

Distance: 8.6 km/5.3 miles (inc. 2.6km/1.6 miles by bus)
 Time: 1 hr 35 mins (inc. 3 mins on bus)
 Type: Easy Access / Accessible by public transport



A delightful walk beside a working harbour and then onto enjoy the scent of pine trees. One for all the family to enjoy with refreshments available at either end

1 **START** TF916436 From the 'Buttlands' bus stop, walk down Staithe Street towards the quay. Wells boasts lots of local shops many selling produce from within just a few miles of the town. The harbour itself was used in recent times to trade in pulses and fertilizers brought in on small coasters. A thriving shellfish and leisure industry are now the main uses, although a huge proposed offshore windfarm could change this.

3 If not immediately distracted by the beach, then head down the ramp from the bank, to the NW exit of the car park, where there is a wheelchair accessible kissing gate.

4 After the gate, walk past the boating lake, and take the first left. The path here is wide, sandy with some loose stones and occasional tree roots that can be avoided. This section has seats every 600m.



Type of path surface between Wells and Holkham

2 Walking westward along the quay past the Harbour Masters office, join the tarmac path along the side of the seabank. There are plenty of benches along this stretch, some with wheelchair space alongside. Enjoy the views from here of the internationally important saltmarsh and the many boats moored in the channel.

Terrain: Path on top of the floodbank is flat and even, with some loose stones. Parts can be muddy following wet weather.

Maps: Ordnance Survey Explorer 251 Landranger 133

Public Toilets: Wells - Newgate Lane/ Station Rd. (no disabled)
 - Opp. Harbour masters office in Wells (disabled)

- At entrance of beach road car park (disabled)
Holkham There are no public toilets in Holkham

Refreshments:

Wells - Fish & chips, various pubs & cafés, café in Beach road car park,
 See more at: www.wellsnorfolk.com

Holkham - Refreshment stand on Lady Anne's Drive (seasonal). The Victoria Hotel and Marsh Larder tearooms.
 See more at: www.holkham.co.uk

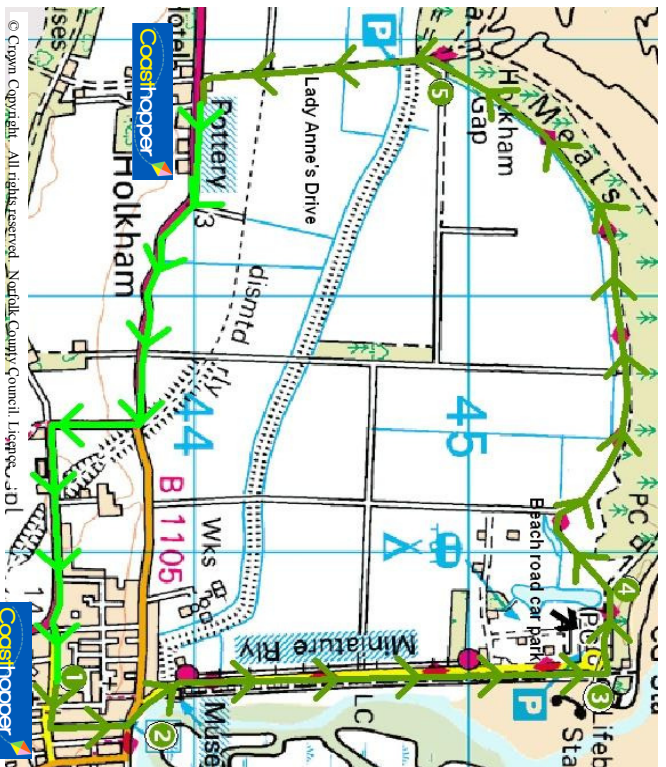
5 Once arrived at Lady Anne's Drive there are now several choices: Follow the boardwalk to the right to a viewing platform overlooking the beach or take a stroll down Lady Ann's drive and visit the delights of Holkham's 'Victoria' or tea rooms.

Out of interest - Holkham
 Holkham National Nature Reserve stretches from Burnham Norton to Blakeney and covers about 4,000 hectares.

The Vikings sailed up a creek through the saltmarshes during the first millennium and built a fort at a bleak place they called Holkham ('ship town' in Danish).

To return to Wells take the Coasthopper bus from the main coast road (A149) in Holkham. (Turn left at the A149, the bus stop is opposite the bus shelter).

Saltmarsh reclamation began on this coast at Burnham Overy in 1639 and was completed in 1859 with the construction of the Wells sea wall.



Getting there:

By Bus - Coasthopper: King's Lynn to Cromer along the coast. (Summer: 1/2 hourly, rest of year: hourly) From Norwich: Norfolk Green's X29 service to Fakenham then onto Wells.

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

Disabled Parking: Wells - various including Beach Rd car park, Holkham - Lady Anne's Drive. Please note parking can be difficult during peak holiday times.

Additional Info:
 Note to wheelchair users regarding the Coasthopper bus: Norfolk Green can't assure that all Coasthopper 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.

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