

13 NORFOLK HOLKHAM

▶ Distance: 10 miles/16km ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



Holkham beach from the dunes.

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This classic Norfolk ramble starts in landscaped Holkham Park and ends on the pine-fringed beaches nearby. Victorian poet Algernon Swinburne called them “wide sands where the sea draws breath”. In between, loop past woods, farmland, salt marshes purple with sea lavender, sand dunes and a village pub at Burnham Overy Staithe. People wanting to explore more of Holkham Park (or looking for shorter routes) can follow waymarked trails around the estate.

1 Start

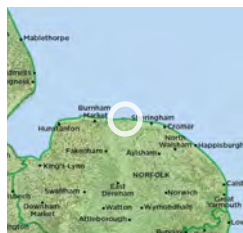
From Lady Anne’s Drive, cross A149 and walk straight up

Park Road. Continue along wide avenue of holm oaks. Go through North Gates into Holkham Park and turn immediately R along stony track. Fork L on grassy path, following red arrow, towards Coke Monument. Turn L before monument and head through deer park towards lake.

2 1 mile/1.6km

Reaching lake, turn L along bank with water on R. Near Holkham Hall, head R to continue around lake. Where water ends, keep straight through gate signed Walled Garden. Continue through wrought iron gate near garden, turn L on surfaced drive and R on another drive across open farmland. Immediately after

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking

Lady Anne’s Drive, Holkham, NR23 1RJ, grid ref TF891443

Is it for me? Mix of paths and tracks (some permissive). Couple of road crossings. Some walking on sand
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PLANNING

Nearest town

Wells-next-the-Sea

Refreshments Cafés and kiosks in Holkham Park, The Hero pub in Burnham Overy Staithe (thehero burnhamovery.co.uk; 01328 738334), Lookout Café at end (holkham.co.uk/stay-eat/the-lookout).

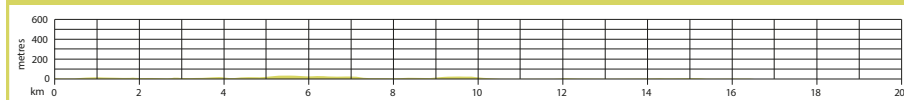
Public toilets In Holkham near start, Lookout at end

Public transport

Hourly bus 36 (Lynx) from King’s Lynn to Wells stops very near start

Maps OS Explorer 251; Landranger 132

GRADIENT PROFILE



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West Lodge House, turn sharp L onto grassy track beside woods and flint wall (former Roman road).

3 miles/5km
After ½ mile, turn R down unmarked grassy track towards barn with red-tiled roof below. Keep straight for 1 mile on concrete track, passing silo. Cross lane and continue on bridleway ahead, curving past church in valley below. At junction with lane near church, turn R through little kissing gate into field. Follow path along edge of field, over stile, and diagonally L across next field towards line of trees.

4 ¼ miles/7.6km
Go through kissing gate and turn L along embankment (disused railway). After 100m, turn R following waymark down bank, out of trees and R along edge of field. Follow path L. Turn R along B1155 for 150m and L after last house onto sandy track with footpath sign. Continue straight up main track ahead and on down Gong Lane into Burnham Overy Staithe.

5 miles/9.7km
Cross main road near pub and keep on along East Harbour Way. Turn R immediately after black house at end and walk along bank above car park. Go through gate at end and turn L onto Coast Path, signed Holkham Gap. Follow orange



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sandy path on embankment near Overy Creek for ¼ mile. Continue along clear path as it winds between salt and grazing marshes through Holkham Nature Reserve.

6 7½ miles/12km
Follow the boardwalk through sand dunes. When the boards end, turn R between two lines of dunes. Eventually, a rough path leads gently L towards the beach. For the next 2 miles, keep sea on L and walk along beach or through dunes or under shady pine trees.

7 9¼ miles/15.7km
Routes converge at Holkham Gap, near band of pines at right angles to sea. (If walking on beach, dunes and trees ahead are your cue to start heading inland). Turn R along boardwalk near pines, back to Lady Anne's Drive. **CW**

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