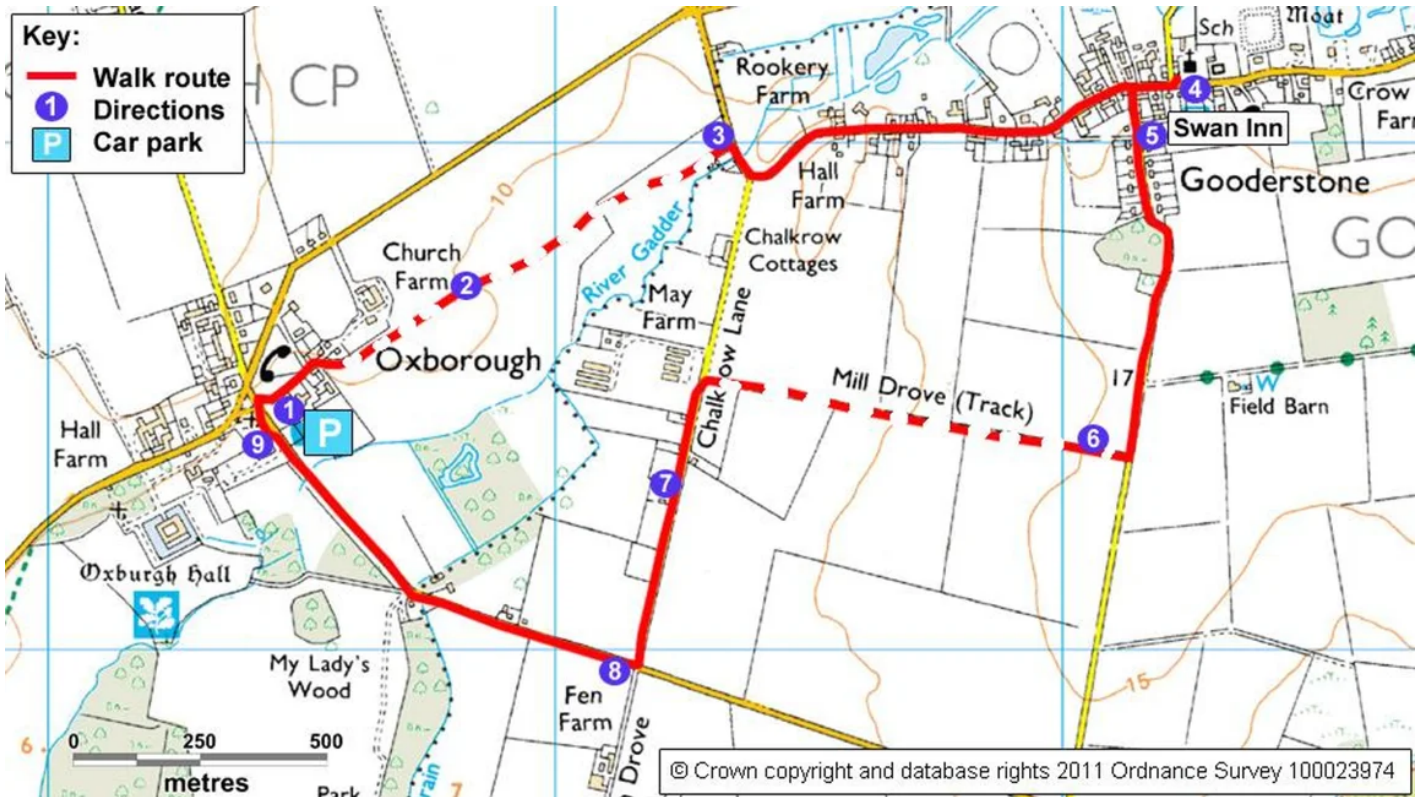


NORFOLK

Oxborough to Gooderstone heritage walk

Enjoy this gentle Norfolk walk, which takes in some of Breckland's protected farmland and heritage. Explore the pretty village of Oxborough, pass through Gooderstone with its Water Gardens and medieval church, and look out for the remains of Chalkrow Tower Mill.



Information

Address: Oxburgh Hall, Oxborough, Norfolk PE33 9PS

OS map: Landranger 143

Activity: Walking

Easy: Tracks and roads with no steep slopes. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs are welcome but must be kept under close control due to the livestock in the area.

Full trail: Miles: 3.5 (km: 5.6)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins

Terrain

This route is made up of farm tracks, bridleways and roads. There are no steep slopes.

Total steps: 9

Start point: Oxburgh Hall car park. Grid ref: TF744014.

1. Turn left out of the Oxburgh Hall car park, then right onto the lane next to the Bedingfield Arms pub. Pass Chantry House on your right and, after 100yd (90m) or so, look out for a public footpath on your right with a fence on one side. Follow the footpath, crossing the stile into the field adjacent to Church Farm. Turn immediately left, crossing another stile, and follow the footpath with the hedge on your left and then your right. After about 500yd (450m), you'll reach another stile.
2. Climb over the stile and enter another field (watch out for rabbit holes). At certain times of the year, you might see piglets in the field to your left. Carefully make your way across the field, past the sewage works, to the right-hand corner. Here you'll find another stile.
3. Climb the stile and turn right along the road. Follow the road for approximately 1 mile (800m), at which point you'll arrive in the village of Gooderstone. On the way, you'll pass Gooderstone Water Gardens, which are worth a visit if you have time.
4. Continue through the village until you reach St George's Church.
5. After exploring the church, you might wish to pop into The Swan pub opposite for some refreshments and a toilet visit. When you're ready, retrace your steps back out of Gooderstone until you reach Elm Place on the left.
6. After looking out for the birdlife, walk for another mile (800m) or so until you reach a public bridleway on the right (Mill Drove). Follow this bridleway until the end, then turn left onto Chalkrow Lane.
7. Follow the lane, looking out for the remains of Chalkrow Lane Tower Mill on the right. The gate to the yard has an interesting plate (seemingly of LNER railway vintage). Built around 1829 for a Mr George Seppings, the mill was quite small, standing around 33ft high.

8. When you reach the T-Junction, turn right and follow the road back to Oxborough. If you didn't look around Oxburgh Hall at the start of your walk, we recommend taking the time now.
 9. At the end of your walk, visit the church of St John the Evangelist. The Bedingfield Arms pub, across the road, is also worth a visit.
- End point: Oxburgh Hall car park. Grid ref: TF744014.
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