

Wheelchair access to the Norfolk Coast Path

Dear User,

Both the National Trail and the AONB Partnership are working to improve accessibility to the Norfolk coast. The AONB Partnership has specific easy access routes available on their website which can be downloaded.

<http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk>



On the pages that follow I have attempted to provide some sort of ranking for sections of the Norfolk Coast Path and a few local walks. I have prioritised the routes according to path surface type, from sealed to completely unmodified. So if you find that the back track between Holkham and Wells, for example, to rough then those below in the list are likely to be unmanageable for you.

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Distances are indicative only as I have not measured any of them

I would really welcome any feedback you care to make, even if it is to say that I have got it all wrong!

I do hope you enjoy your visit to the Norfolk coast.

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Wells sea wall - Tarmac path along the side of a sea wall busy during holiday periods but with fantastic views over the salt marshes. Distance 1 mile or 1.6 km. Parking good on tarmac car park at either end.

Burnham Overy Staithe bank - surfaced path, not tarmac, leading to timber boardwalk, with wonderful views. Can be very busy Distance 1½ mile or 2.32 km, It is just possible to see the sea but the sand dune to the north has grown considerably in the last few years and now blocks a direct view of the sea. The first part of the path away from the village is rather bumpy but once over the first 100 metres or so it does get much better. Parking depends on tide. Beside road or on hard standing.

Sheringham Park NT (not on the Norfolk Coast Path) - Tarmac and boardwalk disabled access route. Distance 200 yards or 1.8 m. Probably worth giving the Trust a call as they do have other routes. Good surfaced parking.

Holkham English Nature - Surfaced, not tarmac, access track to boardwalk ramps and viewing platform overlooking beach. Distance 1 mile or 1.6 km. Good surfaced parking on Lady Ann's Drive

Back track between Lady Ann's and Pinewoods - Un-surfaced track, even during holiday periods quiet places can be found. Distance 1 mile or 1.6 km. Good surfaced parking - Lady Ann's or Wells, Pinewoods.



Thornham sea wall – Surfaced, not tarmac, sea wall giving good views of marshes and inland. Distance 1 mile or 1.6 km. Parking beside road.

Titchwell RSPB (not on Norfolk Coast Path) - surfaced path through reserve to the beach viewing platform, this path is a public footpath. I think RSPB also provide wheel chair accessible paths to some hides. Distance 1 mile or 1.6 km. Good parking on surfaced, non tarmac car park.

Blakeney – Surfaced, not tarmac, path with great views of the marshes and inland. Distance ½ mile or 0.8 km, although it is possible to go much further depending on your ability and the type of chair you use. Good parking on hard standing

Wells east bank – Un-surfaced, quieter path with good views. Distance ½ mile or 0.8 km but with potential of extending depending on your needs. Parking good in town.

Roman Camp - National Trust property, paths are not surfaced but with a little perseverance you should be able to reach one of the view points overlooking the coast and reasonably quiet. Distance ½ mile or 0.8 km. Parking good on surfaced, not tarmac.

Felbrigg NT - suggest you call the National Trust for information

Blickling NT - suggest you call the National Trust for information

Old Hunstanton to Holme beside river Hun - a mixture of surfaced and non-surfaced path but generally fairly flat. Running beside the river Hun. Never busy and south facing. Distance 1 mile or 1.6 km. Parking on nearby roads.

Ringstead Common -(not on the Norfolk Coast Path)
Lots of routes provided by Peter Melchet on his organic farm but I cannot vouch for the suitability of the paths. With an electric buggy they would be fine. Distance unknown.



Deepdale sea wall - A mixture of surfaced and non surfaced with great views of the marshes and Scolt Head. Distance 400 yards or 365 m but with the potential to extend to 3 miles or 4.8 km, depending on your ability to cope with the un-surfaced bank top.

Cocklestrand Drove - Un-surfaced but a fantastic place to get to if you like the peace and quiet. Path completely unmodified but worth a visit if only to sit and enjoy the view and surroundings. There is a narrow gate to get through and I am afraid I have not had time to get there to measure the width, sorry. Access is down a rough track as shown on the map. Parking is fairly good on surfaced, not tarmac area.

Morston, West - Follow the track west out of the National Trust car park and if you can cope with the uneven stone track for 100 yards or 91 m then the reward would be a Reasonably smooth track unsurfaced with out vehicles and great views of the marsh and Blakeney Point. Distance up to 500 yards or 457 m. Parking at National Trust Morston Quay.

Weybourne, east - Not sure about this because there are a few yards of compacted shingle to get over before you reach the cliff path, but again if you can manage the shingle then the rewards would be great. Distance possibly up to 2.5 mile or 4 km. Good parking on hard standing.

Ringstead Downs- I have not been here for years but if you can cope with some unevenness then a fantastic place to go. A Norfolk Wildlife Reserve with chalk downland flora.



General Information

Information available on the Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path National Trail

www.nationaltrail.co.uk

This is the primary source of information

General information leaflet

Available from tourist information centres or the National Trail Office

The Pocket Companion

Available from the National Trail Office

(Accommodation Guide and Public transport routes)

Horse riding information

Available from website or National Trail Office

Cycling information

Available from website or National Trail Office

Vehicle use of the Peddars Way

Available from website or National Trail Office

Completion certificates

Available from National Trail Office

Completion cloth badges

Available from National Trail Office

Norfolk Coast Easy Access Guide

Available from www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk



The Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path is a partnership between the Natural England, Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils

