



Distance: **9.7 km/6 miles**
 Time: **2hr 24mins**
 Type: **Walk the Norfolk Coast Path in 7 stages, part 4**
Accessible by public transport



Experience the north Norfolk coast at it's finest! A walk with something for everyone.

Terrain: Sandy path with some loose stones, tarmaced floodbank and town, followed by grassy floodbank and footpath both of which do get muddy following wet weather.

Maps:

Ordnance Survey Explorer 251
 Landranger 133

Public Toilets:

Wells next the Sea
 The car park, Beach Road (Disabled) - before floodbank

The Quay, Beach Road (Disabled) Open:
 Nov-Mar (daily until 5pm)
 Mar-Oct (daily until 8pm)
 Stearman's Yard (behind the Ark Royal, pub) (No disabled)

Opposite the Present house, near Buttlands (No disabled)

Refreshments:

Holkham - (01328)
Victoria Hotel (t:711008)

Marsh Larder Tea rooms (t:711285)
 See more at:
www.holkham.co.uk

Wells - (Various cafés, pubs, restaurants. Fish & chips on the quay is a must! See more at:
www.wells-guide.co.uk

Stiffkey - (01328)
The Red Lion
 (serves food)(t:830552)

Stiffkey Stores & Post Office (t:830489) Serves coffee and cake, open:
 Summer: 8.30am-5pm,
 (Sun 9-3) closed Sun & Wed at midday in winter.

1 Start -TF890448, at the top of Lady Anne's drive, Holkham then follow the black and white National Trail acorns from here going eastward. Follow the waymarkers until you reach the boating lake and then the car park. Make your way across the car park and up onto the floodbank.

2 Once on the floodbank, the National trail runs along the tarmaced path and the grassy path right on top of the floodbank is a right of way. Choose whichever you like they lead to the same place! *The floodbank was breached in 1978 and a ship was washed up onto what is now the play area that you can see to your far right. The sea bank here now hosts a variety of species of wildflowers.*

3 *The town of Wells next the Sea is a bustling holiday resort, it also hosts a thriving shellfish industry. The saltmarsh east of the floodbank is one of the largest and richest in wildlife in North Western Europe. Keep walking along the quay to the end of East Quay past the Chandlers on the corner. Turn slightly left and take the waymarked road between two sheds, then left on to a footpath and up onto the bank. Keep walking on top of the bank as it curves around an inlet. The path then turns left through vegetation, through which there are glimpses of the huge expanse of saltmarshes. Look out for waders in the quieter spots such as Oystercatchers and the red-legged Redshanks, also Little Egrets have begun colonising here in recent years.*

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Of interest: *Holkham National Nature Reserve stretches from Burnham Norton to Morston and covers approx 4000 hectares, the core of it being at Holkham Bay. Find out more at www.naturalengland.org.uk. The Norfolk Coast Path National Trail is the ideal way to experience the reserve.*

4 Just off of the path here is a circle the environmentally sensitive saltmarsh. Once at the National Trust car park, follow Green Lane towards the village of Stiffkey and the busy A149 coast road where the coasthopper bus stop can be found. Take care when crossing here as visibility is poor and there is no footway

5 It was used during the second world war to test miniature surveillance aircraft. Keep on the path, don't be tempted to wander through the saltmarsh. This could be dangerous for you and potentially damage

5 A very rare circular pillbox remains just north of High Sand Creek Camp site,



Getting there:
By Bus -
 CH = Coasthopper:
 King's Lynn to Cromer along the coast.
 (Summer: 1/2 hourly, rest of year: hourly, alterations on Sundays)
 From Norwich:
 Norfolk Green's x29 service to Fakenham then onto Wells to meet the CH.

By Rail - The CH service is accessible from King's Lynn and Cromer/ Sheringham stations.

Disabled Parking:
Holkham - 3 designated spaces on Lady Anne's drive

Wells - Beach Road car park, and several other pay and display car parks in the town.

Stiffkey - National Trust car park before marsh, no disabled spaces, very rough ground.

Additional Info:
Note to wheelchair users regarding the CH bus:
 Norfolk Green can't assure that all buses are fully wheelchair accessible during busy periods. If you need to make sure that your bus will be accessible, then call them on tel.:01553 776980 24 hours before you travel.

Contact us and let us know how you've got on:
www.nationaltrail.co.uk