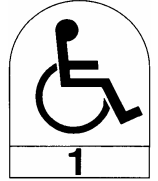




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Jog, walk or cycle from Beautiful Burgh

Burgh Castle is an excellent base for both leisurely explorations and for the more seriously athletic.

The long distance footpath, *Angles' Way* connects Great Yarmouth, Oulton Broad, Beccles and Bungay in the Waveney valley and passes right through our holiday complex. A good network of footpaths, bridal ways and quiet rural lanes in gently undulating countryside provides many optional local circuits (or one way routes using local bus services to return).

Below is our selection, which we have chosen to maximise off road route routes and points of local interest. All routes begin at the riverside in our complex (Grid reference 474042) and can be traced on the Ordnance Survey Outdoor Leisure Sheet 40 - The Broads. The 1:25000 scale is ideal. All of the routes (except circuit 5) have been walked, run or cycled by the park owner. Circuits 1 and 2 are free of any stiles and could be negotiated by the more intrepid pushers of wheelchairs or prams. Most of the longer circuits involve one or two stiles. Sketch maps to accompany these route descriptions will be available from our Reception at a later date.

Circuit 1 - Burgh Castle (3 kms. / 2 miles: a leisurely stroll).

From the Fisherman's, follow the *Angles' Way* downstream along the river-bank to the foot of the Roman fort. Take the steps up to the standing walls (or the grass path to the right to avoid the steps), then roam freely inside or outside of the walled area taking in the panoramic views at different points of the marshlands, Berney Arms windmill and the head of Breydon Water). Exit towards the north-east corner passing the church yard, before turning right into Church Lane. Turn right into Butt Lane and passing our main entrance, turn right into Porter's Loke, following it to its end to emerge at the south-eastern corner of our marina.

Besides our own pub The Fisherman's, refreshment stops can be found at Church Farm (opposite the entrance to the church) and at the Queen's Head in the village.

Variation on Circuit 1. (about 7 kms. / 4.5 miles). Follow the *Angles' Way* downstream all the way from The Fisherman's via the river path and south shore of Breydon Water to arrive at Haven Bridge in Great Yarmouth. Return on the bus from the Town Hall to the Butt Lane entrance to our marina (hourly services most times of the day – check current timetables at our reception).

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Circuit 2 - (2.5 kms. / 1.6 miles)

Start at our reception and follow our access road to Butt Lane. Turn right and take the public footpath left, next to the entrance to Welcome Farm. At the junction with Mill Lane turn right and follow to the junction with Butt Lane. Turn right and then turn left down Porter's Loke just past the entrance to Welcome Farm, to return to our marina.

Variation (about 4.1 kms. / 2.7 miles)

At the junction of Mill Lane and Butt Lane, turn left instead along Stepshort, turning right into St. John's Road at the T junction with New Road (refreshments at the King's Head). At the end of St. John's Road where it joins Station Road, carry straight on down Marsh Lane, turning right on Angles' Way across the marsh (one stile) to the riverbank. Continue past the free public moorings to enter our holiday park at the southern corner of the marina.

Circuit 3 - Burgh Castle, Bradwell and Belton (about 10 kms. / 6.5 miles).

Start at the Fisherman's and follow the Angles' Way downstream along the river - bank to the foot of the Roman fort. Continue along past the reed swamp on the path at the foot of the slope up to the ruins and turn right into Church Lane, passing the church on the right. Continue straight on as far as the Queen's Head, and turn left down Back Lane. Follow this lane to its end until it rejoins High Road. Turn left and then just before the bend, turn left along the footpath to Crow's Farm and Eastle Farm cottages.

At the latter, turn right along another footpath to the south and upon reaching Market Road, cross over and continue along Cley Road. Turn left along Lord's Lane towards Bradwell, and soon afterwards turn right on the footpath to Bradwell church. Exit the churchyard into Church Way and turn left to reach Green Lane.

Turn right and right again onto the cycle track along the main Yarmouth-Beccles road, turning right again onto the cycle route alongside New Road to Belton as far as the King's Head. Turn right here into St. John 's Road and follow it to its end where it joins Station Road. Continue straight across into Marsh Lane bearing right on the Angles' Way footpath across the marsh to the riverbank. Continue past the free public moorings to enter our holiday park at the southern corner of the marina.

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Routes for the more ambitious or athletic

Circuit 4. Fritton, Browston Green and Belton (about 14 kms. / 9.1 miles).

Start at the southern corner of the marina and follow the Angles' Way footpath across the marsh to Marsh lane. Turn right into Station Road, Belton and just after the Railway Tavern, turn right along Sandy Lane and follow it to its end in Waveney Forest. Turn left into New Road and continue to The Decoy pub.

Turn right along the main Beccles Road and take the next footpath left across the fields. Turn left into Blocka Road. Continue past Ashby House and the Dell, and take the left fork to Browston Green. Take the next left turn (Lound Road) and at Belton cross-roads on the main road to Beccles, cross straight over.

Follow the road to the outskirts of Belton and turn right along Church Lane, as it winds along the field boundary to within sight of the cross roads next to the King's Head (staggered junction). Cross over to Stepshort (sign-posted Burgh Castle), continuing as Butt Lane. Turn left into Porter's Loke to rejoin the marina (or continue on to our main entrance on Butt Lane).

Variations.

1. For the not so athletic (about 6.5 kms. / 5 miles). At the Decoy pub, turn right and continue on the main road as far as the Bell Inn at St.Olave's. Rendezvous with a boating party there and return by boat down river to the marina, or take the bus to Great Yarmouth and then another bus back to Burgh Castle.

2. (about 13.5 kms / 8.8 miles). As in 1 above, but at St.Olaves, cross over St. Olave's bridge and Haddiscoe Bridge and turn immediately right onto the footpath alongside the Haddiscoe Cut, which in about 500 metres turns left across the marshes to Lower Thurlton. Continue straight on through this hamlet to the T junction. Take the footpath on the opposite side of the road to Thurlton, and upon rejoining the road turn left. Take the next right turn to the centre of this village, turning right again and then straight across at the cross-roads in Norton Subcourse. Take a footpath to the right in this hamlet, which crosses New Road to join Low Road. At the latter, turn left and follow the road right at Nogdam End as it continues to Reedham chain ferry.

Cross the Yare on the ferry, for a rendezvous at the Ferry Inn with boating friends and cruise back down the Yare and up the Waveney to the marina. There are hot showers at the Ferry Inn! When using a bike, this same route can be followed with only small variations along back lanes to avoid stiles and public footpaths. You can also walk on to Reedham station, catch the train To great Yarmouth and a bus to Burgh Castle (timetables at reception).

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Circuit 5 Burgh Castle to Oulton Broad and Lowestoft, returning by bus via Gt. Yarmouth (about 23.8 kms. / 15.5 miles or 20.4 kms / 13.25 miles to Oulton Broad)

This route follows the Angles' Way from our marina as far as Oulton Broad, continuing by footpath along the north shore of Lake Lothing and into Lowestoft town centre, terminating at the southern end of the pedestrianised High Street. A detailed route description can be found in the Ramblers' Association Guide of the Angles Way (price £1.80). Here is a partial summary.

Follow circuit 4 above as far as Blocka Road. Turn left and just past Herringfleet Hall turn right on the public footpath. Continue on the Angles' Way as detailed in the above-mentioned guide as far as Oulton Broad. Take the train or bus to Lowestoft and a bus back to Burgh via Gt. Yarmouth.

Alternatively, from Oulton Broad walk into Lowestoft by taking the public footpath to the left just before the main road bridge over Mutford Lock. Follow this footpath along the shore of Lake Lothing and Leathes Ham, crossing over a main road Peto Way and following it to its end at Rotterdam Road, which joins Denmark Road running parallel to railway line and leading to the station. Turn right and follow this main road all the way to Lowestoft Station opposite the southern end of High Street in town centre.

Further Afield

Besides the Angles' Way from Gt. Yarmouth into mid Suffolk, there is the Weaver's Way, another long-distance footpath starting at Vauxhall Bridge in Gt. Yarmouth along the north shore of Breydon Water and skirting the RSPB reserve on the Berney marshes, before heading towards Norwich and north Norfolk. For those who prefer to drive and then walk or cycle, some excellent alternatives in contrasting countryside are described and illustrated in the "AA focus on Norwich and the Norfolk Broads" published in 1997 at £4.99. Also check our very well stocked Tourist Information leaflet racks in our Reception.

The section of Angle's Way from Church Farm, Burgh Castle to Cobholm, Great Yarmouth now has a paved surface and is officially rated as accessible for wheelchairs.

If you would like any further advice or suggestions, please ask at our Reception.