

Welcome to some of the best places for wild days out in the Broads National Park

In this guide you'll find lots of ideas for how to get back to nature with walks, boat trips, wildlife and the chance to rediscover the great outdoors. Some places have lots of facilities, others are places to get away from it all. But all of them offer something of what makes the Broads so special – and what makes it a national park.

The Broads is a wetland mosaic of waterways, fens, marshes and wet woodlands, with seven rivers and over 60 broads and other areas of open water. The broads, or shallow lakes, were dug out in medieval times to provide peat for use as fuel. Over the centuries water levels rose and the peat diggings flooded, forming the broads.

The national park is full of rare and beautiful wildlife – otters, birds such as booming bitterns, huge swallowtail butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies in their vibrant colours, and a lush profusion of plants such as the yellow iris in spring, white water lilies in summer, the guelder rose with its jewel-like red berries in autumn and golden reeds in winter. More than a quarter of Britain's rarest wildlife lives in the Broads.

- 1 Barton Broad Boardwalk 🕐 🕹 🕒 NR12 8XP
- **2** Berney Marshes & Breydon Water 🕐 🕒 NR30 1SB
- 3 Buckenham Marshes 🕐 🕒 NR13 4HW
- 4 Burgh Castle 🕐 🔕 🕒 NR31 9QQ
- 5 Carlton & Oulton Marshes (2) (2) (5) NR33 8HU Burnt Hill Lane, Carlton Colville PD 🕒 NR32 3JP
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- 7 Fairhaven Woodland & Water Garden 🕐 🔕 NR13 6DZ
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- 16 Rockland St Mary 🕐 🔕 🕒 NR14 7HP
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- 21 Thorpe Marshes & Cary's Meadow 🕐 🕒 NR7 OQA NR7 OEB
- 22 Trinity Broads 🕐 🕭 NR29 3AE
- 23 Upton Broad & Marshes 🕐 NR13 GEQ
- 24 Whitlingham Country Park 🕐 🔕 NR14 8TR

Where the wild things are

Many wild places tend to be off the beaten track, so you may find it helpful to have a map, such as a local Ordnance Survey map, to plan your route and to take with you, and to help you with finding public footpaths in the area if you want to do some further exploring.

If you're on a boat, most places have:



If you want to explore even further, there are several long-distance routes: the Norfolk Coast Path, the Weavers' Way, the Angles Way and the Wherryman's way. More details from: *norfolk.gov.uk*

Public transport 📳

The green symbol after an entry means that a bus or train operates within about 3/3 mile (1km) of the site. Please note that not all services are regular so planning journeys in advance is advisable.

Buses

traveline 0871 200 22 33 traveline.info

Trains

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50 nationalrail.co.uk

From Norwich the Bittern Line goes north through Wroxham and the Wherry Lines go east to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

bitternline.com wherrylines.com

There are stations at: Acle, Beccles, Berney Arms, Brundall, Brundall Gardens, Buckenham, Cantley, Great Yarmouth, Haddiscoe, Hoveton & Wroxham, Lingwood, Lowestoft, Norwich, Oulton Broad North, Oulton Broad South, Reedham, Salhouse, Somerleyton and Worstead.

Accessible sites 🚯

The more accessible sites in this guide are marked with a pink symbol. However, you may find it helpful to phone to check whether the sites are sufficiently accessible for you.

What to take with you

When you're out and about in the countryside please bear in mind the season and the weather. You may need boots or wellies, and warm or waterproof clothes. Paths may be wet and muddy, and it can be cold out on the water, even in summer. You may also need sun protection and a sun hat. In summer and autumn especially, insect repellent may be helpful. It's a good idea to take some water, or a hot drink if it's cold, and a snack or lunch to keep you going. Shops and pubs can be few and far between and they may not be oper when you visit. So be prepared or check in advance - it's all part of the adventure!

More info

The Broads information centres and yacht stations will be able to help with more details on anything mentioned here, and they can also help with ideas for other places to visit and things to do, such as day boat, canoe and bike hire. All the Broads information centres have induction loops and the information centres at Hoveton and Ranworth are accessible to wheelchair users. The ground floor of Toad Hole Cottage is accessible via a ramp.

You'll also find lots more info, ideas and links for organisations mentioned in this leaflet on VisitTheBroads.co.uk

For bookings and information on events please check with the contact given in each entry.

Distances and suggested times to allow for a visit are approximate and intended as a guide only.

Broads Information Centres and Yacht Stations

Norwich

Reedham

reedhamquay@

Great Yarmouth

Riverside Road, NR1 1SQ

norwichyachtstation@ broads-authority.gov.uk

Reedham Quay, NR13 3TE

broads-authority.gov.uk

varmouthvachtstation@

broads-authority.gov.uk

01493 701867 / 07733 102566

01603 612980 / 07747 065378

Open April to October

Hoveton / Wroxham 1603 782281 / 01603 756097 hovetontic@ broads-authority.gov.uk How Hill, Ludham 1692 678763 / 01603 75609 toadholetic@ broads-authority.gov.uk Ranworth anworthtic@ proads-authority.gov.uk

VisitTheBroads.co.uk



are House, 62-64 Thorpe R 1603 610734 roads-authority.gov.u



VVIId Days Out in the Broads

Walks, nature reserves and boat trips - great places to get back to nature





Barton Broad is owned by Norfoll Wildlife Trust and is the second argest of the broads. Water quality a Barton was hugely improved by the Barton Broad millennium project and there's an abundance of flowers, dragonflies and birds. The walk takes you ough woodland undisturbed for ove half a century and leads out to a viewin platform. Allow about an hour for the walk. Sorry, no dogs except assistance dogs.

The chance of seeing an otter Magical moment Spring or autumn are best for birds

at all times Facilities and equipment

Braille signs, accessible toilets

From Neatishead, follow signs to Boardwalk. The boardwalk is easily accessible by wheelchair and a car par for disabled visitors is available at the entrance. Other visitors please use the car park in Long Road.

Free

Norfolk Wildlife Trust 01603 625540 norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

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13 How Hill & Electric Eel Boat Trip, Ludham

This National Nature Reserve has something of everything that makes the Broads special – its own broad. wonderful wildlife, drainage mills and the chance to get out on the water The marshes are cut for reed and sedge

for thatch, so you may even see a reed cutter. You can visit Toad Hole Cottage for a glimpse of Victorian country living explore the wildlife walking trail, walk to Buttle Marsh or Ludham Bridge and take a wildlife water trail by electric boat or board the Electric Eel. The trip lasts 50 minutes, including a short walk to a bird hide. The boat takes up to six people (at driver's discretion) and has a roof, but the sides are open. The boat trip is not suitable for children under two. Allow 1–1½ hours for the walking trail, about 1½ hours for the Buttle Marsh walk and 10 minutes or as long as you like for the cottage – it's very tiny! In the summe and autumn you may find it helpful to bring an insect repellent for the trails Sorry, no dogs except assistance dogs on trails.

What's special?

The Electric Eel's mysterious journey along reed-fringed waterways

June or August for swallowtail butterflies, spring and summer for wild flowers, spring and autumn for birds, and for one of the best views in the Broads

– any time

Reserve and cottage open: April, May October Monday-Friday 10.30am-1pm and 1.30-5pm, and Saturday-Sunday 10.30am-5pm; June-September dai 9.30am-5pm. Boat trips: April, May October weekends, bank holidays Easter week and local half term only; June-September daily.



2 Berney Marshes & **Breydon Water** Near Great Yarmouth

Nhat's it like? A place to experience the wide-open expanses of grazing marshes and udflats. In spring the marshes ar alive with the dramatic, tumbling flyir displays of breeding lapwings and the atmospheric calls of breeding redshanks Atlantic grey seals often come into reydon Water with the tide. Follow the Wherryman's Way footpath from Great Yarmouth Railway Station – allow 2 hours to walk one way. Dogs allowed on public footpaths - please keep them under control. What's special?

Spectacular numbers of breeding wading

birds and wildfowl Winter – to see tens of thousands of ducks, geese, swans and wading birds which visit the estuary and surrounding grazing marshes

at all times Getting there and getting around No access by car but you can get a train to Berney Arms (request stop)

Free

Who to contac RSPB 01493 700645 rspb.org.uk id you know? From Berney Arms Station (or Stone Road, Halvergate) you can also explore the new Halvergate Mills Trail watermillsandmarshes.org.uk







Toilets, plenty of open space for picnics Life iackets available for all on boat trips and must be worn by all.

Pubs and shops in Ludham

ng there and getting around Car park – follow signs from A1062 Wroxham to Potter Heigham road. /isitors with disabilities may find i helpful to telephone in advance to checl whether How Hill is sufficiently accessible for you.

Foad Hole Cottage free, charges for boat trip, charges for wildlife walking trail (with guide booklet), other walks free

io to contac Boat trip bookings: Toad Hole Cottage 01692 678763 / 01603 756096 or visit any Broads information centre VisitTheBroads.co.uk

You can also visit the How Hill Trust's times (donations please) and sometime the house gardens are open too. The trust's home-made refreshments are available in summer at weekends and during school holidays. Wherry Hathor i often moored at the staithe in summe too and welcomes visitors. howhilltrust.org.uk wherryyachtcharter.org





What's it like? Buckenham Marshes are traditionally managed grazing marshes and home o large numbers of breeding wading birds, and wintering ducks and geese The flat open landscape of the marshes is alive in summer with birds, including lapwings, redshanks, avocets and oystercatchers. A flat trail around the narshes provides an easy walk starting from Buckenham Station. Allow 2-3 hours. Dogs allowed on public footpaths please keep them under control. What's special? Thousands of wintering wigeon arriving 4 Burgh Castle

There are three huge flint walls (the

fourth has disappeared into the Rive

Waveney). They are the remains of a

third-century Roman fort, built as one

of the Saxon Shore forts to protect the

coast. Enjoy the view across the rivers

Waveney and Yare, and Breydon Water,

Berney Arms Mill. Paths lead you around

the site to explore and it's on the Angles

Way long-distance route. You can also

visit the medieval church. The reedbeds

elow the fort are home to bearded tits

reed and sedge warblers, water rails and

vellow wagtails. On the tidal mudflats

you can see a variety of wildfowl and

the area in winter. Dogs on leads are

Being able to get up close to such

Guided tours May to September

Norfolk Archaeological Trust

ng there and getting aro

Car park, route around site is accessible

Brevdon Water is all that remains of the

Great Estuary of Roman times, when the

sea came much further inland. A long bar

mouth of the estuary by about 900 and Great Yarmouth began to emerge.

of sand and shingle formed across th

historic masonry – it's one of the most

mpressive Roman buildings to survive

waders. Marsh and hen harriers frequent

over Halvergate Marshes towards

Nhat's it like?

welcome.

What's special?

anywhere in Britain

daily dawn to dusk

to wheelchair users

In the village

Pubs and shops

Who to contact

07873 733229

English Heritage

Did vou know?

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15 Reedham

What's it like?

East and west on the

The Wherryman's Way long-distance

Yarmouth. The whole route is 37½ miles

(60.4km), starting from Norwich Railway

Station and going through the Mid Yare

National Nature Reserve. From Reedham

you can go west towards Reedham Ferry

and ultimately Norwich, or east towards

Polkey's Mill at the Seven Mile site, the

Halvergate Mills Trail from Berney Arms

As well as Polkey's Mill, the Seven Mile

site on the River Yare (meaning seven

collection of other Broads industrial

heritage demonstrating the evolution

of land drainage: a steam engine house

(which ran a turbine that assisted the

windmill but never replaced it), a diesel

engine shed (containing Ruston & Hornsby

remains of two other mills, Cadge's Mill

and North Mill are also part of the site

Summer for views over the marshes.

Occasional open days at Polkey's Mill

Parking at Reedham Quay, trains to

Quay Ranger, toilets, shops, pubs,

Pettitts Animal Adventure Park,

Reedham Quay 01493 701867

Humpty Dumpty Brewery

Norfolk County Council and

Norfolk Windmills Trust

norfolk.gov.uk

engines) and an electric pump. The

Aggical moments

winter for the bird life

at all times

Reedham

Prices

Free

miles to Great Yarmouth) has an important

and then Great Yarmouth

Vhat's special?

Wherryman's Way

footpath follows the River Yare

between Norwich and Great

norfarchtrust.org.uk

english-heritage.org.uk

Free

from northern Europe, and hundreds of teal, lapwings and golden plovers. England's only regular flock of taiga bean geese spend the winter here.

Visit in winter to see huge flocks of ducks and wading birds swirling over the marshes at all times

Getting there and getting around

Park by Buckenham Station and cross railway line on foot. Train to Buckenham (request stop). Disabled visitors – please contact the RSPB to arrange access to site by car.

Free Who to contact

rspb.org.uk

RSPB 01603 71519

PT 💦 at Cantley

14 Ranworth & Liana Boat Trip

What's it like? One of the most popular broads.

with plenty to do for both families and naturalists. Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Ranworth Broad and Marshes is part of the Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve and there's a 500m boardwalk leading to the Broads Wildlife Centre. There's also a choice of boat trips and you can visit the church, known as the athedral of the Broads. Allow up to 3 hours or more. Assistance dogs only on the boat trips and boardwalk please. Vhat's special?

Experience the full range of Broads plants in just a short walk

Broads National Park boat trips on board Liana, and boat trips and ferry service offered by Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Occasional walks and other boat trips Boardwalk open daily dawn to dusk

Broads Wildlife Centre open April-October daily 10am-5pm In the village

Church visitors centre and tea room, pub. cafe, toilets. Broads information centre open April, May, October Mondayriday 9am-1pm and 1.30-5pm, and

Saturday-Sunday 9am-5pm June-September daily 9am-5pm. ietting there and getting around

Car parks in village, parking for disabled isitors close to start of boardwalk which is suitable for wheelchair users

Visitor centres and walk free, charges for boat trips

Who to contact Liana bookings (dates as for 13):

Ranworth Broads Information Centre 01603 756094 VisitTheBroads.co.uk Norfolk Wildlife Trust 01603 270479 norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

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5 Carlton & Oulton Marshes

Burnt Hill Lane, Carlton Colville Church Lane, Oulton

acilities and equipment

Carlton has a visitor centre with toilets,

efreshments and children's adventure

Toilets and refreshments in Oulton Broad

play area: bird hides include a tower

ing there and getting a

Car park at Carlton; for Oulton, park

in Church Lane; trains to Oulton Broad

(20-30-minute walk to both sites): ferry

across the river to Carlton Marshes fron

Waveney River Centre, Burgh St Peter

parts of Carlton Marshes are accessible

Suffolk Wildlife Trust 01502 359480

by mobility scooter

suffolkwildlifetrust.org

at Carlton Marshes

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Free

What's it like? There are two areas, Carlton Marshes es between the River Waveney and Oulton Dyke, while Oulton Marshes lies on the opposite side of Oulton Dyke, with access by water only from Carlton. Suffolk Wildlife Trust recently acquired and transformed farmland, expanding the reserve to a thousand acres. The reserve includes grazing marsh, fens, dykes and peat pools - it's a magical marsh plain with whispering reeds under wide, open skies. The marshes provide an ideal site for reed and sedge warblers, Cetti's warbler, rasshopper warblers and bearded tits Look out for marsh harriers too. In early summer there's a fabulous display of southern marsh orchids. marsh marigolds and ragged–robin, together with the scarcer bogbean, bog pimperne and marsh cinquefoil. Water vole live in and around the dykes and the rare en raft spider was reintroduced to the reserve in 2012. Carlton and Oulton Marshes are also one of the best places in the UK for a range of freshwater snails which reflects the good water quality in he dykes. Allow about 2 hours or longe for Carlton, about an hour for a stroll at Oulton. Dogs on leads are welcome at both sites.

28 kinds of dragonfly including the Norfolk hawker

Manical moments Spring and summer for flowers

throughout the year at Carlton

Carlton is open daily dawn to dusk Dulton is open at all times, but the dyke bank can be slippery during the winte and paths may be closed during dredging



16 Rockland St Mary

Three of the walks from places along the Wherryman's Way are suitable fo wheelchair users, this one and two others at Whitlingham Country Park see 24) and Chedgrave. Rockland

St Mary has about 900m of wheelchair accessible path leading to a wheelchairaccessible bird hide and then to a viewpoint over Rockland Broad and hort Dyke. Allow up to about 1 hour, well-behaved dogs welcome.

Superb views. If you continue walking evond the viewpoint to the River Yare in the distance you can see the chimney of Strumpshaw Steam Engine House, one of the few steam drainage pumps ir the Broads.

A wonderful abundance of wildlife

at all times

aood for reed and sedge warblers in summer, and in the winter dusk vou may see a barn owl hunting over the marshes

Pub and shop Getting there and getting around

Car park at start of path rices

Free Who to contact

Broads information centres VisitTheBroads.co.uk Norfolk County Counci norfolk.gov.uk







Norfolk Archaeological Trust 07873 733229 norfarchtrust.org.uk

is uneven.

at Ludham Bridge and Ludham village











St Benet's. The bishop arrives on board

a traditional sailing wherry.

at all times during daylight hours

17 St Benet's Abbey

With the atmospheric remains of the

14th-century abbey gatehouse and

place, somewhere to take in the ope

marshes and open skies of the Broads

The abbey is part of a working farm and

18th-century drainage mill, it's a wild

Vhat's it like?

dogs on a lead.

/hat's special?

6 Cockshoot Broad Near Woodbastwick

Vhat's it like? Access by boat only to a boarded walkway along Cockshoot Dyke and through wet woodland, leading to Cockshoot Broad. This area is part of the Bure Marshes, a National Nature Reserve managed by Natural England, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Broads Authority. Cockshoot Broad was the site of the Broads Authority's first broads restoration project, back in the 1980s Good for all Broads wildlife, including

dragonflies, bats on summer evenings and marsh harriers throughout the year Allow up to an hour. Sorry, no dogs except assistance dogs. What's special?

White water lilies along the dyke in midsummer – they are a sign of clear water Manical mo

Birds in winter

Summer boat trips from Ranworth Broad

at all times, but can be inaccessible when river water levels are high Horning Ferry, 07393 458682, offers a local water taxi service

Norfolk Wildlife Trust 01603 625540 norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk Did you know?

his wet woodland, usually dominated by alder and willow, develops on peaty soil and is called carr woodland

(3)

Prices

Free



18 Salhouse Broad & Hoveton Great Broad

What's it like? A country park with beautiful old oaks, alder carr woodland and

reedbed, on the edge of Salhouse Broad. The park is home to ducks kingfishers, southern hawker dragonflie and lots of butterflies. The self-quided nature trail at Hoveton Great Broad is part of the internationally important Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve. Set on an island of peat, the boardwalk follows a circular route for about 1km through different habitats including wet woodland, fen and open water, with many special plants and animals. Look out for spectacular birds such as marsh harriers, long-tailed tits and tree-creepers. From late April to July common

terns nest in front of the main bird hide on the trail, catching fish to feed their chicks. Discover how nature changes the environment through a process called succession - where one group of plants alters the environment making it possible for other plants to grow. Allow 1-2 hour for the park and about an hour for the nature trail. Doos are welcome in the park, but only assistance dogs please on

the nature trail and at the trail moorings. The Hoveton Great Broad trail is only accessible by boat so it feels really wild and away from it all

Spring and summer for bluebells and

other wild flowers, autumn for amazing fungi, and winter for otters, water voles and watching wildfowl

Occasional guided walks on the trai

Park open at all times except very occasionally for winter maintenance Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail open April-September daily.



7 Fairhaven Woodland & Water Garden

South Walsham

/hat's it like A large organic woodland garden with a private broad and boat trips 3½ miles of fully accessible paths, wheelchair-accessible bird hides and boat trip. Dogs welcome on leads. What's special? Ancient woodland including 950-year-old oak tree, and stunning display of candelabra primulas and rhododendrons flowering in May Beautiful view of South Walsham Inner Broad from the staithe, with the

chance to spot one of the resident otters Year-round events programm

daily except 25 December acilities and equipmen Toilets, tea room, picnic areas, mobility

scooters for hire etting there and getting around Car park, fully wheelchair accessible

Admission charges Who to contac

Fairhaven Woodland & Water Garden 01603 270449 fairhavengarden.co.uk **(I)**

Facilities and equipme At the park – short walks, play area toilets, camping, canoe hire. At the trail - canoe jetty, warden on site daily to answer questions and help you make the most of your visit. ting there and get Car park on Lower Street in Salhouse.

Nain pathway from car park past reedbed towards the main view of Salhouse Broad is suitable for wheelchai users. Mooring at Salhouse Broad for disabled visitors. The narrow boardwalk at Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail is Insuitable for wheelchair users or larg buggies. If you are on the River Bure, the nature trail is 2½ miles (4km) downstream from Wroxham - please moor at the trail quay opposite the entrance to Salhouse Broad

Park and trail free Salhouse Broad 01603 722775 / 07795 145475 salhousebroad.ora.uk Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail

hovetongreatbroad.org.uk The big oak tree on the hill overlooking the broad dates from the

mid-17th century at Hoveton Great Broad

at Salhouse Broad





What's it like An area of lowland grassland heath which is nationally a very rare habitat with its own unique collection of wildlife. It provides lovely views across the Waveney valley and a bird's-eye view to Herringfleet Smock Mill. As a hot, dry site it's great for reptiles and has most of the British ones present such as slow-worms (not slow at all), adders and grass snakes. The valley slope provides excellent cover for some of Britain's finest warblers, such as the whitethroat willow warbler, chiffchaff and blackcap The site is owned and managed by the Somerleyton Estate. Allow about 1½ hours. Dogs are welcome, but as there are farm animals around please keep hem under effective control, and kee

them on a lead between March and July. What's special? Herringfleet Smock Mill

Spring is good for the birdsong Mill open days

at all times In the village

Pubs at Somerleyton and St Olaves Car park off B1074 between St Olaves and Somerleyton, or walk from the moorings at Herringfleet or Somerleyton

Prices Free Who to co Somerlevton Estate 01502 734901 somerlevton.co.uk



19 Strumpshaw Fen

What's it like? Strumpshaw Fen is an enchanting wildlife haven in the heart of the Broads. Nature trails lead you throug the complete range of Broads habitats The reserve is home to a rich variety of Broads birds, including bitterns and marsh harriers. You may glimpse a ecretive Chinese water deer, the azure flash of a kingfisher, or a silent, hunting barn owl. There are viewing hides and RSPB volunteers are on hand to answe

questions. Allow 1-2 hours for short ircular trails and 3-4 hours to explore the whole reserve. Sorry, no dogs except assistance dogs. Vhat's special?

Otters, and swallowtail butterflies in May or June and August Summer for orchid-filled fen meadows

Guided walks, family events kavak safaris

backpacks to hire, family adventure trail, den building

daily dawn to dusk Facilities and equip Toilets visitor reception light

refreshments, picnic benches and table. binoculars to hire Getting there and getting a Car park, trains to Buckenham or Brundall

Prices Admission charges, RSPB members free RSPB 01603 715191 rspb.org.uk



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Vhat's it like? National Nature Reserve with open skies and lots to see. There are lenty of trails and hides overlooking ools at this Norfolk Wildlife Trust eserve. Wonderful water trail by electr boat through the quiet backwaters of the broad. Allow at least half a day for your visit, water trail takes up to 2 hours. Assistance dogs allowed throughout, other dogs allowed on public footpaths only.

hat's specia The tree tower – for one of the bes iews in the Broads

Water trail runs Easter to October, but there's plenty to do all year

Nature reserve open daily dawn to dusk visitor centre open April-October daily 10am-5pm, winter Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm

Facilities and equi Toilets, wheelchair for loan, refreshments

tting there and getting aroun Car park beside the visitor centre ignposted from the A149 Stalham to Caister-on-Sea road. Visitor centre and boardwalks fully wheelchair accessible.

Admission charges Norfolk Wildlife Trust 01692 598276 norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

Hickling is the largest of the broads 📳 👌 🖹 during day



20 Surlingham Church Marsh & Wheatfen

Nhat's it like? These two reserves, connected by lanes, lie close to each other at Surlingham, beside the River Yare with reedbeds, marshes, pools and woodland. They can be very wet and muddy, especially in winter, so wellies are a good idea. Birdlife includes oaring marsh harriers, as well as bitterns, kingfishers, water rails and wetland warblers. Allow 1-2 hours fo each. Dogs are welcome on Surlinghan ootpaths, no doos please at Wheatfen

You really feel away from it all in the middle of nowhere, though in reality ou're only about 15 minutes by car rom Norwich

Spring and summer for a profusion of flowers, including marsh marigolds in spring

Events Guided walks and other wildlife events at Wheatfen

Surlingham open at all times Wheatfen open daily dawn to dusk In the village

Pubs, shop, farm shop with cafe Getting there and getting aroun Park at Surlingham Church or Wheatfen car park: Wheatfen has a short boardwalk and bird hide accessible to wheelchair users

Prices Free RSPB 01603 715191 rspb.org.uk Wheatfen 01508 538036

wheatfen.org PT at Surlingham, for use of pub customers only at Wheatfen





Windpump situated in the Norfolk

Beauty as well as in the Broads

wider estate, which is internationally

day. Dogs on leads welcome.

The view from the top of Horsey

Coast Area of Outstanding Natural

National Park. Great walks around the

important for wildlife. Allow up to half a

Windpump, which dates from 1912, on

a clear sunny day. The windpump has

ecently been extensively restored,

Walks open at all times, car park open

Saturday-Thursday and Friday during

local school holidays 10am-4pm. Boat

users - Horsey Mere is closed to boats

1 November - 1 March as it's a winter

Car park with charge (free for National

Trust members); designated spaces for

disabled visitors. Wheelchair accessible

windpump and 350m along dyke edge

to Horsey Mere. Benches along path and

at viewpoint. Ground floor of windpump

wheelchair accessible. Ross' Wildlife Boat

pril-October – to book text 07791

be able to book at departure point.

Walks free, admission charges for

windpump (free for National Trust

National Trust 01263 740241

nationaltrust.org.uk

Who to cor

Nhat's it like?

both sites.

What's special?

members), charges for all for boat trips

21 Thorpe Marshes &

Cary's Meadow

These are two places to visit in Thorpe

on the edge of Norwich. Thorpe

facebook.com/RossWildlifeBoatTrips

526440 in advance; on the day, you may

path from car park to tea room,

Trips from Horsey Staithe

daily dawn to dusk. Windpump oper

Early morning and dusk usually

Nhat's it like?

Nhat's special

including its sails.

Magical mor

best for birds

wildfowl refuge.

Facilities and equipm

Toilets, tea room

/hat's it like Site of historic mill on the River Bure

with short countryside walks through woodlands, meadow and grazing marsh within Horstead Conservatio Area. Great site for wildlife. Look out for kingfishers and grev wagtails. Fels, trout chub, pike and roach live in the river, and there are also rare black poplar trees close to it. The site is owned by Horstead with Stanninghall Parish Council, and is managed by the parish council, the Environment Agency and the Broads Authority. Allow 1-2 hours. Dogs

welcome. What's special?

Old mill sluice gates and Coltishall Lock **Janical moment** Spring and summer to see flowers and other wildlife, especially banded demoiselle damselflies Special things for childre

Large meadow for running around at all times

acilities and equip Canoe launching area and mill pool

Turn into Mill Road near the roundabout close to the Recruiting Sergeant pub and continue along it to find the mill car park on your left. Circular route accessible to wheelchair users. From Coltishall you ca walk along the River Bure and you can also take the Bure Valley Path (for more details see 12).

Free

Who to contact Hoveton Broads Information Centre 01603 782281 / 756097 VisitTheBroads.co.uk

P 👌 💦 at Coltishall Common



22 Trinity Broads Near Filby

The Trinity Broads really come to life in

June and July with thriving water plants

Accessible fishing platforms at both car

parks and Rollesby Bridge car park also

The Waterside Rollesby offers boat trips

and darting dragonflies

has toilets

In the village

- 01493 740531

Filby Bridge car park

norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

Who to contact

Prices

Free

thewatersiderollesby.co.uk

etting there and getting a

Car parks at Rollesby Bridge (A149)

and Filby Bridge (A1064), accessible

Norfolk Wildlife Trust 01603 625540

footpath and viewing platform - start at

Car parks open daily 8am-6pm

Nhat's it like? Ormesby, Rollesby, Lily, Ormesby Little and Filby Broads are a series of

interconnected shallow lakes known Marshes is a five-hectare site with dyke hat support a wealth of Broads wildlife collectively as the Trinity Broads. The reedbed is home to birds including They are particularly important for reed buntings and reed warblers. Look wildlife because of the good water out too for Chinese water deer, muntjac quality and low levels of disturbance. The landscape of alder and oak woodland deer and rare water voles. Dogs on leads are welcome on the permissive path behind fringing reedbeds provides Cary's Meadow is great for a peaceful a screen from farmland and village stroll; please keep dogs under effective beyond. The Trinity Broads are owned by Essex & Suffolk Water and are managed control. Cattle may be grazing at by Norfolk Wildlife Trust in partnership with the Broads Authority, the Environment Agency and Natural The chance to see the rare Norfolk England. Allow about an hour for

hawker dragonfly and southern marsh wandering. Dogs are not allowed on the orchid close to Norwich Filby footpath or in the water.

On St Andrew's Broad at Thorpe Marshes you can see many wildfow particularly in winter; in spring and summer Cary's Meadow is full of flowers

Thorpe Marshes open daily dawn to dusk, Cary's Meadow open at all times Facilities and equir Fishing platforms and canoe launch site at Cary's Meadow

Toilets, refreshments, shops

Getting there and getting arou

The entrance to the marshes is off

Norwich, via a footbridge over the

from Norwich, the entrance to the

past Harvey Lane.

Who to contact

01603 625540

norfolkwildlifetrust.ora.uk

VisitTheBroads.co.uk

Free

centres

meadow, with a small car park, is just

Yarmouth Road, opposite Thunder Lane,

ailway line. There's no parking. Coming

Thorpe Marshes: Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Carv's Meadow: Broads information

at Thorpe River Green

12 Hoveton & Wroxham & Ra Boat Trip

At first glance this may not look like

Nhat's it like?

What's special?

daily. Railway runs all year

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What's special?

daily dawn to dusk

Car park

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for wildlife

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Did vou know?

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Free

a place for a wild day out... But the vildness is there – you just have to go looking for it. From Hoveton Rive Park there's a ½-hour return walk along a boardwalk, through a patch of marsh bursting with wildlife, beside the

parkling River Bure, with dense green vet woodland as the backdrop. You can also take a long or a short trip from

the park on solar boat Ra. Long trips go towards Belaugh and into Bridge Broad a tranquil and varied stretch of river with voodlands and meadows. Ra takes up to 9 people (at driver's discretion). From the park it's about a 10-minute walk to the narrow gauge Bure Valley Railway,

hich goes to Avlsham. The Bure Valle Path for walkers and cyclists runs beside it and the trains can sometimes carry

bikes, so there are various travel options. You can hire bikes at the ailway's Coltishall Station. Another hidden-away wild place is Caen Meadow, an area with grass and woodland on the banks of the Bure. From Wroxham Bridge, head towards Norwich, turn right

nto Castle Street and it's accessible from Church Lane – only about 15 minutes' walk from the information centre.

rom the park, the chance to see siskins, kingfishers, marsh tits, treecreepers and reat spotted woodpeckers right in the niddle of Hoveton. The meadow makes a pleasant picnic spot and fishing area. On our small and friendly boat trips you're just minutes from the centre of Wroxham, but it feels like another world.

Park, meadow and path open at all times. Ra boat trips: April, May, October veekends, bank holidays, Easter wee and local half term only; June-September



23 Upton Broad & Marshes

Situated within the Bure valley, just upstream of Acle, this is an area of quiet beauty and wildness with fen neadows and a host of wetland plants. It is protected and managed ov Norfolk Wildlife Trust, and supports some of the Broads' rarest wildlife ncluding swallowtail butterflies, Norfolk nawker dragonflies, water voles, otters

and orchids. A network of paths, which may be muddy, gives access. No dogs please on the reserve and please kee them under control on public footpaths

A rich mosaic of habitats and a landscape typical of the Broads

n spring lapwings tumble in display flights over the grazed marshes

Getting there and getting arour

Norfolk Wildlife Trust 01603 625540

A major restoration programme has recently drawn together several areas of land to manage them as a larger area





Plenty of benches in the park. Life jackets available for all on Ra boat trips and must be worn by all.

Park, meadow and path free, charges for boat trips

Hoveton & Wroxham Station is just by the park so it's easy to use public transport for your day out. Car park in Station Road. Park, Ra boat trips and ailway are suitable for wheelchai users (Ra takes up to 4 but check wher booking as it depends on the type of wheelchair). Dogs welcome at the parl and meadow, and on the path and trains. Assistance dogs only on Ra boat trips.

In the villages and close h Toilets, refreshments and shops

boating; Barton House Railway, Wroxham Miniature Worlds, Hoveton all Gardens. Wroxham Barns. BeWILDerwood (with bike hire). Broad information centre – open April, May October Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and 1.30–5pm, and Saturday–Sunday am-5pm; June-September daily 9am-5pm.

Nho to contact

Ra bookings: Hoveton Broads Information Centre 01603 782281 / 756097 or visit any Broads information entre; group bookings available: VisitTheBroads.co.uk bvrw.co.uk

burevalleycyclehire.co.uk







What's it like?

Norwich's countryside – Whitlinghan Great Broad, meadows and woodland beside the River Yare. You can walk o cycle round the Great Broad, and there are other lovely walks and an

orienteering course too. Have a short stroll or spend the whole day. Whitlingham Adventure offers canoeing kayaking, stand-up paddleboardin (including hire), sailing and windsurfir as well as archery, climbing, and bushcraft and survival, with lots of courses for children and adults. Dogs are velcome; please keep them on leads i the conservation area and other areas indicated.

The chance to see Broads wildlife close to the city

Fun family events

Country park open at all times

except 25 December - 01603 611723 canoe launch point giving access to the River Yare, campsite 07794 40159 whitlinghambroadcampsite.com

Getting there and getting aroun Buses from Norwich to Trowse village (25-minute walk along Whitlingham Lane to the park). Parking – for full details including annual car park permits go to the park's website. Cycling National Route 1 runs through the parl from Norwich city centre. Toilets, cafe and Whitlingham Adventure are fully accessible. Most of the path around th Great Broad (about 2 miles / 3km) is accessible to wheelchair users.

Free entry to the park Who to contact Whitlingham Country Park whitlinghamcountrypark.com Whitlingham Adventure 01603 632307 whitlinghamadventure.org.uk

