

## NORFOLK

# Blakeney Point coastal walk

Take a leisurely, but active stroll, along Blakeney Point's 4 mile-long (6.4km) shingle spit to the sand dunes near the Lifeboat House, home to a variety of unusual plants and wildlife.

## ! Wildlife and restrictions

Blakeney Point is an important area for breeding wildlife. Please obey all signs and do not cross any fence lines. Some the birds are protected and it is a prosecutable offence to disturb them. It is not possible to see the seal colony on Blakeney Point on foot outside of the pupping and breeding season (between late October and mid-January). If you wish to see the seals during the spring and summer months, then please hop on a boat from Morston Quay.



## Information

Address: Cley Beach, Norfolk Wildlife Trust car park, grid ref: TG048453

OS map: OS Landranger 133; Explorer 251

Activity: Walking

Moderate

Not suitable for dogs: No dogs are allowed on Blakeney Point between 1 April and 15 August. At all other times dogs must be kept on short leads.

Full trail: Miles: 0 (km: 0)

Short trail: Miles: 7 (km: 11.2)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 3 hours

## Total steps: 4

Start point: Cley Beach, Norfolk Wildlife Trust car park, grid ref: TG048453

1. From the car park walk onto the shingle ridge towards the sea and turn left. If the tide is out, you can walk along the beach, which is a slightly easier surface to walk. The shingle ridge, which begins at Weybourne, is 8 miles (12km) long. and has grown westwards over time, forming Blakeney Point spit. Vegetated shingle is a rare habitat, home to scarce plants such as horned sea poppy, sea pea and shrubby sea blight. Half way along the ridge you will come across the Watch House From here, continue along the beach for another mile.
2. At the start of the main dunes walk onto the top of the ridge and turn left, away from the sea, along a track towards the blue Lifeboat House, keeping the main dunes and fence line on your right. During the pupping season, there may be seals outside of the fence lines. Ensure you give them a wide berth as they can be particularly aggressive, especially if they have a pup. **\*\*Please note\*\*** depending on where pupping seals are located, this maybe as far as you are able to safely walk. In this situation we will have closed the walk from section two for public safety. We apologise in advance for any disappointment caused.
3. Once you reach the crest of the boardwalk you have arrived at the end of the walk. From here you get fantastic, elevated views of the seal pup colony and surrounding dunes during the mating and pupping season (between late October and mid-January).

Please do not enter fenced areas as this is for your own safety as well as that of the seals. From here follow your route back to Cley Beach car park.

4. From here, turn right and walk along the beach, with the sea on your left, returning all the way to Cley Beach car park.

End point: Cley Beach, Norfolk Wildlife Trust car park, grid ref: TG048453

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