Easier access in the Broads

Grid references (e.g. C2) refer to this map.
Welcome to 
the Broads National Park

There's something magical about water and access is getting easier, with boats to suit all tastes, whether you want to sit back and enjoy the ride or have a go yourself.

If you prefer 'dry' land, easy access paths and boardwalks, many of which are on nature reserves, are often the best way to explore the marshy areas of this waterland.

For more details on anything mentioned here, please contact the Broads National Park on 01603 617332.

If you know of other local examples, or if you would like to give any feedback, we should be very pleased to hear from you.

People to help you

**Broads Authority**
Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road
Norwich NR1 1RY
01603 610734
www.broads-authority.gov.uk
www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk

**Broads National Park information centres**
- Whitlingham Visitor Centre
  01603 617332 / 01603 756094
- Hoveton Broads Information Centre
  01603 782281 / 01603 756097
- Toad Hole Cottage, How Hill, Ludham
  01692 678763 / 01603 756096

**Access All Areas**
This video, presented by Mik Scarlet, will give you a true flavour of a visit to some Broads venues with great access.

**Equality Advisory and Support Service**
freephone 0808 800 0082
text phone 0808 800 0084
www.equalityadvisoryservice.com

**Scope** - disability information
freephone 0808 800 3333
www.scope.org.uk

**Tourism for All**
0845 124 9971
www.tourismforall.org.uk

**Wheelyboat Trust**
01798 342222
www.wheelyboats.org

Public transport

**Buses**
For all bus services in the Broads contact
traveline 0871 200 2233
www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

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

**National Rail Enquiries** 03457 48 49 50
www.nationalrail.co.uk
www.greateranglia.co.uk
www.bitternline.com
www.wherrylines.org.uk

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Boat trips, boat hire and other boating activities

Beccles - River Waveney - Waveney
Stardust D7
Two single deck cruisers with hydraulic lifts, designed for wheelchair users and people with other disabilities, take up to 12 passengers each. Skipper and crew included. Galley and accessible toilet. Other starting points: Brundall, Norwich, Stalham. Please book in advance (online booking available). 07817 920502

Horning - River Bure - King Line Cottages C3
Two self-drive electric day boats, each with electric lift for wheelchairs, steering wheel controls, toilet, all-weather cover. Seat 10 including two wheelchair users. 01692 630297

Horning - River Bure - Southern Comfort C3
Takes up to six wheelchair users on its scheduled trips or 20 for private parties. Please book. 01692 630262

Horsey - Upper Thurne - Ross’ Wildlife Boat Trips E2
Daily trips from Horsey Staithe in classic boat on nature reserve. 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 the day before by emailing ross@wildlife-boat-trips.co.uk, or text or leave a message on 07791 526440. On the day, text before 9.30am or book at the departure point.

Neatishead - River Ant - Nancy Oldfield Trust C2
Activities for disabled and socially disadvantaged people: motor cruises with wheelchair access, sailing, canoeing, birdwatching and fishing; day activities, holidays and courses; self-catering residential bungalow for up to 10 people. 01692 630572

Oulton Broad - River Waveney - Waveney River Tours F7
Some wheelchair spaces available when sailing from Oulton Broad. Please book in advance. 01502 574903

Oulton Broad - River Waveney - Waveney Sailability F7
Sailing club offering members with disabilities the opportunity to sail in specially adapted dinghies. 01502 566533

South Walsham - River Bure - Primula C3
Wheelchair-accessible boat trip (additional charge) when you visit Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden. Please book in advance. 01603 270449

Whitlingham Great Broad - Ra A4
Broads National Park guided trip on solar-powered open boat for up to 12 passengers. Ra is wheelchair-accessible via a ramp. 01603 617332

Wroxham - River Bure - Broads Tours B3
Trips on four double-decker passenger boats. Trips can accommodate up to three wheelchair users (manual chairs only). Larger wheelchair user groups by prior arrangement only. On-board toilets are not accessible to wheelchair users but there is an accessible toilet at the boarding points. Pre-booking for wheelchair users recommended. Also day boat with a wheelchair lift – maximum lift 300kg. Minimum suggested hire time three hours, suggested times 10.00am-1.00pm or 2.00-5.00pm, for maximum six people. Booking essential, extra assistance available. 01603 782207

Moorings
Most Broads Authority 24-hour free moorings are level and without steps. Please contact the Broads National Park information centres for advice about accessibility.
**Easy access paths and boardwalks**

These are suitable for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs.

For other walks and places to visit, please contact the Broads National Park information centres.

**Barton Broad  C2**

This boardwalk takes you through swampy, wildlife-filled carr woodland. There are resting places and tapping edges, and the trail emerges to give a panoramic view over Barton, second largest of the broads. From Neatishead, follow signs to ‘Boardwalk’. A car park for disabled visitors is available at the entrance. Other visitors please use the car park in Long Road. The walk and parking are free; sorry, no dogs except assistance dogs.

**Cockshoot Broad  C3** (access by boat only), **Hickling Broad  D2** and **Ranworth Broad  C3**

More info on all these walks from Norfolk Wildlife Trust 01603 625540

**Beccles Marsh Trails D7, Burgh Castle  E5, Chedgrave  C5, Filby Broad  E3, Horsey Mere  E2, Horstead Mill  B2, Hoveton Riverside Park  B2, How Hill  C2, Rockland St Mary  B5 and Whitlingham Country Park  A4**

More info on all these walks from the Broads National Park, 01603 617332

**Carlton and Oulton Marshes  E7**

Suffolk Wildlife Trust  01502 564250

**Salhouse Broad  B3**

Salhouse Broad 07795 145475 or 01603 722775
Mooring reserved for disabled visitors

**Wheatfen, Surlingham  B5**

Short boardwalk to bird hide
Ted Ellis Trust  01508 538036

**Angling**

Places with platforms or pads suitable for wheelchair users:

**Buckenham Ferry**, River Yare - three pads  C5

**Bungay** - contact Bungay Cherry Tree Angling Club, 01508 518798  C7

**Cantley Staithe**, River Yare  C5

**Filby Broad** - on one boardwalk  E3

**Ludham**, River Thurne - three platforms at Cold Harbour Farm  D3

**Martham Pits** - two platforms - day tickets from the Co-op, Repps Road, Martham; 01493 748358  E2

**Postwick**, River Yare - 23 pads upstream of Ferry Lane  B4

**Potter Heigham** - south-east (Martham) bank of the River Thurne, upstream of the New Bridge - 10 platforms  D2

**Upton Dyke**, River Bure - two pads  D3

**Worlingham Staithe**, River Waveney - two pads at the 24-hour free moorings  E7

Norwich and District Pike Club has a wheelyboat, based at the Kings Head at Hoveton/Wroxham (River Bure B2), which can be booked for trips by non-members. Contact the club on 07776 221959.

For more information go to the Broads Angling Services Group site: www.basgonline.org

**Bike hire**

There are bike hire centres throughout the Broads, some with tandems.

**Dogs**

Please check access for dogs with individual places mentioned.

Dogs are allowed on footpaths, bridleways and byways (public rights of way) under effective control, but many nature reserves don’t allow access for dogs. However, restrictions on dogs shouldn’t unreasonably restrict access for assistance dog users. Contact the local authority or the Kennel Club if you have a problem.

01296 318540 www.thekennelclub.org.uk