## Cromer via Happy Valley

Start point	North Lodge Park, Overstrand Road, Cromer Grid reference TG222422
Parking	Any town car park (no parking at North Lodge Park)
Distance	1.4 miles
Details	Moderate gradient, 40% firm

#### Walk instructions

Start through the stone arch beside the lodge and bear right through the park to exit onto Overstrand Road.

Turn left, pass both Cliff Drive junctions and turn next left onto a public footpath along the track. Enter Warren Woods through the gate at the end.

Bear right into the woods and take the right hand path at the Forestry Commission 'Welcome' sign; keep to the main path ignoring all other paths. Pass the chalets on the right and exit the wood into a playing field behind the goal posts.

Cross the field to the opposite wood, turn left and continue up to the cliff top footpath.

Before turning left to return to Cromer, why not take the opportunity to walk around Happy Valley on your right? A good challenge would be to walk to the seat up on the hill on the far right – the views over Happy Valley and Cromer make the climb worth while.



To return to Cromer, keep the sea on your right and walk down the cliff top path. Pass the old coastguard lookout station and shortly after pause to read more about Happy Valley on the information panel. Continue down the tarmac path and turn left to return to North Lodge Park.

 Sea-buckthorn (pictured above) is a locally abundant cliff top shrub with silver leaves and orange berries; these berries provide an important winter food source for birds including migratory fieldfares and starlings which arrive on the coast in autumn.



• During World War Two Cromer was heavily protected from the threat of German invasion. A communal air raid shelter was built in North Lodge Park in 1940. You can see the remains of foundations for a cliff top pillbox just outside North Lodge Park near the top of the slope known as the Doctor's Steps; other pillboxes built along the seafront were disguised as ice-cream stands!

## Cromer via Happy Valley Cromer town walk

Walk 2 (white route) A short and hilly walk through Warren Woods and Happy Valley.

Walk 3 (yellow route) This longer town walk explores the Victorian town and links the surrounding wooded hills. Key Walk 2 • • • • • Walk 3 ••••• Parking P Church Lighthouse Museum M ½km 1/4mile



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# Cromer town walk



Start point	North Norfolk Information Centre, Louden Road, Cromer Grid reference TG217421
Parking	Adjacent pay & display car park
Distance	2.6 miles
Details	Moderate/steep gradients, shallow steps, 20% soft

### Walk instructions

From the Information Centre turn right onto The Croft adjacent to the car park and follow this around to the left. Turn left into Colne Road, then second right into The Loke.



As the road bears sharp right cross the road into the footpath (Love Lane) to the left of the Arbor Road sign. Walk over the hill down to Roughton Road passing a closed Victorian hospital on your left and East Wood on the right.

Cross Roughton Road into Mayfield Drive opposite. Turn first left into Greenfield Close and

then right onto the path at the end. Turn right at the Norwich Road and walk up the hill, crossing at one of the crossing points.

Turn left into Furze Hill and continue along the tarmac path into St. Martin's Close. At the end turn right up Mill Road and almost immediately left into Harbord Road.

As the road bears sharp right, continue ahead into York Road. Turn left at the end and walk up Cliff Road.

Cross Overstrand Road to the footpath opposite into Links Wood and follow the Elizabeth Fry Walk leading to Happy Valley. Climb up the steps, pass Cromer Country Club and continue through Happy Valley. Turn left at the end onto the cliff top path.

Walk down towards Cromer passing the Henry Blogg memorial. Bear right at the end of the path and cross the cobbled slope into Surrey Street opposite.

At the end turn left then immediately right onto Church Street. Pass Cromer museum and church, cross at the pedestrian crossing, turn left into Chapel Street and return to the Information Centre.

Cromer grew from a small fishing village to a genteel spa town in the late 18th century and continued to expand, becoming very popular when the railway arrived in 1877. Cromer parish church has the tallest medieval tower in the county. Visit the Cromer museum on Church Street to discover more about the town and local fishing industry.

Love Lane footpath is adjacent to East Wood. This County Wildlife Site has no public access; however you can enjoy from the path a range of broad-leaved trees including oak, beech and sweet chestnut.

