

## NORFOLK

# Horsey Windpump and beach walk

Experience the Horsey Broadland landscape on this walk to the beach and back, following grassy paths and tracks, encompassing low-lying grazing marshes, sand dunes and a narrow sandy beach, with the chance of seeing grey seals.

## ! Weather warning

During wet weather and the colder months, paths around Horsey can become waterlogged, muddy and slippery underfoot. Please take care.



## Information

Address: Horsey Windpump, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR29 4EE.

OS map: Landranger 134; Explorer OL40

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Marshes can become muddy and wet outside summer months. Please give seals a wide berth and follow any signs on the site. For further details, please see section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome but need to be kept on leads or close control, especially when crossing fields with livestock. Please respect other visitors. Please 'Bag and bin'.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours

## Terrain

The route and marshes can become muddy and wet outside the summer months. Suitable footwear will be necessary. Please give seals a wide berth and follow any information and signs on the site. For guidance on

## Total steps: 7

Start point: National Trust Car Park, Horsey Windpump: TG456223

1. From the car park, head towards the Visitor Welcome and Information centre or Horsey's café (please check opening times) for information on the area, a warm welcome and a quick cup of tea or coffee. Cross the road (please take care) and go through the gates immediately opposite.
2. Head straight across the field for 0.3 miles (480 metres) keeping the ditch on your left. Be aware that there may be livestock in the fields, which help to keep the grass short suitable for breeding and overwintering birds such as waders and geese.
3. At the end of the field turn left and go through a gate and walk for 183 yards (167 metres). Continue along the path for 328 yards (300 metres).
4. At the end of the track turn right onto a narrow lane and at the junction of two red brick cottages, turn left and continue past a barrier to follow a grassy track.
5. Follow the track for 0.4 miles (650 metres). The small fields either side are much wetter. In the summer months, look out for butterflies and dragonflies. These marshes have a much more closed-in structure hiding wildlife such as lapwings, redshanks and small mammals. You can see the old network of drainage channels that dissect the area.
6. You have now reached the sand dunes that run along this stretch of the coast. Follow designated access tracks that lead up and over them. Grey and common seals can often be seen here. Please give them a wide berth and keep any dogs under control. In the winter the Friends of Horsey Seals are on hand to talk about the seal pups and to give information on how to see them. Please note that the beach is closed October to January to provide a wildlife sanctuary.

how to see the seals without disturbing them please refer to the [Friends of Horsey Seals website](#).

7. After walking the beach, return to Horsey Windpump via the same route. The Nelson Head Pub is located just a little inland along the lane at Point 4. When you reach the road next to the Horsey Windpump Café take care crossing it.  
End point: National Trust Car Park, Horsey Windpump: TG456223
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