

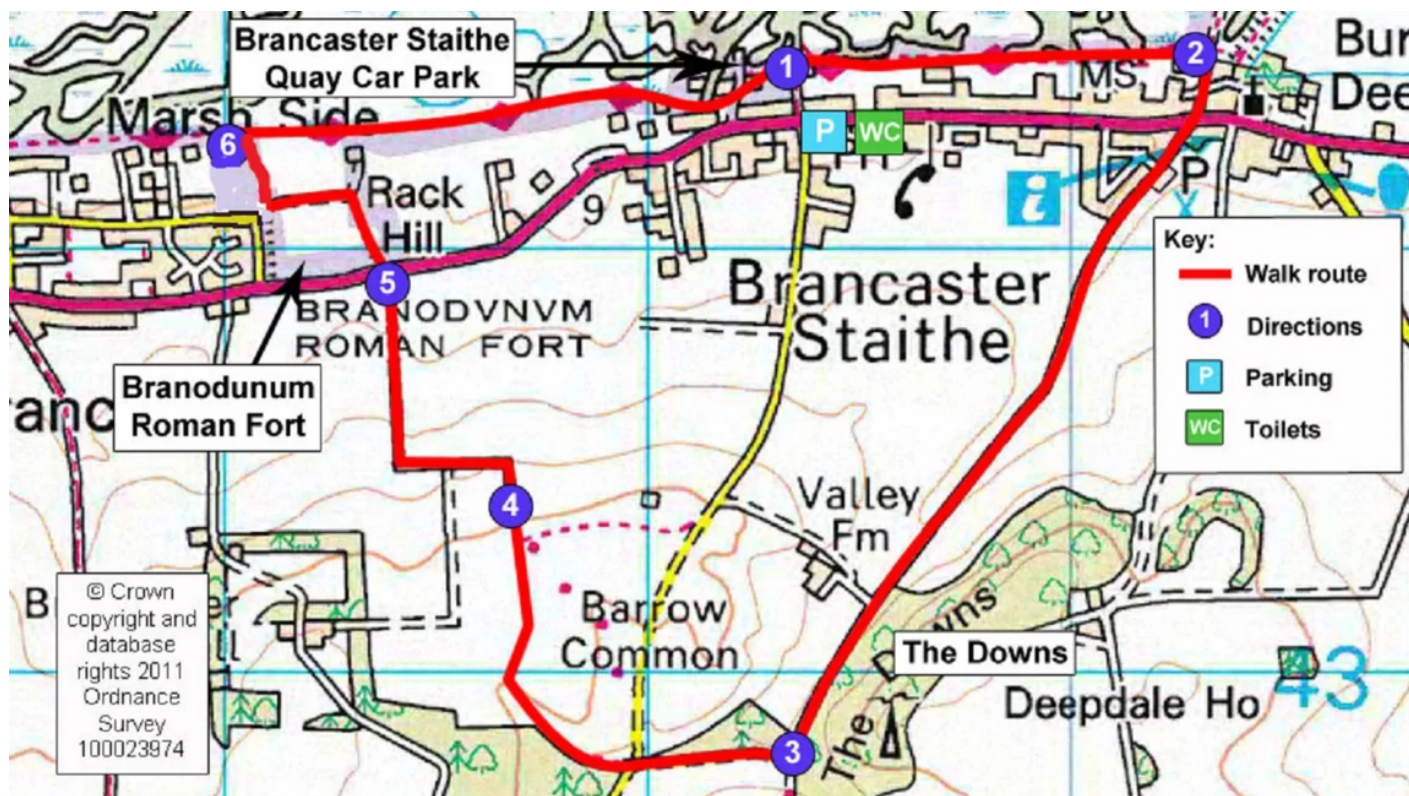
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Brancaster Staithe wildlife walk

Wander through Brancaster Staithe and enjoy the sights of the coast and its wildlife on this circular trail. Look out for Brent geese, oystercatchers and other bird species. Along the way visit the Downs, and take in the views from Barrow Common, spot the Second World War wreck of SS Vina and visit the site of Branodunum Roman Fort.

! Tidal flooding

Harbour Way at Brancaster is subject to tidal flooding. Check tide times before you go on your walk and please do not leave your car on the hard-standing as it may be flooded.



Information

Address: Harbour Way, Brancaster Staithe. PE31 8BW
grid ref: TF791443

OS map: Explorer 250; Landranger 132

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Mostly flat surfaces with some slopes, some parts can be muddy during winter. For further details please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but should be on leads or under close control.

Full trail: Miles: 3.8 (km: 6.08)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours

Terrain

Mostly flat surfaces with some slopes, some parts can be muddy during winter, so adequate footwear may be necessary. Permissive footpaths are on the edge of farmland beside Delgate Lane to Barrow Common and, when open, these provide a pleasant alternative to walking on the quiet road.

Total steps: 6

Start point: Harbour Way, Brancaster Staithe. PE31 8BW grid ref: TF791443

1. From Brancaster Staithe Quay car park, turn right onto the coastal path, and head towards the harbour. Once at the harbour there are information signs giving details of its history, as well as current fishing information. A little way along the coastal path, a path heads inland to the White Horse pub situated on the coast road.
2. Turn off the coastal path and head inland on the A149, signposted Deepdale Café. Pass the café, turning left into Delgate Lane and follow it towards Downs woods.
3. Follow the road around to the right. You'll see large beech trees growing on the corner. A little further on you come to a crossroads, from here take the footpath around the edge of Barrow Common. You may like to take a slight detour to explore the common, which also makes a nice spot for a picnic. On the common look out for the unusual sight of hundreds of snails in tree cracks.
4. From the northern edge of Barrow Common, there's a great view over Brancaster and out to sea. Look out for the Second World War wreck of SS Vina, on the end of Scolt Head Island; a coastal steamer that was used for target practice by the RAF, and accidentally sank in 1944. Follow the path to the left and then right, back down to the coast road.
5. Take care crossing the main road. You're now at the site of Branodunum Roman Fort where a sign gives information on its history. Having gone around the fort, the path heads off left, through two gates, towards the sea.

6. You are now back on the coastal path. Turn right and follow it until you arrive back at
Brancaster Staithe Quay car park.

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