion for sailing will love **Swallowtail Boatyard**. This family-run business offers traditional yachts and sailing boats that are perfect for creating lasting memories on the water. Whether you're seasoned sailors or novices, Swallowtail ensures your group has an adventure to remember.

Gateway to Adventure

Located in the heart of Oulton Broad, this yacht station is a great place to moor. Enjoy water sports,

or simply relax by the water while taking in the vibrant atmosphere. With nearby pubs, cafes and picnic spots, **Oulton Broad Yacht Station** is ideal for a day of fun and exploration with your crew.

Land-Based Accommodation

Check out **Waterside Breaks Ltd**, who offer a variety of properties across the Broads, from large cottages to riverside lodges, designed to cater to groups. Enjoy stunning views, spacious living areas, and easy access to activities like fishing, boating, and hiking.

Stay in style at **Poolside Lodges**, where your group can enjoy exclusive accommodation with private swimming pools. These lodges are perfect for groups looking to relax and have fun in their own space. Spend your days exploring the Broads and your evenings unwinding by the pool.

**Hall Farm Cottages** near Horning are perfect for group holidays, offering spacious, pet-friendly self-catering accommodation surrounded by stunning countryside. Ideal for family gatherings or celebrations, they provide easy access to boating, walking and wildlife in this picturesque area.

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## A Shopper's Delight

No trip to the Broads is complete without a visit to **Lathams of Potter Heigham**. Known for its fantastic deals and unique finds, this department store offers everything from homeware to fishing gear and souvenirs. It's a great place for your group to pick up essentials or discover treasures to remember your trip.

## Fishing Fanatics

**Cobbleacre Park** in Hevingham is home to five multipurpose fishing lakes, 15 holiday homes and spacious touring pitches. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced angler their fishing lakes cater for all abilities.

## A Charming Riverside Town

Make **Beccles** a centrepiece of your group's itinerary. This bustling market town offers a mix of boutique shopping, historic streets and riverside dining. Stroll along the River Waveney, explore quirky shops, or relax with a coffee while taking in the town's charm.

## Natural Playground

**Salhouse Broad** is a haven for nature lovers and adventurers alike. Ideal for groups, this beautiful broad offers opportunities for kayaking, paddleboarding, or simply relaxing by the water. Take a group walk along the nature trails or enjoy a picnic under the trees to take in the serene surroundings. You could even stay at the on-site camping site.

## Plan Your Perfect Group Getaway

Gather your group in the Broads, and get ready to create memories that will last a lifetime.



## Behind the Scenes The Unsung Heroes of the Broads

Visit the Broads promotes the Broads National Park as a top holiday destination, showcasing its unique attractions, activities, and accommodation. We highlight the offerings of our 100+ members, ensuring visitors from the UK and beyond discover this spectacular region.

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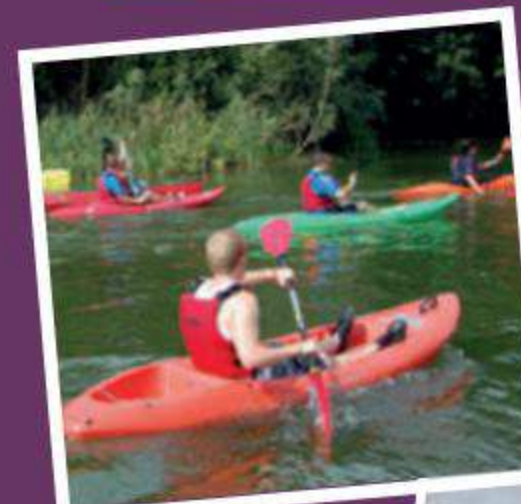
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# The Long and short of it

**H**ere's a taste of long, short and medium walks to get you started. See More info below for many more walks on the sites listed. Our information centres at Hoveton, Ranworth and How Hill also have lots of guides and Ordnance Survey maps to help you. For guided walks and other outdoor events, have a look at What's on, see page 49.

## River Ant

*Barton Broad Boardwalk, about 1.5 miles (from main car park), C2*

**Start:** Barton Broad Boardwalk main car park, Long Road, Irstead NR12 8XP; car park for visitors with disabilities at the start of the boardwalk, Irstead Road, Irstead NR12 8BJ; moorings at Gay Staithe, Irstead

The boardwalk is easily accessible by wheelchair and will take you on a mystery trail through swampy, wildlife-filled carr or wet woodland, emerging to give a panoramic view over Barton, second largest of the broads. The boardwalk has tapping edges, perching places and some braille signs.

**Wildlife to look out for:** Norfolk hawk dragonflies, swallowtail butterflies, goldeneye duck, kingfishers, otters, crested-buckler ferns, flag irises  
[VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking)  
[norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/BartonBroad](http://norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/BartonBroad)

## River Yare

*Buckenham to Brundall, about 2.5 miles each way, C4*

You can use this walk to explore the RSPB nature reserves at Buckenham (3 miles of trails) and Strumpshaw (trails of about 0.3, 1 and 2.5 miles). The reserve at Buckenham is adjacent to Buckenham Station and about 2.5 miles from Brundall Station. The reserve at Strumpshaw is about a mile from Buckenham Station and about 1.5 miles from Brundall Station.

**Start:** At the stations or reserves; Buckenham Station

## Halvergate Marshes



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only operates at weekends and is a request stop; moorings at Brundall Church Fen

Strumpshaw offers pond dipping, den building and an adventure trail over some of the routes, plus lots of events throughout the year. Strumpshaw Steam Museum is nearby.

### Wildlife to look out (or listen) for at the reserves:

kingfishers, bitterns, cuckoos and orchids at Strumpshaw; rooks and jackdaws who gather in their thousands at Buckenham during the colder months (dusk is the best time to see them)  
[norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://norfolk.gov.uk/trails) (Railway Rambles, Wherry Lines Walk 1)  
[rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)  
[strumpshawsteammuseum.co.uk](http://strumpshawsteammuseum.co.uk)  
[wherrylines.com](http://wherrylines.com)

### More info

The Broads has over 190 miles (300km) of footpaths for you to explore. Whether you're looking for accessible paths (see page 12), village or town strolls, walks from moorings, walks with a historic site to explore, walks for wildlife (including many on nature reserves), walks for dogs, walks linked to public transport or walks that take in many of these elements and more, you'll find them in the Broads. If you're taking your dog walking, please read the guidance on page 52, where you'll also find public transport info.

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## Winterton-on-Sea



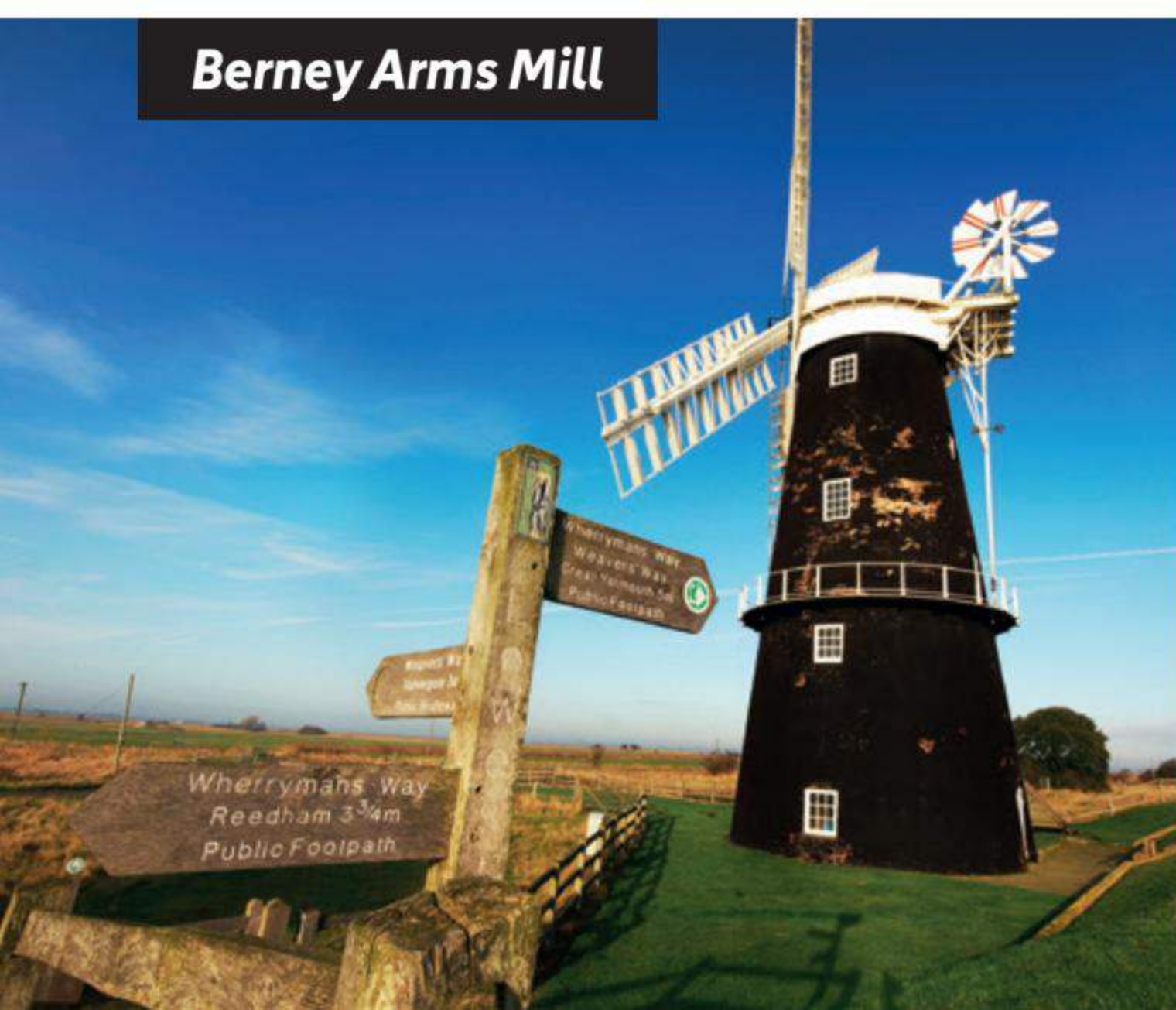
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[norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://norfolk.gov.uk/trails) (long-distance routes and other walks)

Long-distance routes

- **The Weavers' Way** passes through the northern Broads and then goes on to North Norfolk
- **The Norfolk Coast Path** takes you through the Broads at Horsey and Winterton
- **The Wherryman's Way** follows the River Yare from Norwich to Great Yarmouth
- **The Angles Way** goes south from Great Yarmouth and into the Suffolk Brecks  
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## Berney Arms Mill



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## River Yare

*Halvergate Mills Trail, about 8 miles, E4*

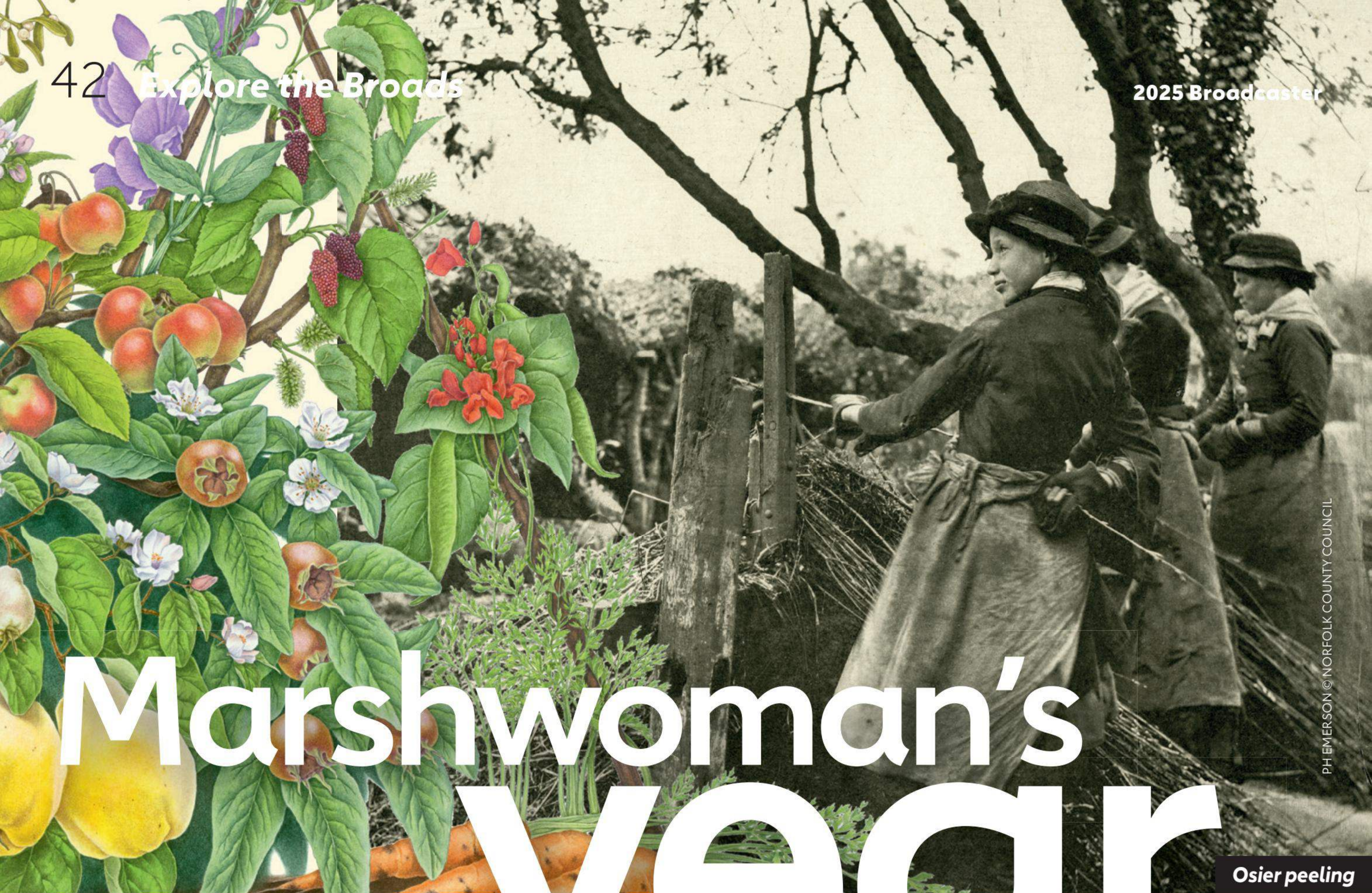
**Start:** Stones Road, Halvergate NR13 3GX or Berney Arms Station (a request stop on the Wherry Lines); the station is also on the Weavers' Way and the Wherryman's Way long-distance routes; moorings at Berney Mill

It's a beautiful circular walk over rough ground and takes about four hours. The route will take you along farm tracks and riverbanks, and you'll pass over a myriad of ditches and dykes. You'll also pass by numerous mills including Mutton's, High's, Howard's, Lockgate, Berney Arms and Stone's. Mutton's Mill and High's Mill have been

restored by the Water, Mills & Marshes programme, and you can read about Mutton's Mill in a booklet published by WISEArchive as part of the project. If the whole trail is too far for you, Mutton's Mill is only about 1.5 miles from Halvergate.

**Wildlife to look out for:** marsh harriers, deer, hares, dragonflies  
[watermillsandmarshes.org.uk/trails](http://watermillsandmarshes.org.uk/trails)  
[youtube.com/watch?v=qLE\\_-5ppq7o](https://youtube.com/watch?v=qLE_-5ppq7o) (A Shot Of Wildlife – Halvergate Mills Trail)  
[youtube.com/watch?v=Y8duh0z4oqk](https://youtube.com/watch?v=Y8duh0z4oqk) (Mutton's Mill)  
[wisearchive.co.uk/projects](http://wisearchive.co.uk/projects)  
[wherrylines.com](http://wherrylines.com)





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## Robin Jeffries, Visitor Services Officer, introduces us to the marshwoman's year

**O**ur marsh family at Toad Hole Cottage, Ludham (see page 11) lived in Victorian times (that's a long time – 1837-1901). Though it was a period full of change in the outside world, when it came to day-to-day life in the cottage, many aspects probably continued in a familiar way, as they had done for decades if not centuries.

Activities and traditions very much followed the pattern of the year, life may mainly have moved at a slower pace, and they were perhaps more conscious than many of us of daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal changes in nature. In the domestic world, throughout the year, many dominant tasks related to food – growing or obtaining enough of it, preparing and cooking it. Though marsh families were actually better off than some in the countryside as there were different marsh occupations throughout the year. Every season had its saints' days, traditions, superstitions and celebrations, and as with many such things there are many variations.

Spring is a time of beginnings and renewal in the natural world, with Easter in March or April following suit. Work and food were closely allied to nature and the western Christian calendar, with celebratory foods centred around spring (Easter) and winter (Christmas) – as many still are. Perhaps in summer and autumn they were too busy on the land and on the water, and maybe food was more plentiful and the weather was warmer, so there was less need for buns and cakes to

fill you up, keep you warm and keep you going!

As many dates relate to Easter and Christmas, our order here relates to Easter this year (with Good Friday on 18 April).

### March

#### 3rd St Winnol's Day

A day for high winds or Winnol weather – you were advised not to sow seed on this day as it would not grow.

#### Shrove Tuesday, last day before Lent (period of abstinence before Easter)

Pancake Day! The church bell would be rung to prompt people to make their pancakes. (Shrove comes from shriven, meaning to be absolved following confession.)

#### Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent (about 6½ weeks before Easter)

The ashes from the preceding year's palms were burnt and blessed and used to mark a cross on the foreheads of the parishioners. Coquilles (pronounced 'cook-eelers') were the traditional Lent fare sold and eaten on this day. They were sweet buns, flavoured with nutmeg. The name may relate to the shape of tin used (like a shell).

#### 25th Lady Day, referring to St Mary

The first quarter day when payment of rent was due;

tenancies were renewed or terminated.

#### Mothering Sunday, 4th Sunday in Lent

Children in service were given the day off to visit their mothers. They would present their mothers with nosegays (little bunches of flowers) and were rewarded with a dish of frummety (other similar names are also used) – simmered wheat grains with milk, egg yolk and sugar.

### April

#### 1st All Fools' Day

Beware practical jokes!

#### Palm Sunday, before Easter Sunday

Pussy willow was used as a substitute for palm to decorate marshland churches.

#### Maundy Thursday, before Good Friday

Alms (money, food or other goods) were distributed to the poor from the church porch.

#### Good Friday

Hot cross buns were eaten. Pace eggs (hard-boiled eggs painted with natural dyes) were given and blessed. It was the traditional day for planting potatoes as the devil had no power over the soil on Good Friday.

#### Easter Sunday

The belief was that the sun danced for joy in remembrance of the resurrection, and people got up



early and gathered to see this marvel at sunrise. The Lent fast ended and meat and eggs could be eaten again. Tansy cakes were also eaten, but they were more like an omelette than a cake. The bitterness of the tansy served as a reminder of Jesus' suffering. Tansy was also supposed to kill off worms that had built up in the gut after eating fish all through Lent. So religion and practicality were happily combined. Warning: don't try this at home – or anywhere else! Tansy is mildly toxic.

#### Easter Monday

The Pace eggs were rolled in races downhill. Soul cakes, made with yeast and mixed spice, were baked for the poor. There were Easter fairs at Norwich and Great Yarmouth, where you could buy gingerbread 'fair buttons'.

#### 24th St Mark's Eve

The day for divination. If an unmarried girl sowed hemp seed at midnight while chanting a song about hemp, then her future husband would appear mowing with a scythe. Those who would die before next Easter appeared in the churchyard at midnight.

#### Hocktide Monday, 2nd Monday after Easter Sunday

Men collected money from women for various church and parish charities.

#### Hocktide Tuesday, 2nd Tuesday after Easter Sunday

Women collected money from men!

## May

#### 1st May Day

Maypole dancing took place on the village green. The Queen of the May was elected and would lead a procession to the church to present a garland. May Day carols were sung by children in a door-to-door procession and girls dressed their dolls in their finest clothes and paraded them in return for pennies.

#### Balaam Sunday, 3rd after Easter

A sermon about Balaam's ass forecasted the mackerel season. Mackerel come inshore to spawn in spring and the congregation would head off to the coast.



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Toad Hole Cottage

#### Rogation Sunday, 5th after Easter, the Rogation Days (Monday-Wednesday) and Ascension Day (Thursday)

The ceremony of beating the bounds took place on any one of these days. A procession walked the parish boundary to familiarise the young with it by beating local landmarks with willow wands – literally beating the boundary into them.

#### Whitsuntide Sunday, 7th after Easter

A time for festivities.

#### Whitsuntide Monday

The usual day for celebrations by village clubs and friendly (benevolent) societies. Society members would process to church wearing ribbons in the colours of their society, with a banner at the front.

## June

#### Corpus Christi, Thursday after Trinity Sunday

The two-day Ludham Fair began. The evening of a fair day was the traditional time for courtship.

#### 23rd St John's or Midsummer's Eve

St John's wort was gathered and hung round doors and windows to protect against evil and thunder. At one time it was a day for midnight bonfires, to 'smoke' the home from outside, as further protection. Burning groundsel offered the best protection.

#### 24th St John's or Midsummer's Day

One of the quarter days when rent was due.

## July

#### 15th St Swithin's Day

If it rained, it would rain for 40 days. Yarrow that was cut and stuffed into a pillow on this day would bring happiness to the lovers who used it.

## August

#### 1st Lammas

The harvest or horkey tide began with this festival. The men would meet at the pub from four onwards for their annual 'wet'. People would carry some pennies to 'bestow a largesse' (generous gift) upon them.

#### 24th St Bartholomew's Day

Harvest home and horkey suppers. After the last or horkey load was brought into the farm bearing a kern baby (a figure made of corn) with it, the farmer would throw a supper for workers and neighbours. After the supper, there would be door-to-door begging for 'largesse' by the men.

## September

September was 'shacktime' when beech mast (like nuts) was collected and women and children claimed their right to glean the fields after the harvest. Mothers relied on the money made from shacktime to buy their children shoes.

#### 14th Holy-Rood

The traditional day to collect nuts.

#### 'Dutch Sunday', Sunday before Michaelmas

This was during the herring season. The Dutch herring fleet set up a Dutch market on Great Yarmouth beach.

#### 29th Michaelmas Day

Another quarter day when rent was due, but it was also the day when the landowner held the annual audit. Traditionally the landowner was expected to provide a feast for all the tenants – goose was popular.

## October

#### 11th Old Michaelmas Day or Pack-Rag-Day

The Ludham 'Mop' and Sutton 'Trot' hiring fairs were held. Men were hired by landowners for the coming year, daughters were hired to go into service and contracts also ended. A 'fastening penny' was given to the employee to secure a new contract and was usually spent immediately at the fair. There was a week off for hired men living in and a day off for everybody else.

#### 31st Hallow E'en

It was a time to take all precautions against witchcraft.

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## November

### 1st Holymas, All Saints' Day or Hollantide

The traditional day to slaughter and salt the family's pig. Children would go 'souling' for soul cakes.

### 5th Guy Fawkes Day

The day for bonfires and burning guys.

### 11th Martinmas

The day to hang the salted meat in the chimney to smoke and dry.

### 20th St Edmund's or Deadman's Day

He was the patron saint of East Anglia.

### 23rd St Clement's Day

Children went 'clementing' for apples and pears.

### 25th St Catherine's Day

Children went 'Catterning' for Cattern cakes. These were a bread dough made with yeast and caraway seeds, with cinnamon as an optional extra.

## December

### 25th Christmas Day

Walls were decorated with holly and ivy. A 'kissing bough' hung in the centre of the room – metal hoops decorated with greenery, apples and candles, with mistletoe underneath. Landlords provided tenants and labourers with frummetty flavoured with rum. It was the last of the quarter days when rent was due, but for this day the landlord would often offset some of the cost with some free coal.

### 26th St Stephen's Day

Wildfowling took place, with beating work available for children (beating reeds and bushes to scare birds into flight). Repps held its ploughing contest.

### 28th Childermas

The belief was that everything attempted on this day (the massacre of the holy innocents in the Bible) would go wrong.

### 31st New Year's Eve or Old Year's Night

Church bells rang at midnight to herald the New Year. Pea soup and God's kitchel cakes were served.

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Pea soup was a popular dish in the Netherlands, from where it may have originated – a variation of it is known by the Dutch as 'snert'. Norfolk pea soup is made with split peas, smoked bacon hock, vegetables, herbs and ginger. Kitchel cakes were a Suffolk speciality – triangular cakes made with puff pastry, currants, candied peel, ground almonds, cinnamon and nutmeg.

## January

### 1st New Year's Day

It was the day for 'first footing': the first foot to pass through the house should belong to a dark-haired man to ensure good luck.

### 5th Twelfth Night

It was the start of the period of wassailing apple orchards, asking God for a good harvest.

### 6th Epiphany

Plough Monday was the first Monday after Epiphany. It was the day for men to return to work after Christmas. 'Plough money' was collected by the plough boys in a door-to-door procession. Those who didn't give risked having their gardens ploughed up.

### 7th St Distaff's Day

The day for women to return to work after Christmas.

### 19th St Agnes' Eve

After sunset, the oldest woman of the household had

to banish ague (symptoms similar to malaria) from the home by reciting a charm up the chimney.

## February

### 1st Candlemas Eve

This was the time to take down Christmas decorations. Oat cakes were eaten.

### 2nd Candlemas

Candles and rush lights were consecrated and taken in a procession to protect against evil spirits and storms.

### 14th St Valentine's Day

Jack Valentine left gifts for children on the back doorstep in the evening.

## March and the year comes around

It's interesting how some of these traditions persist to this day, often in a slightly different form, as with Valentine's Day. Most people's lives are different now, but some things have 'come back', the focus on local and seasonal produce, home cooking rather than convenience foods, plant-based health and care products, and an interest in aligning with the natural world.

If you visit Toad Hole Cottage, you can find out more about life on the marshes. In the garden there's a panel (with QR code to audio version) to tell you a bit about the marshman's year. To find out about local food and drink today, see page 50.

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# Nature recovery

**T**he good news is – nature can recover, given the right conditions. Forty years ago, poor water quality in the Broads meant we were at a tipping point. Thankfully, public, private and voluntary organisations all contributed in their own way and as a result, some of the wildlife in the Broads is thriving. However, over the same period many species have been lost and many more are under threat from climate change. A quarter of the UK's rarest species live in the Broads, many of international importance, and we need to keep recovery moving forward, in the face of challenges from climate change, flooding and population growth. The Broads Nature Recovery Strategy 2024–29 is part of the Government's Nature Recovery Network, and combines with Norfolk and Suffolk's Local Nature Recovery Strategies to prioritise and map action. You can read more about the Broads strategy on our website. [broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after)

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## Volunteer power

**I**f anyone demonstrates the power of individuals and volunteers in contributing to nature recovery, it's Kath Warner (left), who in 2024 received the Saving Species Award, which is sponsored by the RSPB, at the Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards. Kath was nominated by the Broads Authority. The award was in recognition of her exceptional dedication, over 1,375 hours, to surveying wildlife species in the Broads National Park, working with our ecology staff, and using her knowledge and skills to support new survey volunteers. Here Kath tells us a bit about the background to all those hours.

### Delving into the archives

I've been looking back in my old notebooks. Here's how it started. I saw some info in the (then) tourist information centre at the Guildhall in Norwich and followed it up. I started as a Broads Authority (BA) volunteer in February 1994. It was my weekly day out after dropping my boys at first school (they were six and eight, now 36 and 38!). I used to drive to the volunteering site and meet the BA minibus with the other volunteers. (The BA now pays travel expenses.) Then at the end I'd leave early to get back to the school.

### An inspiration

Phil Heath (still with the BA) was one of the supervisors of what was then called the fen team and he was really instrumental in encouraging my interest in wildlife. He was the quiet but knowledgeable one! I started as a scrub-basher (clearing invasive plants) and gradually picked up survey work as it fitted in with changes in my life – it was easier to work in my own time than do a set day with the group.

### Surveying the scene

I started with the ecology team in 2011 and my survey work started in the following year – listening and watching for bittern, and then butterflies (including the swallowtail and milk parsley, the food for its caterpillar), sometimes working with the Toadies (that's staff at Toad Hole Cottage – see page 11). In July 2014 I started on mink – one of the invasive species we need to discourage in order to help the water voles. Marsh harriers, fen plants, water plants – I seem to have surveyed just about everything, though through it I've realised that it's only a fraction really. I've also seen the BA volunteer service evolve and grow. There are now about 120 active BA volunteers, working in all services – with rangers, with planning, education and visitor services staff, and working on conservation management and equipment maintenance. If you're interested, there's sure to be a place for you to fit in.

If you volunteer outdoors you're certainly aware of the weather, be it rain or baking sunshine, and



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Fen raft spider

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Marsh harrier

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you can be wading through water, mud, reedbed and boggy locations. Monitoring wildlife informs national statistics and though I'm not usually familiar with the detail of projects, I know it's a vital part of planning projects, whether it's management of Buttle Marsh near How Hill or construction of moorings at Peto's Marsh at Carlton Marshes – that involved not disturbing all the local reptiles. For me, less survey work is done in the autumn and winter so they are times for other activities – walking and enjoying seeing the wildlife if not formally recoding it. And I now have binoculars to hand wherever I am in the house!

### What next?

For those of us involved in wildlife issues it frequently seems an uphill struggle and we can get very excited by a small victory in the re-emergence or recovery of one particular species. But I think the most hopeful factor is that there is much wider awareness now of how bad things are, due partly to the likes of David Attenborough, Chris Packham and others talking about serious issues, things being done in schools, Forest Schools – so it's not just preaching to the converted. People are generally more aware of trying to 'do their bit'.

### Where and when to see wildlife

Have a look at the Broads nature reserves on [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/nature-reserves](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/nature-reserves) (you'll also find them mentioned throughout Broadcaster). Every season has its special wildlife interests.

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# Views of the Broads

Here's news of a small selection of Broads Authority partnership projects. To find out more about all our projects go to [broads-authority.gov.uk](http://broads-authority.gov.uk)

## Celebrating difference

The Broads has some buildings whose wider significance has only become apparent in recent years. There are many listed buildings, protected for their special architectural or historic interest, but there are many more buildings that contribute to local character through their appearance or historical associations. The Broads Authority records these in a Local List of Heritage Assets. You can read more at [broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/other-planning-issues](http://broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/other-planning-issues)

In autumn 2024 we were delighted that a number of buildings on the local list were given listed building status by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, on the advice of Historic England. The newly listed buildings are among those often known as waterside chalets, and even their name suggests that their longevity and significance, beyond the personal, was not foreseen. They were mostly built in the first decades of the 20th century, as part of the growing development of the Broads for tourism and leisure. If you know the Broads you may well know them. They are often very distinctive, with whimsical design elements, adding to their appeal. Here are some of those that have been listed.

**Dutch Tutch** began life as a helter-skelter at the end of the Britannia Pier in Great Yarmouth. In 1909 the pier caught fire and the remains of the helter-skelter were transported to **Potter Heigham**. In 1910 the lower section was used to create a holiday cottage, while the top of the structure was used as an outbuilding.

**Tower View** was erected at **Potter Heigham** in the early 20th century. It was created using prefabricated materials produced by Boulton & Paul Limited, a Norwich-based company, which also created the huts for Scott's Antarctic expedition.

**The Holt and its boathouse, Potter Heigham** (below) were also built in the early 20th century, for Mr W Boning, who had a furnishing business in Great Yarmouth. Much of the furniture still present in the Holt was originally from his shop. The Holt is probably also a Boulton & Paul prefabricated structure.

**Staithcote at Wroxham** was built in 1911 as a boathouse and was extended with residential accommodation above by 1913. The chalet is timber-framed with weatherboarded walls to the boathouse and a roof thatched with Norfolk reed, in the tradition of cottage orné (a rustic building of picturesque design).

Finally, and perhaps most significant of all, there's **The Eel Sett near Potter Heigham** (above). It's on the Weavers' Way, beside Candle Dyke, which leads to Hickling Broad. An eel sett was where eel catchers would put out their nets at night to catch eels, with a little hut for accommodation. The sett at Candle Dyke is thought to be the last in England. It dates from the early 20th century and was in commercial use until it was purchased by a trust in 1992.

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## Recreation & tourism

2024 marked the 75th anniversary of the start of UK national parks, with the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. Summer 2024 also saw the launch of our Broads Recreation and Tourism Strategy 2024-29. It assesses where we are now and looks ahead. It sets out actions to enhance, manage and promote recreation and sustainable tourism in the Broads, and looks at further development of sustainable tourism, attracting wider audiences and destination management. The five-year action plan focuses on greening the Broads, valuing the national park and a landscape for all. But what does a landscape for all mean? Essentially it's about making the Broads and other protected landscapes more welcoming to wider audiences. You can read the strategy at [broads-authority.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/about-us/how-we-work)

TOM MACKIE



## Young advisers

**Y**oung people are already helping us to ensure that we include their views in our planning policies. Youth Advisory Boards (YABs) support many organisations and in the Broads they have been working in particular with our planning service, most recently as part of consultations on the latest Broads Local Plan, the planning policy document for the Broads, which we expect to be adopted during 2025. You can read more about it at [broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies)

In the Broads we have a great example of how early interest gained through things like YABs can make a big difference to the individuals and organisations involved. Our Assistant Planning Officer, Callum Sculfor (above), was part of a YAB back in his teenage years. Now he's participating in YABs as a member of Broads Authority staff, together with other planning and education staff.

### What happens at a YAB?

"I give an introduction to what the Broads is, what's special about it and what the Broads Authority does. Then I do an overview on planning, with brief discussion about why we need planning. I do an exercise with the participants where we discuss good and bad planning and some historically significant planning decisions.

"For recent YABs, Natalie Beal, our Planning Policy Officer, then introduced a discussion about the Broads Local Plan – why we have it and why it's important. We talk about how the world was 20 years ago and how it could be in 20 years' time, from things that affect everyone day-to-day, such as housing, to things that are part of the wider environment, such as wind turbines, asking what the young participants would like to see improved.

"We did a similar session with a special educational needs group. All the events are very engaging for us as well as the groups and we get a lot of positive feedback.

"I first got involved in my younger days when I was 15 and at Long Stratton High School. I joined the YAB, which was looking for students interested in making a difference in our area. I remember feeling that I had ideas worth sharing and a natural drive to lead, so I put my name forward and was selected.

"Taking part in the board became a real turning point for me. We often met at South Norfolk Council, and it was there that I began forming connections with people from various backgrounds, relationships that later helped me navigate into a career in planning. My goal back then was to gain experience and insight into how decisions affecting communities are made. I learned so much about working collaboratively and working as part of a board. Almost a decade on, I still work in planning and have moved authorities to the Broads Authority and love what I do every day."

TOM BARRETT



## Generation Green 2

**O**ne of the wider audiences referred to in the strategy mentioned above, is young people without easy access to places like the Broads. Generation Green 2, funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, is one of the national initiatives to address this lack of access. It stemmed from an aspiration in a 2019 Government report, to enable young people to have 'A night under the stars' – an overnight stay in protected landscapes. This translated into the first phase, Generation Green, co-ordinated by YHA (the Youth Hostels Association), which worked with young people living in England's most socially disadvantaged areas, with the aim of connecting them to nature, many for the first time.

Fortunately, the Government funding continued and the second phase, Generation Green 2, ran until March 2025. In the Broads, Generation Green 2: 'A night under the stars', managed by our

education staff, was able to build on experiences, activities and engagement gained with schools and partners during the first phase. The funding for the second phase delivered 300 discovery days, 60 nights under the stars and 300 residential visits for young people. Activities included days at Barton Turf Adventure Centre, where young people went pond dipping for dragonfly larvae, learnt about peatland soils by using peat corers, made charcoal, enjoyed boat trips, went on night walks with torches, tried geocaching and encountered wildlife from a canoe.

The two phases of Generation Green have shown us how close encounters with wildlife – usually for the first time – cultivate a sense of care for nature and the Broads, and how a connection with nature improves mental and physical well-being. This in turn benefits protected landscapes for the future, by increasing their relevance to a wider audience, and we hope to continue with similar projects. [yha.org.uk/generationgreen](https://yha.org.uk/generationgreen)



# WHAT'S ON



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Join these Broads Authority events with people who know and love the Broads. There are walks, activities and boat trips, including evening boat trips at How Hill, and new events at Hardley Staithe and Caen Meadow at Wroxham.

For all bookings please go to [eventbrite.com/o/broads-authority-29218269141](https://eventbrite.com/o/broads-authority-29218269141)

For booking enquiries and help please use the telephone number given for each event.

Please take appropriate clothing and footwear for the season, weather and conditions. You'll be in an exposed environment on possibly wet, uneven paths, with vegetation close by. You may need boots or wellies. You may also need something to eat and drink, sunscreen and insect repellent.

While the spring and summer are lovely times to visit, autumn and winter are also great seasons in the Broads. The colder months are wonderful times for walking and wildlife, especially birds, and many places stay open throughout the year.

You can find full details of what's on, including all Broads Authority events, as well as places to visit and things to do, at [VisitTheBroads.co.uk](https://VisitTheBroads.co.uk)



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## April

**Tuesday 29 April**

8pm

**BAT WALK**

**Ranworth Staithe car park, Ranworth NR13 6HY**

Join experts from the Norfolk and Norwich Bat Group, along with Broads rangers and staff from Natural England, on a family friendly guided walk looking for and recording bats. Learn how to use a bat detector and enjoy a hot drink and biscuits afterwards.

**Cost** £10 each, booking essential  
**Enquiries** 01603 756094

## May

**Tuesday 6 May**

10am-1pm

**EEL SETT GUIDED WALK**

**St Nicholas' Church, Potter Heigham NR29 5LL**

Take a guided walk with a local ranger to visit a traditional eel sett (where eels were caught). There's

also a stop at a bird hide overlooking the nature reserve at Hickling Broad. The walk is about 4.5 miles on footpaths (including sections of the Weavers' Way) and some minor roads. Suitable for 8+ years.

**Cost** £6 each, booking essential  
**Enquiries** 01603 756096

**Wednesday 7 May**

4am

**DAWN CHORUS**

**North Cove Nature Reserve, North Cove NR34 7QQ**

Enjoy a gentle stroll with the local rangers, taking in the cacophony of birdsong as the sun rises. We'll talk about the different species that are singing and discover why they sing. We may see other wildlife too and if it's clear we'll witness the beautiful sunrise across the marshes. Car parking free, donations to Suffolk Wildlife Trust welcome. Suitable for 7+ years.

**Cost** £10 each, booking essential  
**Enquiries** 01603 756094

**Wednesday 7 May**

12-2.30pm

**DEMYSTIFYING BREYDON WATER**  
**Burgh Castle Marina, Burgh Castle,**

## Festival time

**Norfolk & Norwich Festival**

9-25 May

This is one of the oldest festivals in the UK – its origins go back to a concert in 1772. Now it includes music, theatre, literature, visual arts, circus, dance and free outdoor events.  
[nnfestival.org.uk](https://nnfestival.org.uk)

**National Mills Weekend**

10-11 May

This weekend event takes place each year, and owners and volunteers are keen to share their enthusiasm for these buildings with you.  
[spab.org.uk/mills/NMW](https://spab.org.uk/mills/NMW)

**National Nature Reserves Week**

19-30 May

Connect with nature by celebrating our national nature reserves.  
[NNRweek.com](https://NNRweek.com)

**Beccles Food and Drink Festival**

24 May

See page 50.  
[becclesfoodfestival.co.uk](https://becclesfoodfestival.co.uk)

**Out There International Festival of Outdoor Arts and Circus**

29-31 May

Experience dance, performance and comedy, all taking place in the open spaces of St George's Park, The Golden Mile and the town centre, Great Yarmouth.  
[outtherearts.org.uk/out-there-festival](https://outtherearts.org.uk/out-there-festival)

**Suffolk Open Studios**

7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 June

Studios all over Suffolk are open to show art of all kinds, plus there are art trails to help you explore.  
[suffolkopenstudios.org](https://suffolkopenstudios.org)

**Woolly Weekend, Dilham**

14-15 June

Worstead is famous for weaving – find out more with its Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.  
[worsteadweavers.org.uk](https://worsteadweavers.org.uk)

**First Light Festival**

21-22 June

Join performances and events in Lowestoft, the UK's most easterly town, for a shimmering solstice celebration.  
[firstlightlowestoft.com](https://firstlightlowestoft.com)

**Royal Norfolk Show**

25-26 June

Visit the Broads Village at this agricultural show just outside Norwich, where you'll find all kinds of organisations to help you discover, enjoy and understand the Broads.  
[royalnorfolkshow.co.uk](https://royalnorfolkshow.co.uk)

**Norfolk Open Studios**

12-27 July

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Norfolk Open Studios. Artists in all media and at all stages in their careers take part. Art trails will help you explore.  
[norfolkstudios.org.uk](https://norfolkstudios.org.uk)

**Black Shuck Festival**

1-3 August

See page 7.  
[blackshuckfestival.com](https://blackshuckfestival.com)

**Heritage Open Days**

12-21 September

This is England's largest annual festival of history and culture. Stories are told, traditions explored and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all free!  
[heritageopendays.org.uk](https://heritageopendays.org.uk)

**Great Yarmouth NR31 9PZ**

Take a trip out on the Breydon launch (no seating) with the local rangers, who will take you through everything you need to know to safely cross Breydon Water, including information on bridge heights, tidal conditions and where to safely moor. Not suitable for under 18s.

**Cost** £15 each, booking essential  
**Enquiries** 01603 756094

**Wednesday 14 May**

4-6am

**DAWN CHORUS WALK**

**Cary's Meadow, Yarmouth Road, Thorpe, Norwich NR7 0EA**

Experience the dawn chorus and hear from rangers about the birdlife and the meadow. Suitable for 7+ years.

**Cost** £10 each, booking essential  
**Enquiries** 01603 756097

**Wednesday 21 May**

10am-3pm

**BOAT AND BOAT, RIVER WAVENEY**

**Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve, Carlton Colville NR33 8HU**

Walk along the Angles Way or take a trip on the Waveney ranger

launch to North Cove. We'll have lunch (please bring with you) at North Cove, then change over for the return. On the way, we'll discuss wildlife and local history, and you'll experience a boater's view of Oulton Broad and the upper Waveney. Car parking free, donations to Suffolk Wildlife Trust welcome. Suitable for 15+ years.

**Cost** £12 each, booking essential  
**Enquiries** 01603 756094

**Wednesday 28 May**

Drop in 10am-3pm

**INATURALIST BIOBLITZ**

**Cary's Meadow, Yarmouth Road, Thorpe, Norwich NR7 0EA**

Become a nature detective as you explore the meadow. Use the iNaturalist app to identify and record the plants and animals you find. Rangers will be on hand to help guide you as you learn about the different species. Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.

**Cost** £6 adult, under 14s free, booking essential  
**Enquiries** 01603 756097



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TRIP TIMES: 11am, 12.15, 2pm & 3.15. A 9.45 sailing is available by pre booking and private hire also. Adult £12, u16 £9, good dogs £1, parking £2.50  
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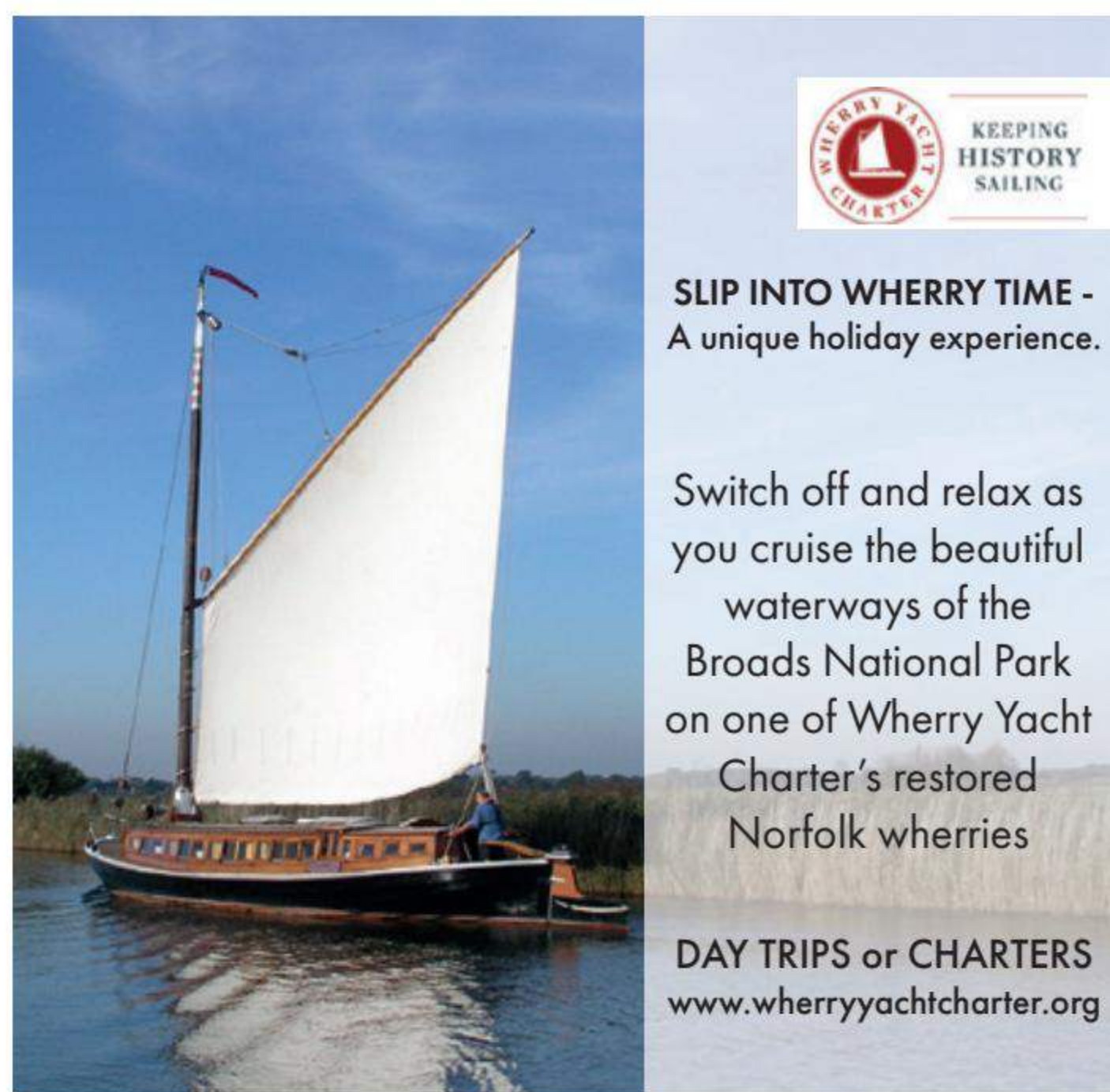
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Sutton Staithe Hotel, Staithe Rd, Sutton, Norwich NR12 9QS

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[www.wherryyachtcharter.org](http://www.wherryyachtcharter.org)



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## June

**Wednesday 4 June**

10am-2pm

**BOAT AND BOOT, HARDLEY STAITHE AND MILL**

Hardley Staithe, Hardley NR14 6BU

Take a trip along the River Yare from Hardley Staithe on a ranger launch or walk with one of the rangers along the riverbank path to Hardley Mill. After lunch at the mill, swap over for the return. Please bring lunch and a drink. Suitable for 16+ years.

Cost £12 each, booking essential  
Enquiries 01603 756097

**Saturday 7 June**

12.30-3pm

**DEMYSTIFYING BREYDON WATER**

For details see 7 May.

**Thursday 12 June**

1-3pm

**RIVER ANT MILLS WALK AND TALK**

Toad Hole Cottage, How Hill, Ludham NR29 5PG

Enjoy a guided walk through the Ant valley, looking at the history and significance of the drainage mills at How Hill. Suitable for 16+ years.

Cost £10 each, booking essential  
Enquiries 01603 756096

**Saturday 21 June**

11am-1.30pm

**DEMYSTIFYING BREYDON WATER**

For details see 7 May.

**Saturday 28 June**

10am-2pm

**HORSTEAD AND COLTISHALL HISTORICAL WALK**

Horstead Mill, Horstead NR12 7AU

Join the rangers for a guided walk and discover the history of

## Wild for Woods

Join Jon Tyler and Broads Authority staff for all things wild – wild night walks, wild food and wild fungi. Jon's interest in the natural world and its food began at an early age munching blackberries and sorrel leaves from the hedge at the bottom of his garden. He'll show you the stars in a different light, encourage you to tuck into plants

you've never thought of as food and help you discover the mysteries of one of the most diverse organisms on Earth. For details and bookings via Eventbrite go to [VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk) [eventbrite.com/o/broads-authority-29218269141](http://eventbrite.com/o/broads-authority-29218269141)

the Broads, particularly the area surrounding Coltishall, including the RAF bases and historic buildings. Family friendly for older children. Cost £6 each, booking essential  
Enquiries 01603 756097

## July

**Saturday 5 July**

10.30am-1pm

**DEMYSTIFYING BREYDON WATER**

For details see 7 May.

**Wednesday 16 July**

7-8pm

**EVENING BOAT TRIP AT HOW HILL NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE**

Toad Hole Cottage, How Hill, Ludham NR29 5PG

Come aboard the Electric Eel (maximum 6 passengers) on the River Ant, explore the smaller waterways and discover the evening wildlife. Suitable for 8+ years.

Cost £10 adult, £8 child, booking essential  
Enquiries 01603 756096

**Wednesday 23 July**

10am-3pm

**BOAT AND BOOT, BECCLES TO GELDESTON**

Beccles Quay car park, Beccles NR34 9BB

Walk along the River Waveney or take a trip on the Waveney ranger launch to Geldeston, then change over after lunch (please bring with you, plus a drink). We'll talk about wildlife and local history along the way. Parking charges apply. Suitable for 16+ years.

Cost £12 each, booking essential  
Enquiries 01603 756094

**Wednesday 30 July**

**EVENING BOAT TRIP AT HOW HILL NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE**

For details see 16 Jul.

## August

**Wednesday 13 August**

**EVENING BOAT TRIP AT HOW HILL NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE**

For details see 16 Jul.

## September

**Wednesday 3 September**

**EEL SETT GUIDED WALK**

For details see 6 May.

**Wednesday 24 September**

**BAT WALK**

6.30pm

For details see 29 Apr.

## October

**Saturday 25 October**

10-11.30am, 12-1.30pm

**FUNGI WALK AND SPORE PRINTING**

Caen Meadow, Skinners Lane (off Church Lane), Wroxham NR12 8SH

Discover this hidden meadow and find out about the basics of fungi ID, using iNaturalist for identification and recording, and enjoy a family friendly spore print workshop. Suitable for 4+ years.

Cost £6 each, booking essential  
Enquiries 01603 756097

## Food for thought



In case you haven't seen, East Anglia was named as one of Lonely Planet's top 10 places to visit in 2025 and one of the things it highlights is the food, including Norwich for 'creative dining'. Norwich certainly has lots to offer, from street food in the market to fine (but fun) dining at the Georgian Assembly House. [lovenorwichfood.co.uk](http://lovenorwichfood.co.uk)

So where can you meet some food producers? A great place to start is the free Beccles Food and Drink Festival on Saturday 24 May, 10am-4pm, now in its 10th year. If you're not around on the day, have a look at the festival's online list of artisan stallholders for a handy guide to ingredients and producers from the Broads and the wider East Anglia. Meanwhile, here are some Broads producers to try.

• [agmeale.co.uk](http://agmeale.co.uk) (Stalham – farm shop)

- [chetvineyard.co.uk](http://chetvineyard.co.uk) (Bergh Apton)
- [fenfarmdairy.co.uk](http://fenfarmdairy.co.uk) (Bungay – Baron Bigod cheese)
- [flintvineyard.com](http://flintvineyard.com) (Bungay)
- [humptydumptybrewery.com](http://humptydumptybrewery.com) (Reedham)
- [marshpig.co.uk](http://marshpig.co.uk) (Claxton – charcuterie)
- [norfolkraidercider.co.uk](http://norfolkraidercider.co.uk) (Rackheath)
- [stpetersbrewery.co.uk](http://stpetersbrewery.co.uk) (Bungay)
- [winbirri.com](http://winbirri.com) (Surlingham – vineyard)
- [woodfordes.co.uk](http://woodfordes.co.uk) (Woodbastwick – brewery)
- [yarevalley.com](http://yarevalley.com) (Surlingham – rapeseed oil)

The festival is based in the historic town centre, with park and ride from Beccles Quay. It also offers a 'grazing trail', delicious world street food, music, children's entertainment and a cookery theatre, providing culinary inspiration from local chefs and students from East Coast College Lowestoft. [becclesfoodfestival.co.uk](http://becclesfoodfestival.co.uk)

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We'd like to help you have a great visit to the Broads

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# Puzzleland Quiz

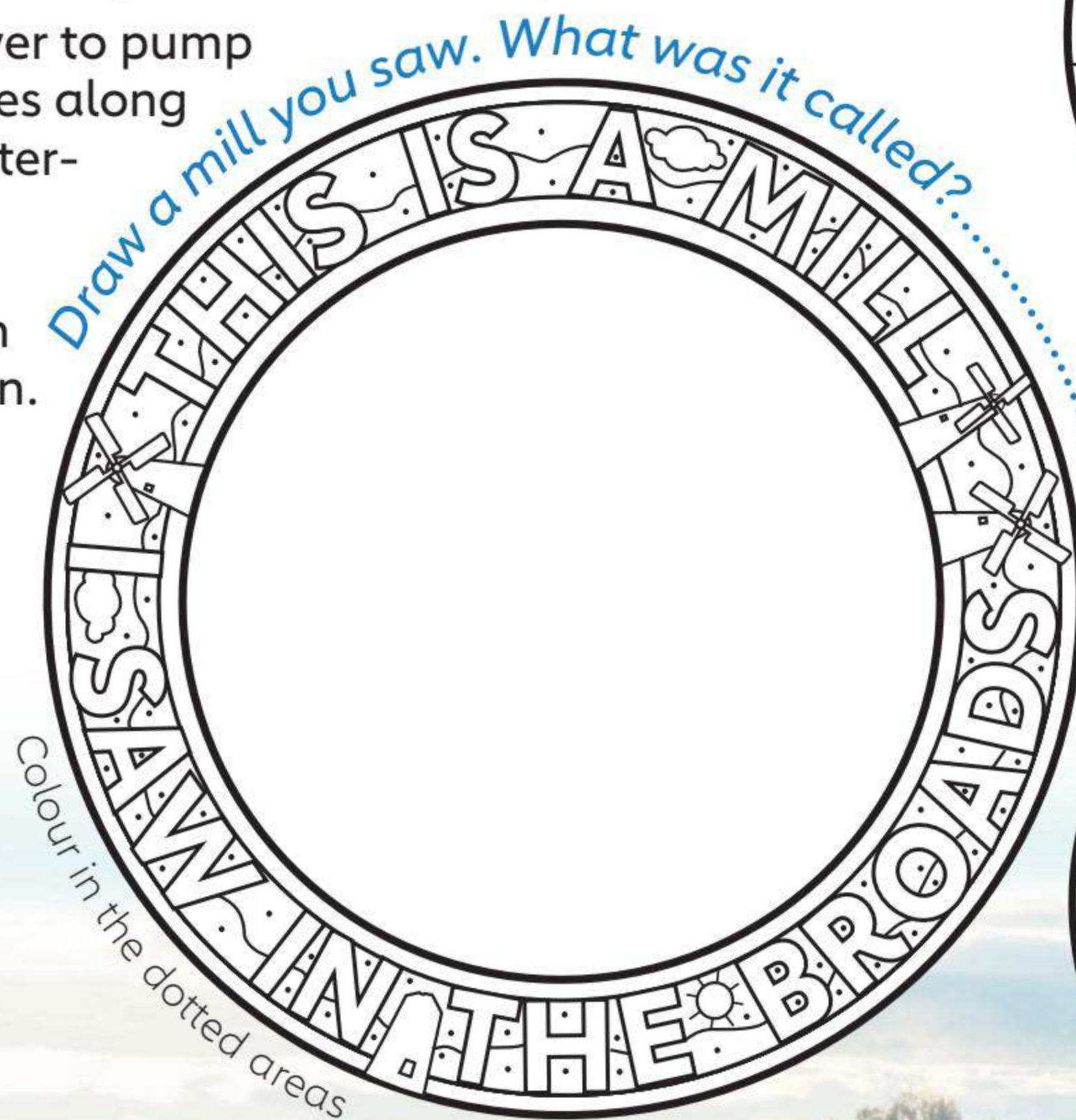


You'll find some more Broads puzzles in the Learning pages on our website. Go to [broadscurriculum.org.uk](http://broadscurriculum.org.uk) and then to Online resources.

## Windmills in the Broads

Broads windmills look like mills for grinding corn but they were nearly all built as drainage windmills, many during the 19th century.

They used wind power to pump water off the marshes along the dykes (small water-ways) and into the rivers. This left the marshes dry enough for cattle to graze on. Steam, diesel and electricity replaced wind power. Today there are 63 mills of various types in the Broads. Many have been restored and the restoration work continues.



How many of these kinds of mills have you seen?



## QUIZ

Tip – the map on page 4 will help you.

- What would you see from the top of Horsey Windpump (another name for a drainage mill)?  
a) Norwich  
b) Horsey Mere  
c) Great Yarmouth
- What is Stracey Arms?  
a) a mill b) a pub  
c) a castle
- St Olave's Mill (a trestle mill, one of only three) is near  
a) Bishop Bridge  
b) Burgh Castle  
c) St Olave's Bridge
- What would you find at Herringfleet?  
a) fishing boats  
b) Somerleyton Bridge  
c) a mill
- Berney Arms Mill is near to  
a) a train station  
b) a car park  
c) an airport
- St Benet's Abbey and its mill are close to where the rivers Ant and Thurne join the River Bure. Which other famous Broads mill is close by?  
a) Turf Fen, How Hill  
b) Thurne c) Stracey Arms

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1 b) Horsey Mere 2 a) a mill 3 c) St Olave's Bridge 4 c) a mill 5 a) a train station 6 b) Thurne



**Thurne Mill, near THURNE**

This mill was built in 1820 by millwrights from Ludham. It's been restored to working order and it's easy to see it from Thurne village and the River Thurne.



**Polkey's Mill, near REEDHAM**

It's part of a group of mill buildings. You can walk along the Wherryman's Way from Reedham to see them. Polkey's Mill was restored by the Water, Mills & Marshes scheme.



**Brograve Mill, near HORSEY**

This is a mill that hasn't been restored. Some mills have even lost their 'sails' so you just see the brick tower. Some mill buildings are restored without their sails.



**Palmer's Mill, near UPTON**

This is a hollow post mill, one of only two. It's close to Upton Dyke (on the left, going towards the River Bure) and there are lots of other mills on the local marshes.



**Mutton's Mill, near HALVERGATE**

This mill has had nearly 50 years of restoration work, first by its owners and then by the Water, Mills & Marshes scheme, with the sails able to turn again. It's on the Halvergate Mills Trail.



**Hardley Mill, near HARDLEY**

This one has been restored and can even pump water. It's open to visitors, you may see the sails turning. It has moorings on the River Yare or you can walk to it from Hardley Staithe.

Photographs:  
Brograve and Mutton's Mills – Tom Barrett; Hardley, Polkey's and Thurne Mills – James Bass; Palmer's Mill – Broads Authority



Remember, Competent Crew always wear life jackets for getting on and off or mooring their boat. Competent Crew never get into the water.

Competent Crew always plan ahead, listen to instructions when they arrive, follow advice and go slowly while they're boating.

If you're wearing a life jacket when you see a ranger or quay ranger at a Broads National Park yacht station, ask them for a sticker. Show this completed page at Broads National Park information centres (see page 52) and collect a small prize.



**VisitTheBroads.co.uk**

The visitor website for the Broads is mobile-friendly, and has all you need to know about where to go and what to do, where to stay ashore and afloat, where to eat, boating, special events and everything else you need to visit the Broads by land and water. Our inspirational blog is full of ideas for your visit.

Or find us on Facebook: Visit the Broads

There's also a Visit the Broads app available for your mobile device...just search Visit the Broads in your usual app store.

For all the latest news, offers and events from the Broads National Park, sign up to our newsletter mailing list: [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/newsletter](https://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/newsletter)

If you organise special events, you can submit events for our website at any time – go to [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/whats-on](https://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/whats-on) and go to the 'What's on' tab along the top of the page.

If you have a business in the Broads and would like to add or update your company information on the site, please contact us – see page 4.

Find out how to join Visit the Broads, which works in partnership with the Broads Authority to provide a strong voice for Broads tourism-related businesses, at [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/business](https://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/business)

You can also find the Broads National Park on:

**Bluesky** @broadsnationalpark

**Facebook** Broads National Park

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**Broads National Park information centres**

For a warm welcome and expert local advice whatever your enquiry, visit the Broads National Park information centres, where our knowledgeable staff will help you make the most of your time in the Broads. You'll find the centres at Hoveton, How Hill and Ranworth. See the telephone directory and pages 10-12 for more details. The map on page 4 and the boating map on the centre pages will also help you to find your way around. Grid references mentioned throughout Broadcaster (for example C2) refer to the map on page 4.

The centres stock leaflets and sell an extensive range of maps, guides, books, postcards, souvenirs and locally made ice cream. They have lots of boating info to help you too, including tide tables and navigation maps. You can book for Broads National Park boat trips and buy short visit boat licences.

For guidance on drone use go to [broads-authority.gov.uk/drones](https://broads-authority.gov.uk/drones)

We look forward to seeing you!

[VisitTheBroads.co.uk/information-centres](https://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/information-centres)

**Broads Briefing**

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**UK National Parks and Landscapes**

[nationalparks.uk](https://nationalparks.uk)

[national-landscapes.org.uk](https://national-landscapes.org.uk)

**Public transport**

[VisitTheBroads.co.uk/getting-here](https://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/getting-here)  
[goodjourney.org.uk/norfolk-good-journey-county](https://goodjourney.org.uk/norfolk-good-journey-county)

**Buses**

For all bus services in the Broads contact  
Traveline 0871 200 22 33  
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**Trains**

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50  
[nationalrail.co.uk](https://nationalrail.co.uk)  
[greateranglia.co.uk](https://greateranglia.co.uk)  
[bitternline.com](https://bitternline.com)  
[wherrylines.com](https://wherrylines.com)  
[eastsuffolklines.co.uk](https://eastsuffolklines.co.uk)

See page 14 to find out about visiting the Broads by train.

**Weather**

[metoffice.gov.uk/weather/weather-app](https://metoffice.gov.uk/weather/weather-app)

**Recycling**

The Government is planning some new arrangements for recycling during 2025-27. For details published 29.11.2024 please see: [gov.uk/government/publications/simpler-recycling-in-england-policy-update](https://gov.uk/government/publications/simpler-recycling-in-england-policy-update)

**Visit the Broads with your dog – on land or water**

- Dogs are allowed on public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways and byways) under effective control
- Routes called permissive paths may not allow dogs and many nature reserves don't allow dogs
- On areas known as open access land, dogs must be kept on a lead no more than two metres long between 1 March and 31 July to protect ground-nesting birds, and all year round near farm animals
- Dog owners must not allow pets to 'worry' or attack farm animals
- Restrictions on dogs shouldn't unreasonably affect access for assistance dog users. If you have a problem, contact the local authority or the Royal Kennel Club.  
[01296 318540 thekennelclub.org.uk](https://01296318540.thekennelclub.org.uk)
- For places to visit try [thebarkingbugle.co.uk](https://thebarkingbugle.co.uk)
- For boating with dogs, see Boating Basics, starting on page 25

**Please**

- clear up after dogs
- keep dogs close by, under effective control (on leads if necessary) and in sight
- check access for dogs with places you plan to visit and respect restrictions on dogs
- don't let dogs disturb people, wildlife or farm animals, or wander near them
- if you or your dog are bothered by farm animals, let go of their lead so that you can both get to safety
- never enter the water to rescue a pet – you are putting your own life at risk  
[gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code](https://gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code)

**Telephone directory**

**Emergencies** – coastguard, fire, police, ambulance 999 or 112

**Bridges****Potter Heigham Bridge pilot**

- Phoenix Fleet boatyard 01692 670460

**Swing bridges – you can also contact these swing bridges on VHF radio Channel 12**

- Oulton Broad 0330 852 5351
- Reedham 0330 858 4655
- Somerleyton 0330 858 4656
- Trowse 01603 675297 / 01603 763440 – seven days' notice required for openings

**Broads Authority** – main office 01603 610734

**Broads Control** – Broads Authority navigation advice and incidents 01603 756056

**Environment Agency** – incident hotline 0800 80 70 60 – use this for pollution incidents. During the day you can also call Broads Authority Broads Control on 01603 756056 or for serious pollution incidents outside office hours you can also call the coastguard on 999 or 112.

**Hospitals**

- James Paget University Hospital (Gorleston, Great Yarmouth – 24-hour casualty) 01493 452452
- Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (Norwich – 24-hour casualty) 01603 286286

**Information centres – Broads National Park**

- Hoveton / Wroxham (see page 10) 01603 756097
- Ranworth (see page 11) 01603 756094
- Toad Hole Cottage, How Hill, Ludham (see page 11) 01603 756096

**Mutford Lock** 01502 523408 / 01502 531778

**NHS 111** – call 111 for 24-hour urgent but non-emergency medical help 111.nhs.uk

**Police** – non-emergency 101

**Tourist information points – may be seasonal**

- Beccles: Beccles Books, 1 Exchange House, Exchange Square 01502 716806; Bear & Bells, 11 Old Market; Beccles Station Cafe, Station Road; Library, Blyburgate; Quay, Fen Lane; SportStore, 33 New Market
- Bungay: Art Trading Company, 55 Earsham Street; Library, Wharton Street
- Loddon: Library, 31 Church Plain
- Lowestoft: Kirkley Centre, 154 London Road South; Library, Clapham Road South; Lowestoft Arts Centre, 13 St Peters Street; Railway Station, Denmark Road
- Oulton Broad: Library, 92 Bridge Road; Yacht Station, Bridge Road

**Wildlife emergency**

- Marine and Wildlife Rescue 01692 650338
- RSPCA 0300 1234 999

**Yacht stations – Broads National Park**

- Great Yarmouth (see page 25) 01493 842794 / 07766 398238
- Norwich (see page 25) 01603 612980 / 07747 065378
- Ranworth (see page 25) 01603 756094
- Reedham (see page 25) 01493 701867 / 07733 102566

**Yacht stations – other providers**

- Beccles 01502 712225 / 07938 845744
- Oulton Broad 01502 523408

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## EATING OUT IN THE BROADS

Contact the Broads National Park information centres (see page opposite) for help with finding the best places for eating and drinking local produce, whether you want a waterside pub, a traditional tea room or somewhere for a special meal, or for a great selection of places to eat with links to each establishment's website, go to [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/eating-out](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/eating-out)


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A WEEK**

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[www.thewatersiderollesby.co.uk](http://www.thewatersiderollesby.co.uk) Main Road, Rollesby, Norfolk, NR29 5EF

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# WHERE TO STAY IN THE BROADS

Contact the Broads National Park information centres (see page 52) for help with finding places to stay, whether you want to enjoy outdoor living with nights almost under the stars, or a stay in a historic hotel, or something in between, or go to [VisitTheBroads.co.uk/where-to-stay](http://VisitTheBroads.co.uk/where-to-stay)



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Neil & Josie Grant - 01692 631 444  
[www.themoorhenhorning.co.uk](http://www.themoorhenhorning.co.uk)  
Email: [contact@themoorhenhorning.co.uk](mailto:contact@themoorhenhorning.co.uk)  
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Email: [info@wintertonvalleyholidays.co.uk](mailto:info@wintertonvalleyholidays.co.uk)  
[www.wintertonvalleyholidays.co.uk](http://www.wintertonvalleyholidays.co.uk)

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## Broad Farm Caravan & Camping Park Broad Farm, Fleggburgh, Great Yarmouth, NR29 3AF 01493 369273

Situated on the A1064, between Acle and Caister-on-Sea close to Trinity Broads. Facilities include shop within walking distance, toilets and shower block, disabled facilities, laundrette, new children's play area, clubhouse serving food with live entertainment every weekend over high season, amusements, and outdoor pool. Facilities open every weekend during low season and every day during high season, the clubhouse is only open Friday night and Saturday during low season. We offer seasonal pitches for both touring and static caravans with camping for tents and small camper vans.

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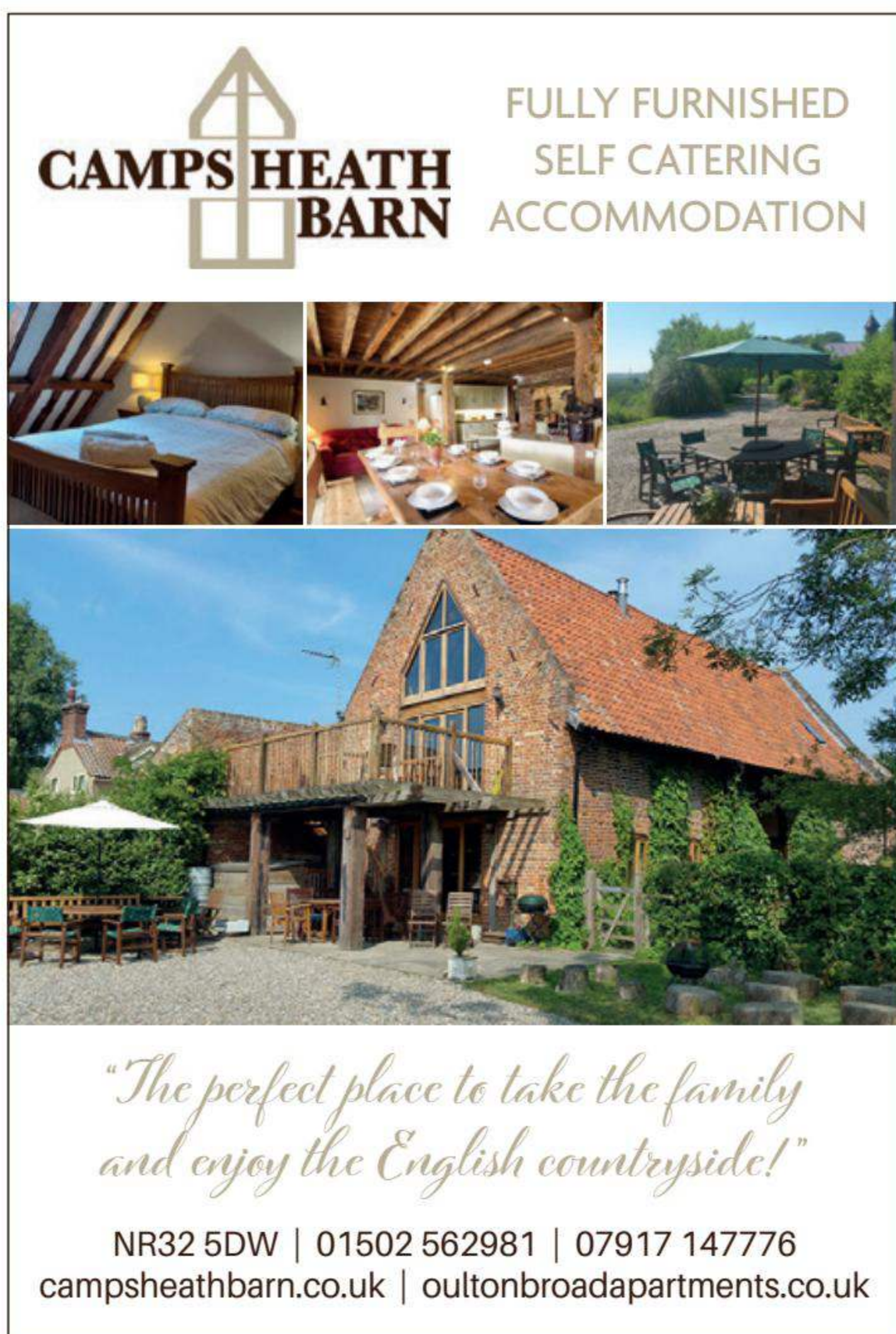
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