

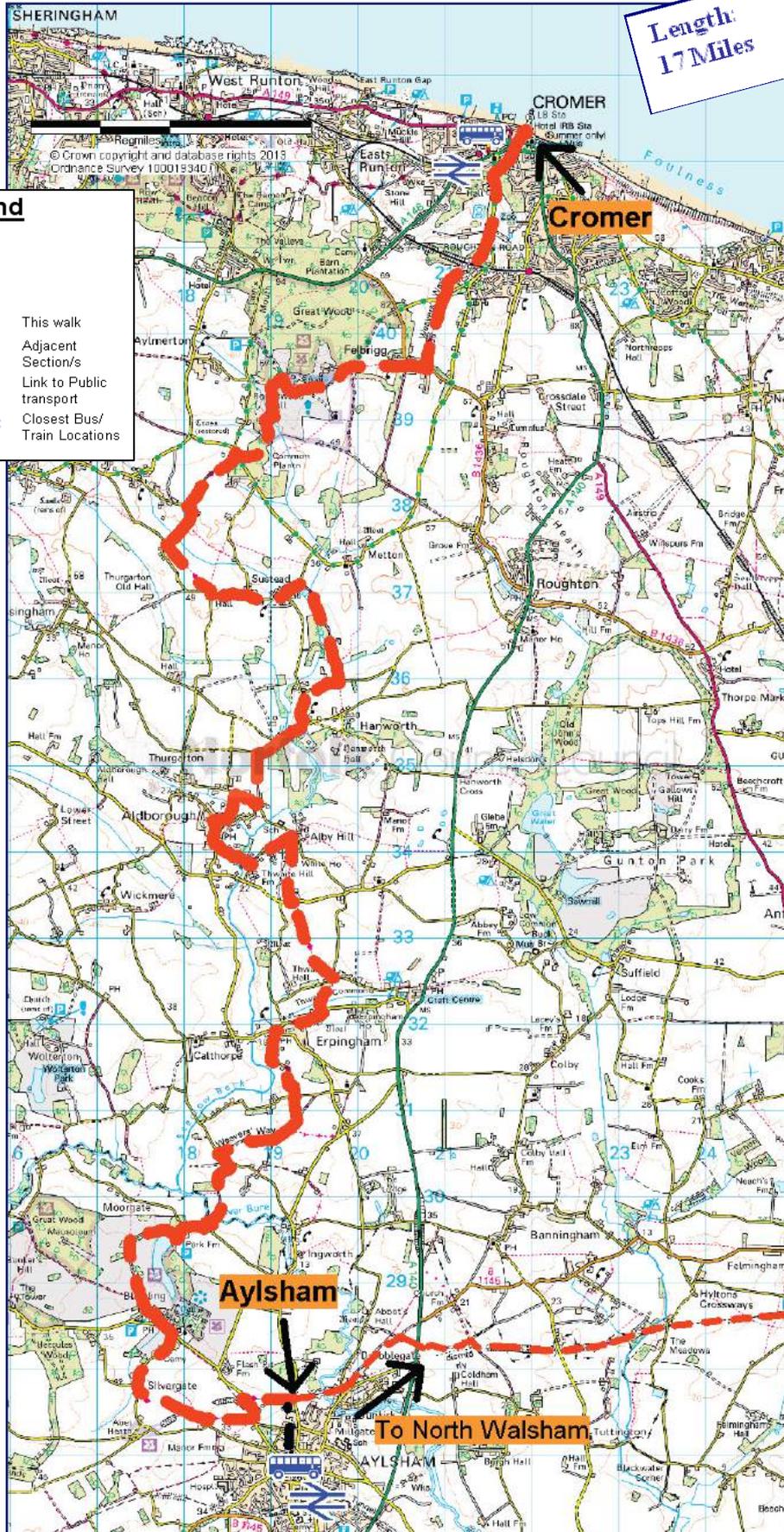
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Weavers' Way Long Walk 1 (of 4) Cromer to Aylsham

Length:
17 Miles

Legend

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-  Adjacent Section/s
-  Link to Public transport
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Train Locations



Along the way

Leaving Cromer behind, with its pier and church of St Peter and St Paul, the way climbs gently up to the Cromer Ridge. After passing Cromer Hall, the route crosses the Norwich to Cromer railway line and leads past Driftway Farm before entering the historic parkland of Felbrigg Hall, which is designated as a site of special scientific interest. The way continues past National Trust-owned Felbrigg Hall, built in Jacobean style and dating from the early 17th century, before heading south alongside Felbrigg Lake and leaving the estate to pass Common Farm before arriving at Lower Gresham.

From Gresham, the route passes Sustead's round-towered Church of St Peter and St Paul and Sustead Old Hall, a 17th century building that was once home to the landscape gardener Humphry Repton. After Sustead, the way continues to reach Hanworth village and Hanworth Common, the largest enclosed common in England. Shortly after this, the way passes close to Thurgarton Wood, much of which is ancient woodland. The route continues to Aldborough Green, which is surrounded by attractive Georgian houses and the site of an annual midsummer fair, a tradition since King John granted permission in medieval times.

South from Aldborough, the way passes Aldborough watermill, a three-storey building now converted to residential use, before continuing south past All Saints' Church, a round-towered flint church, and Thwaite Common. After passing through the village of Erpingham, the Weavers' Way continues through farmland before crossing the River Bure to enter the parkland of the Blickling Hall estate, which was landscaped in the 17th and 18th century by Humphry Repton and his son. Leaving the grounds of the estate, the way passes in front of Blickling Hall, a fine Jacobean building owned by the National Trust that once belonged to Anne Boleyn's family. The final leg of the route passes through a hamlet of estate cottages at Silvergate and in front of Aylsham Old Hall before ending at the Cromer Road just north of the market town of Aylsham.

Further Information on this walk is available in three short sections including more detailed maps.

See Short Sections: S1Cromer to Gresham, S2 Gresham to Aldborough, and S3 Aldborough to Aylsham available at www.norfolktrails.gov.uk/weaversway



Walk summary

Leaving Cromer, this walk passes through the Felbrigg Hall estate and along lanes through farmland to reach Aldborough, where it follows the valley of Scarrow Beck through Erpingham and the parkland of Blickling to arrive at Aylsham.

Getting started

This walk starts at Cromer Pier (TG219423) also the starting point of Paston Way and Norfolk Coast Path and ends at Aylsham at Cromer Road (TG192276).

Getting there

Train Cromer Rail station
National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Aylsham Station (Bure Valley Railway)

Enquires – 01263 733858 www.bvrw.co.uk

Bus service

Cromer – Sanders (various), Konectbus 2 / 2
Aylsham - Aldborough Community Bus 1 & 2 (Monday Only), Sanders (various) Our bus 291 (Thursday only).

Bus stops Cadogan Road (Cromer) and Bus Shelter (Aylsham)

Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33

www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 252, Norfolk Coast East, available from Ordnance Survey shop www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/

What to expect

Mixed surfaces of pavements, country lanes, rural paths and farm tracks. There is one stile on the section between Gresham and Aldborough, two stiles near Alby with Thwaite, and a turn stile that can be avoided at Blickling Hall.

Facilities

Pubs, cafés, accommodation, shops, museums and parking in Cromer.

Pubs, cafés, shops and accommodation in Aylsham