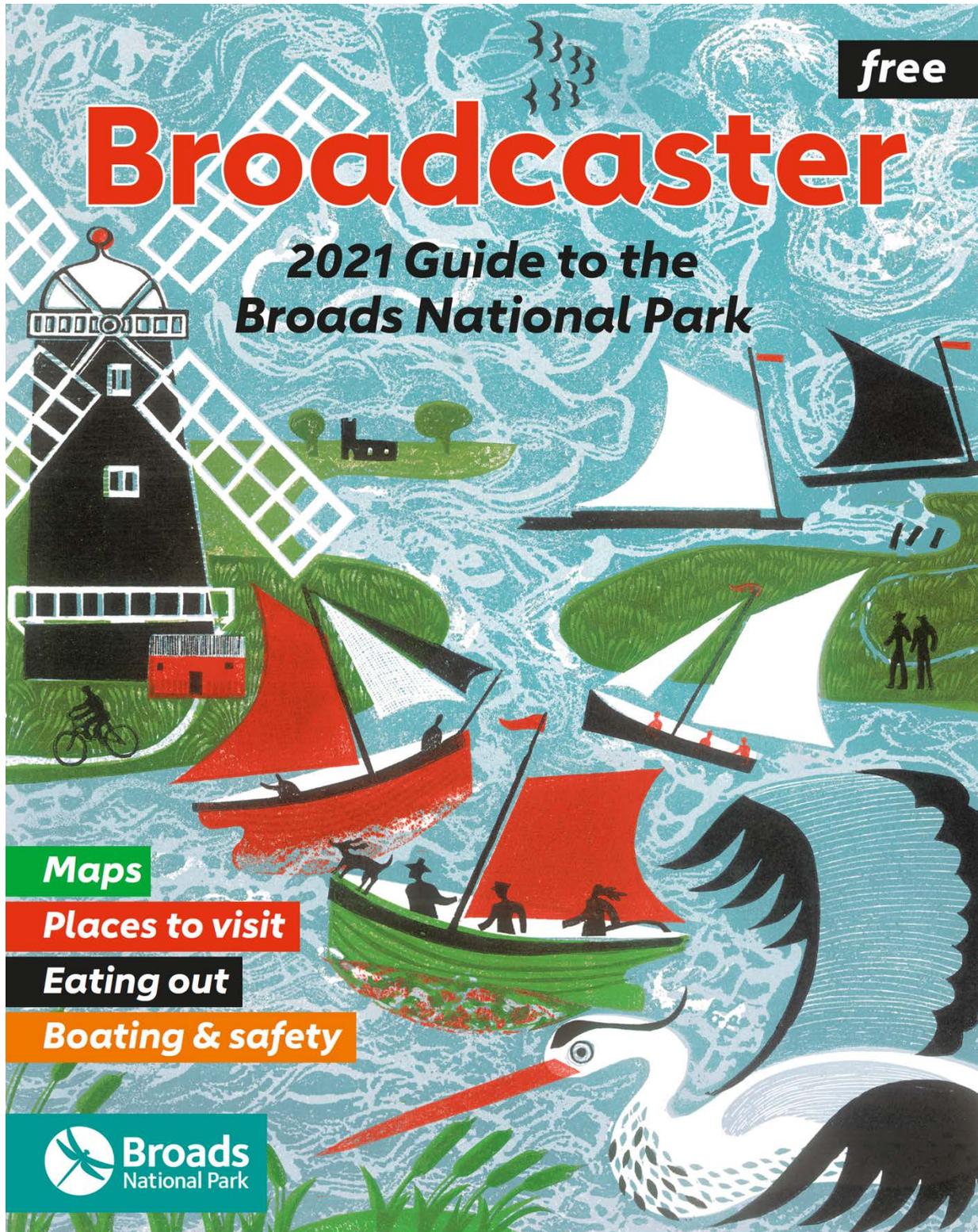


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## **Welcome to the Broads National Park**

...and a selection of all that there is to see and do

Information given in Broadcaster may have changed since the time of compilation. Please check details with places you plan to visit.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk)

The visitor website for the Broads also has all you need to know about where to go and what to do, where to stay ashore and afloat, where to eat, boating, special events and everything else you need to enjoy the Broads by land and water.

## **Explore the Broads**

### **Great days out**

Welcome to Ranworth, How Hill and Hoveton – all places for a great day out in the Broads National Park, with open waters, big skies and the chance to go exploring.

### **Ranworth – electric boat trips on Liana**

New for this year, set off from Ranworth on a voyage of discovery on board Liana, our Edwardian-style electric launch. Trips head across Malthouse Broad, along Ranworth Dam and out on to the River Bure. Hear about the wonderful wildlife of the Bure Marshes – and we hope you see some of it! Look out for great crested grebes, even a kingfisher zipping across the water and look up too, a marsh harrier could be soaring overhead.

### **Liana boat trips**

These trips depart from Ranworth Staithe, where there are also 24-hour free moorings and parking. The boat trip takes up to eight passengers (at driver's discretion).

### **Trips**

(50 minutes) April, May, October: weekends, bank holidays and local half-term only at 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm; June-September: daily at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

### **Cost**

£8 adult, £7 child and concession, £25 family (up to two adults and two children)

### **Bookings**

Ranworth Broads Information Centre, 01603 756094 or visit the other Broads Information Centres.

### **Ranworth Broads Information Centre**

The Staithe, Ranworth NR13 6HY 01603 756094

[ranworthtic@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:ranworthtic@broads-authority.gov.uk)

### **Open**

(free entry) April, May, October: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and 1.30-5pm; Saturday-Sunday 9am-5pm June-September: daily 9am-5pm

### **More places to visit**

Continue your day out with a visit to Norfolk Wildlife Trust's nature reserve and floating Broads Wildlife Centre (follow the boardwalk from the staithe). They also run boat trips. The village church, St Helen's, is known as the cathedral of the Broads. You can even climb the tower for a bird's-eye view. There are toilets near the staithe and refreshments available, including a tea shop at the church's Visitors Centre. Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden (see page 50) at South Walsham and Woodforde's Brewery at Woodbastwick (with tours available) are about 10 and 20 miles away.

## How Hill National Nature Reserve

How Hill, close to the village of Ludham, has something of everything that makes the Broads special. The River Ant runs through the reserve and there are reedbeds, grazing marshes, wet woodlands and even a broad – all full of wildlife for you to discover.

Visit Toad Hole Cottage, lived in by generations of eel catchers, and imagine home life on the marshes in Victorian times. Then take a trip on board the Electric Eel (pictured above) to see where the marshmen worked and discover wildlife for all seasons. Explore the Wildlife Walking Trail, the Secret Gardens (see page 49) and riverside walks.

- Entry to the site is free, including the riverside walks, with free car park (open all the time) and 24-hour free moorings
- Visitors with disabilities may find it helpful to telephone in advance to check whether How Hill is sufficiently accessible for you. In the summer and autumn you may find it helpful to bring an insect repellent for the trails

## Toad Hole Cottage

How Hill, Ludham NR29 5PG 01692 678763 / 01603 756096

[toadholetic@broads authority.gov.uk](mailto:toadholetic@broads authority.gov.uk)

## Open

(free entry) April, May, October: Monday-Friday 10.30am-1pm and 1.30-5pm; Saturday-Sunday 10.30am-5pm June-September: daily 9.30am-5pm

## Electric Eel boat trips

Leave the river behind and take the wildlife trail along tiny, reed-fringed waterways. How Hill is still a working marsh – reed and sedge are cut for thatch, and you may even see a marshman at work. Glide along till we stop for a short walk to a bird hide overlooking

Reedham Water. The boat takes up to six passengers (at driver's discretion).

### **Trips**

(50 minutes) April, May, October: weekends, bank holidays and local half-term only at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm June-September: daily at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

### **Cost**

£8 adult, £7 child and concession, £25 family (up to two adults and two children – not suitable for children under two)

### **Bookings**

Toad Hole Cottage, 01692 678763, or visit the other Broads Information Centres

### **Wildlife Walking Trail**

Walk along the trail to see wildlife for all seasons, and in June and August look out for huge and very rare swallowtail butterflies.

### **Open**

April, May, October: daily 10.30am-5pm June-September: daily 9.30am-5pm

### **Cost**

£3 adult, £1.50 child, includes guide booklet

### **Riverside walks**

Take a walk around How Hill and to see Buttle Marsh, part of the reserve that has been adapted to provide an environment to encourage the bittern. Buttle is one of the old local names for a bittern, one of the rarest birds in the Broads. Bitterns use Buttle Marsh for feeding; in the spring, listen for their booming call. The riverside footpath continues to Ludham Bridge and St Benet's Abbey. Alternatively, from the staithe, you can take a short stroll upriver to

Boardman's Mill and Clayrack Mill. The path then goes on to Sharp Street.

### How Hill Tearoom

Enjoy a delicious selection of homemade cakes, scones and sandwiches, plus locally made ice creams (also available at Toad Hole Cottage), and hot and cold drinks. The How Hill Trust hopes to open the tearoom from Easter to the beginning of September, please contact them for further information. How Hill Trust 01692 678555 [www.howhilltrust.org.uk](http://www.howhilltrust.org.uk)

### More info

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/information-centres](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/information-centres) As well as the regular trips on Liana, Ra and the Electric Eel, we also take group bookings at other times, including special dawn and evening trips.

### Hoveton – solar-powered boat trips on Ra

Hoveton and Wroxham lie either side of the River Bure. Take to the water here and you'll find yourself drifting into another world. New for this year, our solar-powered boat, Ra, will transport you along a beautiful and tranquil stretch of the river, going towards Coltishall and into Bridge Broad. Listen to the birdsong and relax in a green world, with meadows and wet woodlands on either side that can't be explored by land. Willow trees abound, watch for water birds such as herons and grebes, and in early summer look out for yellow irises.

### Ra boat trips

These trips depart from Hoveton Riverside Park, close to Hoveton Broads Information Centre and Hoveton & Wroxham Railway Station, which is on the Bittern Line between Norwich and Sheringham. There are 24-hour free moorings close by too. The boat trip takes up to 11 passengers (at driver's discretion) and Ra is accessible to wheelchair users via a ramp.

## **Trips**

(50 minutes) April, May, October: weekends, bank holidays and local half-term only at 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm June-September: daily at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

## **Cost**

£8 adult, £7 child and concession, £25 family (up to two adults and two children)

## **Bookings**

Hoveton Broads Information Centre, 01603 782281, or visit the other Broads Information Centres

## **Hoveton Broads Information Centre**

Station Road, Hoveton NR12 8UR 01603 782281 / 01603 756097

[hovetonic@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:hovetonic@broads-authority.gov.uk)

**Open** (free entry) April, May, October: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and 1.30-5pm; Saturday-Sunday 9am-5pm June-September: daily 9am-5pm

## **More places to visit**

Continue your day out with a visit to Hoveton Hall Gardens (see page 50), Wroxham Barns for crafts and children's activities or BeWILDerwood treehouse adventure park (all about 1 to 2 miles away), or take the Bure Valley Railway (close to the information centre), which also has a path for cyclists and walkers (see pages 19 and 30). Hoveton has toilets by the information centre, shops if you want to buy a picnic and plenty of places to eat.

## **Easier access**

Boating and boardwalks – there's something for everyone

## Easy access paths and boardwalks

These are often the best way to explore the marshy areas of the Broads and many are on nature reserves. They are suitable for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs.

- Barton Broad (see page 29), Cockshoot Broad (access by boat only), Hickling Broad and Ranworth Broad 01603 625540 [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)
- Beccles Marsh Trails, Burgh Castle, Chedgrave, Filby Broad, Horsey Mere, Horstead Mill, Hoveton Riverside Park, Rockland St Mary and Whitlingham Country Park
- Carlton Marshes
- Salhouse Broad 07795 145475 or 01603 722775 [www.salhousebroad.org.uk](http://www.salhousebroad.org.uk)
- Wheatfen, Surlingham (short boardwalk to bird hide) Ted Ellis Trust 01508 538036 [www.wheatfen.org](http://www.wheatfen.org)

## Boat trips, boat hire and other boating activities

Please check with operators for types of wheelchair they can accommodate.

- Beccles – River Waveney – Waveney Stardust. Two single-deck cruisers with hydraulic lifts, designed for wheelchair users and people with other disabilities, for groups of up to 12 passengers, up to six in wheelchairs. Skipper and crew included. Galley and accessible toilet. Other starting points: Norwich and Stalham. Book in advance. 07817 920502 [www.waveneystardust.co.uk](http://www.waveneystardust.co.uk)
- Horning – River Bure – King Line Cottages. Two self-drive electric day boats, each with electric lift for wheelchairs, steering wheel controls, toilet, all-weather cover. Seat nine

people including two wheelchair users. 01692 630297

[www.kinglinecottages.uk](http://www.kinglinecottages.uk)

- Horning – River Bure – Southern Comfort. Takes up to six wheelchair users on its scheduled trips or 20 for private parties. Please book. 01692 630262 [www.southern-comfort.co.uk](http://www.southern-comfort.co.uk)
- Horsey – Upper Thurne – Ross' Wildlife Boat Trips. Daily trips from Horsey Staithe in a classic boat on the nature reserve. Good access for those with limited mobility and room for one wheelchair user. Small group size allows commentary to be tailored to individual needs; popular with visually impaired visitors. Book the day before by emailing [ross@wildlife-boat-trips.co.uk](mailto:ross@wildlife-boat-trips.co.uk), or text or leave a message on 07791 526440. On the day, text before 9.30am or book at departure point.
- Hoveton – River Bure – Ra (see page 11)
- Neatishead – River Ant – Nancy Oldfield Trust. Activities for disabled and disadvantaged people: motor cruises with wheelchair lifts and kitchen and toilet facilities, sailing, canoeing, birdwatching and fishing; day activities, holidays and courses; self-catering residential bungalow for up to 10 people. Cruises also start from Ludham Bridge, exploring the rivers Ant, Bure and Thurne. 01692 630572 [www.nancyoldfield.org.uk](http://www.nancyoldfield.org.uk)
- Oulton Broad – River Waveney – Waveney River Tours. Some wheelchair spaces available when sailing from Oulton Broad. Book in advance. 01502 574903 [www.waveneyrivertours.com](http://www.waveneyrivertours.com)
- Oulton Broad – River Waveney – Waveney Sailability. Club for people with disabilities, offering the opportunity to sail in

specially adapted dinghies.

01502 566533 [www.waveneyailability.co.uk](http://www.waveneyailability.co.uk)

- South Walsham – River Bure – Primula. Wheelchair-accessible boat trip (additional charge) when you visit Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden. Book in advance. 01603 270449 [www.fairhavengarden.co.uk](http://www.fairhavengarden.co.uk)
- Stalham – River Ant – Marsh Harrier. Boat trip on an electric replica Edwardian launch, with access for wheelchair users, based at the Museum of the Broads. Booking essential. 01692 581681 [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)
- Wroxham – River Bure – Broads Tours. Trips on four double-decker passenger boats. Trips accommodate up to three wheelchair users (manual chairs only). Larger groups of wheelchair users by prior arrangement only. Two boats have accessible toilets on board and there is an accessible toilet at boarding points. Pre-booking for wheelchair users recommended. Also day boat with a wheelchair lift – maximum lift 300kg. Minimum suggested hire time three hours, suggested times 10am-1pm or 2-5pm, for maximum five people. Booking essential, extra assistance available. 01603 782207 [www.broadstours.co.uk](http://www.broadstours.co.uk)

## Moorings

Most Broads Authority 24-hour free moorings are level and without steps.

## Angling

These places have platforms or pads suitable for wheelchair users. For more angling info see Broads angle on page 20 and these sites: [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/managingland-and-water/recreation-and-tourism/angling](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/managingland-and-water/recreation-and-tourism/angling)

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling)

[www.basgonline.org](http://www.basgonline.org)

### River Yare

- Buckenham Ferry – three pads
- Cantley Staithe
- Postwick – 23 pads upstream of Ferry Lane

### River Waveney

- Bungay Cherry Tree Angling Club – membership and day or week tickets from Angling Direct, Beccles. 01502 713379 and other local outlets
- Ellingham
- Worlingham Staithe – two pads at the 24-hour free moorings

### River Bure

- Upton Dyke – two pads

### River Thurne

- Ludham – three platforms at Cold Harbour Farm
- Martham Pits – two platforms – day tickets from the Co-op, Repps Road, Martham 01493 740190 E2
- Potter Heigham – south-east (Martham) bank, upstream of the New Bridge – 10 platforms

### Trinity Broads

- Filby Broad – on one boardwalk
- Rollesby Broad

Norwich and District Pike Club has a wheelyboat, based at the Kings Head at Hoveton/ Wroxham, which can be booked for trips by non-members. Contact the club on 07776 221959.

### Bike hire centres

See page 17 – tandems may be available.

### Access All Areas

This video, presented by Mik Scarlet, tells you about some Broads venues with great access, but please note, the Ra boat trip now operates from Hoveton (see page 11). [www.bit.ly/2k6FHPA](http://www.bit.ly/2k6FHPA)

### Try sailing

These training centres and clubs are keen to welcome you and will do their best to make it all seem easy...

#### Barton Turf Adventure Centre

01692 536411 [www.btac-services.co.uk](http://www.btac-services.co.uk)

#### Green Wyvern Yachting Club RYA Training Centre

[www.greenwyvern.org.uk](http://www.greenwyvern.org.uk)

#### Horning RYA Training Centre

[www.horning-sailing.club](http://www.horning-sailing.club)

#### Hunter's Yard RYA Training Centre

Ludham. 01692 678263 [www.huntersyard.co.uk](http://www.huntersyard.co.uk)

#### Nancy Oldfield Trust

Neatishead. 01692 630572 [www.nancyoldfield.org.uk](http://www.nancyoldfield.org.uk)

Activities for disabled and disadvantaged people

#### Norfolk Broads School of Sailing

Upton. 01493 750430 [www.norfolksailingschool.co.uk](http://www.norfolksailingschool.co.uk)

#### Norfolk Broads Yacht Club

Wroxham. 01603 782808 [www.nbyc.co.uk](http://www.nbyc.co.uk)

Norfolk Punt Club

Barton Turf. [www.puntclub.co.uk](http://www.puntclub.co.uk)

Norfolk Schools Sailing Association

Filby. [www.nssa.co.uk](http://www.nssa.co.uk)

Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre

[www.oultombroadwatersportscentre.co.uk](http://www.oultombroadwatersportscentre.co.uk)

Waveney Sailability

Oulton Broad. 01502 566533 [www.waveneysailability.co.uk](http://www.waveneysailability.co.uk). Club for people with disabilities, offering the opportunity to sail in specially adapted dinghies

Whitlingham Adventure

Norwich. 01603 632307 [www.whitlinghamadventure.org.uk](http://www.whitlinghamadventure.org.uk) Courses, group activities, educational visits, clubs and events – activities include sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, raft building, off-road biking, climbing, archery, and bushcraft and survival.

OnBoard

The RYA OnBoard programme offers young people the opportunity to try sailing and windsurfing through their local club or centre. More details from 023 8060 4100 or [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk)

Holidays

And if you'd like to try a sailing holiday, go to [www.broadssailing.com](http://www.broadssailing.com). Training can be included if you wish.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/sailing](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/sailing)

## Take to two wheels or four legs

### Cycling

With beautiful countryside, gentle slopes, quiet lanes and plenty of places to hire bikes, the Broads is perfect for cycling. Most hire centres are open from Easter/April to October, with prices from about £15 for half a day for adults. They may supply maps or you can download cycle routes from [www.thebroadsbybike.org.uk](http://www.thebroadsbybike.org.uk)

### Clippesby Hall

NR29 3BL, 01493 367800, [www.clippesbyhall.com](http://www.clippesbyhall.com)

### Horning

Broadland Cycle Hire at BeWILDerwood, NR12 8JW, 07747 483154, [www.norfolkbroadscycling.co.uk](http://www.norfolkbroadscycling.co.uk), free delivery within 10 miles of hire centre for bookings of 3+ days.

### Somerleyton Cycles

Jernigan, The Street, NR32 5PS, 01502 732004, [www.somerleytoncycles.com](http://www.somerleytoncycles.com), lifts from moorings and station.

### Bure Valley Path

From Wroxham/Hoveton the narrow gauge Bure Valley Railway runs to Aylsham, with stops at Brampton, Buxton and Coltishall. The path for walkers and cyclists (about 9 miles) follows the same route (it's being widened and upgraded during 2021, so there may be some disruption). The train can even carry your bikes. If you're starting from the bike hire point at BeWILDerwood, a route along country lanes will take you to the path. Some trains are 'boat trains', connecting with Broads boat trips from Wroxham, so there are lots of opportunities to enjoy the Broads from the water too.

[www.bvrw.co.uk](http://www.bvrw.co.uk)

### Whitlingham Country Park

Trowse. National Route 1 runs through the park from Norwich city centre. The path around the broad makes a lovely short bike ride too. [www.sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network)

### Tour de Broads

The event takes place on 22 August, location: Whitlingham Country Park. [www.thepedalrevolution.co.uk](http://www.thepedalrevolution.co.uk)

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/cycling](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/cycling)

### Horse riding

One of the best ways to take in the big skies and panoramic views of the Broads is on horseback, so check out some of the venues perfect for beginners and beyond.

**Filby** – Croft Farm Riding Centre. 01493 368275

[www.croftfarmridingcentre.co.uk](http://www.croftfarmridingcentre.co.uk). Lessons for all, including disabled people; rides out for experienced riders

**Hickling** – Marquis Equine. 07774 964165

[www.marquisequine.co.uk](http://www.marquisequine.co.uk). Lessons for all (minimum age five years), whether new or experienced riders

**Worstead** – Squirrel Wood Equestrian Centre. 07586 292149

[www.squirrelwood.co.uk](http://www.squirrelwood.co.uk). Rides out, and group and private lessons for all; equine assisted learning

**Oulton Broad/Lowestoft** – Pakefield Riding School. 01502 572257

[www.pakefieldridingschool.co.uk](http://www.pakefieldridingschool.co.uk). Lessons, beach riding and riding for disabled people

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/horse-riding](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/horse-riding)

### Broads angle

If you've never tried it before, the Broads is a great place to try angling and there are plenty of people to help you get started

### When can I fish?

The coarse fishing season runs from 16 June to 14 March every year.

### What do I need?

Make sure you have a current Environment Agency licence, available from post offices or [www.gov.uk/fishing-licences](http://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences). You'll find fishing tackle shops around the Broads if you need to buy equipment and if you're a beginner they'll be happy to advise you. Take unwanted tackle home as discarding it can cause problems for wildlife.

### Where can I fish?

You can fish from the bank or from one of the many platforms, or you can hire a boat – some boatyards hire day boats specifically for fishing and you're allowed to fish in most of the Broads waterways provided there is public access. Make way for boaters if you're fishing from moorings and also canoeists if you're fishing from a canoe launch platform. For easier access fishing platforms and pads suitable for wheelchair users see page 15

### What's the catch?

Bream, perch, pike, roach, rudd, tench and eel.

### Who can give advice?

If you're new to angling or just want to learn some new skills you can book a coaching session – for advice contact the Angling Trust [www.anglingtrust.net](http://www.anglingtrust.net) or the Professional Anglers Association [www.paauk.co.uk](http://www.paauk.co.uk). The Broads Angling Services Group [basgonline.org](http://basgonline.org) is keen to encourage newcomers and to support young anglers.

Go to [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/angling](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/angling) for more info and a map of places for angling.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/angling)

## Love the Broads

There is so much to see and do in the beautiful Broads angle and diverse landscape of the Broads National Park. But this beautiful place needs everyone's help to safeguard its future. The Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust aims to do just that by welcoming donations from visitors, local people and businesses through its fund-raising scheme, Love the Broads. So far, Love the Broads has given over £50,000 in grants to 38 projects that benefit the landscape and wildlife of the Broads, and help school groups and other visitors to enjoy and understand the Broads. You can find out about the projects at [lovethebroads.org.uk](http://lovethebroads.org.uk)

To donate to Love the Broads, please go to [www.justgiving.com/nsbct](http://www.justgiving.com/nsbct), or you can become a member – contact [lynne@lovethebroads.org.uk](mailto:lynne@lovethebroads.org.uk) or call 07717 290307.

If you would like to support the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust in other ways, perhaps by helping to fund a project of significance to you or by leaving a legacy, please contact Simon Roberts [unionfarm@googlemail.com](mailto:unionfarm@googlemail.com) or call 07710 120230.

Please support Love the Broads and the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust – you'll be helping to keep the Broads special.  
Charity number 1124552

## Bitterns, wherries and the Waveney valley

The Bittern, Wherry and East Suffolk Lines can make more places accessible for walking, especially the wonderful expanses of grazing marshes, and you can really see how the landscape changes as you travel. The Bittern Line goes north from Norwich to Sheringham on the North Norfolk coast, and the Wherry Lines go east to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft. [www.Thebitternline.com](http://www.Thebitternline.com), [www.wherrylines.com](http://www.wherrylines.com) and [www.eastsuffolklines.co.uk](http://www.eastsuffolklines.co.uk) sites have lots of walks and places to visit from stations (some may require a

walk to reach them), with links to [www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk) for timetables and tickets. Please check timetables very carefully, as service times vary throughout the day and may change. Fares may also change.

### Bittern Line

Explore Norwich, the City of Stories, then escape to the country for canoeing at Salhouse and all kinds of boating activities at Hoveton & Wroxham, including Broads National Park boat trips. The line goes on to Worstead – home of worsted cloth, woven in the village during the Middle Ages – and then heads out of the Broads towards the North Norfolk coast.

[www.visitnorwich.co.uk](http://www.visitnorwich.co.uk) [www.salhousebroad.org.uk](http://www.salhousebroad.org.uk)

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/information-centres](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/information-centres)

[www.worsteadparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.worsteadparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

### Wherry Lines – Great Yarmouth

There are two main branches, with the line dividing at Brundall, where you can visit Brundall Church Fen and Strumpshaw Fen. On the direct Great Yarmouth line you can get on to the Weavers' Way long distance route at Acle and as well as the beach at Great Yarmouth, you can discover Time and Tide Museum, and find out about links with the Broads, along with the history of herring fishing and seaside holidays. The alternative route goes via Reedham, from where you can walk east on the Wherryman's Way across beautiful marshes to Polkey's Mill. The line continues to Berney Arms, a tiny, request-stop station. Take in the immense views of Halvergate Marshes as you follow the River Yare. [www.rspb.org.uk/reserves](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves) [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails) [www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/time-tide](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/time-tide) [www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/windmills](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/windmills) [www.berneyarms.co.uk](http://www.berneyarms.co.uk)

### Wherry Lines – Lowestoft

Buckenham is also close to Strumpshaw Fen and at Haddiscoe you can explore Haddiscoe Island, one of the remotest parts of the Broads. At Somerleyton, visit the historic hall and gardens or continue to Oulton Broad to visit Carlton Marshes or head to the beach at Lowestoft. [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails) (Haddiscoe) [www.somerleyton.co.uk](http://www.somerleyton.co.uk) [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org) [www.thesuffolkcoast.co.uk](http://www.thesuffolkcoast.co.uk)

### East Suffolk Lines

Explore Beccles, with its historic buildings, lido and boat trip. [www.visitbeccles.co.uk](http://www.visitbeccles.co.uk)

### Ferries and small boat trips

Small boats and ferries are part of the history of the Broads – they were essential for getting people and goods around.

#### Ferries

**Burgh St Peter** – ferry across the River Waveney to Carlton Marshes 01502 677343 (enquiries) or 07500 571232 (on demand service), [www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk](http://www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk)

**Horning** – from Ferry Road, cross the River Bure to Ranworth/Woodbastwick/Salhouse area 07393 458682 [www.horningfootferry.co.uk](http://www.horningfootferry.co.uk)

**Reedham** – vehicle chain ferry across the River Yare to Loddon/Chedgrave 01493 700429 [www.reedhamferry.co.uk](http://www.reedhamferry.co.uk)

**Salhouse Broad** – ferry to Hoveton Great Broad Nature Trail 01603 722775 or for same day bookings 07795 145475 [www.salhousebroad.org.uk](http://www.salhousebroad.org.uk)

#### Trips on small boats

**Beccles** – trips along the River Waveney between Beccles Lido and Geldeston 07532 072761 [www.bigdogferry.co.uk](http://www.bigdogferry.co.uk)

**Hickling Broad** – wildlife boat trips 01692 598276

[www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)

**Horsey Staithe** – wildlife boat trips: book the day before by emailing [ross@wildlife-boat-trips.co.uk](mailto:ross@wildlife-boat-trips.co.uk) or text 07791 526440; on the day, text before 9.30am or book at departure point.

**Hoveton/Wroxham – Ra** – see page 11

**How Hill, Ludham – Electric Eel** – see page 9

**Ranworth – Liana** – see page 7

**Ranworth Broad** – wildlife boat trips 01603 270479

[www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)

**Rollesby Broad** – trips from The Waterside 01493 740531

[www.thewatersiderollesby.co.uk](http://www.thewatersiderollesby.co.uk)

**South Walsham** – trips from Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden  
– see page 50

**Stalham** – trips on a Victorian steam launch and an electric replica  
Edwardian launch

01692 581681 [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/boat-trips](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/boat-trips)

**Take to the water on paddle craft**

Canadian canoeing is a great way to discover this fragile wetland, full of wildlife.

Broads canoeing is suitable for all the family, including young children. Canadian canoes usually carry up to three adults but you are advised to check with the operator. Some hire centres offer paddleboards and other paddle craft, plus related activities and facilities.

All canoeists should wear a life jacket. Paddleboarders should wear a buoyancy aid and ankle tether. Don't deliberately capsize your canoe or kayak. Stick to the right-hand side of the waterway unless it is unsafe to do so. Read the Boating basics guide in Broadcaster, see page 21, for advice relevant to all boating. We don't recommend canoeing in the lower reaches (which have stronger currents and tides, and more powered boats). If you do, you need to be extremely experienced, fit and able.

During warmer spells you may see a blue-green coloured scum on the water. This can indicate the presence of toxic bacteria. Do not paddle in areas where this is present and avoid coming into contact with or ingesting it as it can lead to a number of unpleasant symptoms. You can reduce the chance of becoming ill by covering open wounds, avoiding swallowing the water, washing your hands before eating or drinking and showering after paddle sports. If you start to feel unwell after taking part in paddle sports, please seek urgent medical advice.

Canoeing allows exploration of the headwaters (less tidal waters). Please respect nature reserves and paddle away from the edges to minimise disturbance to breeding birds.

- For Broads canoe hire and trails (one-hour, three-hour and six-hour return routes) go to [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire)
- British Canoeing also has routes on [www.gopaddling.info/find-paddling-trails](http://www.gopaddling.info/find-paddling-trails)

Broads Authority Paddling Scheme

Broads Canoe Hire Association centres

- You'll find details on [www.canoethebroads.co.uk](http://www.canoethebroads.co.uk)

- Most of them are open from Easter/April to October with prices from about £30 for up to three hours, £45 for three to six hours.
- Full instructions are given, and life jackets are provided and fitted on site, to be worn at all times on or around the water.
- All centres are inspected and monitored for safety by the Broads Authority as part of the licensing agreement. In bad weather (especially strong winds) the centres will not be hiring, to protect customers.

**Bungay** – Outney Meadow Caravan Park, NR35 1HG, 01986 892338,  
<http://www.outneymeadow.co.uk/>

**Burgh St Peter** – Waveney River Centre, NR34 0DE, 01502 677343,  
[www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk](http://www.waveneyrivercentre.co.uk)

**Geldeston** – Rowan Craft, NR34 0LY, 01508 518208,  
[www.rowancraft.co.uk](http://www.rowancraft.co.uk)<http://www.rowancraft.co.uk/>

**Hickling** – Whispering Reeds, Staithe Road, NR12 0YW, 01692 598314,  
[www.WhisperingReeds.net](http://www.WhisperingReeds.net)

**Martham Boats**, Cess Road, NR29 4RF, 01493 740249,  
<http://www.marthamboats.com/>

**Potter Heigham** – Herbert Woods, NR29 5JF, 0800 144 4472,  
[www.herbertwoods.co.uk](http://www.herbertwoods.co.uk)

**Salhouse Broad**, NR13 6RX, 07795 145475 / 01603 722775,  
[www.salhousebroad.org.uk](http://www.salhousebroad.org.uk)

**Sutton Staithe Boatyard**, NR12 9QS, 01692 581653,  
[www.suttonstaitheboatyard.co.uk](http://www.suttonstaitheboatyard.co.uk)

**Wayford Bridge** – Bank Boats, near Stalham NR12 9LN, 01692 582457, [www.bankboats.co.uk](http://www.bankboats.co.uk)

**Wroxham** – Barnes Brinkcraft, Riverside Road, NR12 8UD, 01603 782625, [www.barnesbrinkcraft.co.uk](http://www.barnesbrinkcraft.co.uk)

**Beccles** – Hippersons Boatyard, Gillingham Dam, NR34 0EB, 01502 712166, [www.hippersons.co.uk](http://www.hippersons.co.uk)

For all the places below contact TheCanoeMan, 07873 748408, [www.TheCanoeMan.com](http://www.TheCanoeMan.com)

**Beccles Lido**, Puddingmoor, NR34 9PL

**Buxton Mill**, NR10 5JE

**Norwich** – Riverside Road (opposite the trainstation), NR1 1EF

**Wroxham** – Kings Head, NR12 8UR

Some other canoe hire places

**Norwich** – Pub and Paddle, Elm Hill Quay, by Fye Bridge, River Wensum (next to the Ribs of Beef pub, Wensum Street, NR3 1HY), 07886 080875, [www.pubandpaddle.com](http://www.pubandpaddle.com)

**Whitlingham Adventure**, Whitlingham Lane, Trowse, Norwich NR14 8TR, 01603 632307, [www.whitlinghamadventure.org.uk](http://www.whitlinghamadventure.org.uk)

If you have your own canoe...

All canoes, kayaks and paddleboards (including inflatables) that are used in the Broads must have an annual or short visit licence. For details go to [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/tolls](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/tolls)

For canoe launch points (for public, not commercial use) and slipways go to [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/slipways](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/slipways). A new

pontoon and canoe portage are now available at New Mills on the River Wensum in the centre of Norwich, giving access downstream towards the River Yare or upstream towards Hellesdon. Public slipways are shown on the boating map on the centre pages of the printed version of Broadcaster. Before you set off, tell someone where you're going and how long you plan to be out. Tell them when you get back.

For more about canoeing go to [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/canoe-hire)

## Walks for all seasons

The Broads has over 190 miles (300km) of footpaths. Whether you're looking for easy access paths, village or town strolls, walks from moorings, walks with a historic site to explore, walks for wildlife, walks for dogs or walks that take in many of these elements and more, the Broads has plenty for you, including walks on the many nature reserves.

Here are some walks to get you started. They mostly offer options for shorter or longer routes. The links for each walk will show you maps and further information. If you need help finding the routes for any of these walks, please contact the Broads Information Centres, see page 7 (where you'll also find guidance on visiting the Broads with your dog).

## River Ant

### Barton Broad Boardwalk

The boardwalk is easily accessible by wheelchair and will take you on a journey of discovery into a hidden world. The mystery trail leads you through carr or swampy woodland, filled with wildlife. There are resting places and tapping edges along the way, and the trail emerges to give a surprise panoramic view over Barton, second largest of the broads. The boardwalk is not open to dogs except

assistance dogs. The full walk starts from the free car park near Gaye's Staithe at Neatishead, but there's a separate free car park for disabled visitors at the start of the boardwalk. Follow signs from Neatishead for the boardwalk.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking) [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)

### River Thurne

#### Ludham Marshes

Go exploring on walks from Ludham Community Archive, including one to Ludham and Potter Heigham Marshes National Nature Reserve (NNR), or Horsefen Marshes, starting in the centre of the village. In summer, look out for the many damselflies and dragonflies, including the rare Norfolk hawk. Water voles live in and around the dykes, while many birds use the grass marshes for feeding and wintering. See Ludham Village Information on their website.

[www.ludhamarchive.org.uk/index.htm](http://www.ludhamarchive.org.uk/index.htm) [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) (for NNR info)

### River Bure

#### Coltishall, Horstead and Horstead Mill

Explore the villages, follow the river and return along the Bure Valley Path. The ruined water mill is set in tranquil river meadows and the mill site has an easy access walk. Coltishall was home to boat building from the early 1800s. Allen's boatyard was in Anchor Street in Coltishall, where the walk starts. The last trading wherry, Ella, was built there in 1912.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking) [www.norfolk Mills.co.uk](http://www.norfolk Mills.co.uk)

### River Yare

#### Surlingham Church Marsh

Explore this RSPB reserve, which is on the Wherryman's Way. You can also visit St Mary's Church at the start of the route and the ruins of St Saviour's Church as you go round. Sometimes you can buy

Wherryman's Way honey en route! You can walk to Surlingham from the moorings at Bramerton. [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking)  
[www.rspb.uk/surlingham](http://www.rspb.uk/surlingham)

### River Waveney

#### Beccles Marsh Trail

People from the Iron Age, Roman times and medieval times have all been here before you! The dyke systems on the marshes originate from medieval times and Worlingham Wall is a medieval flood defence on the route, which divided Beccles Marshes from Worlingham Marshes. These flood walls divided the common marshes of each parish where parishoners had the right to graze animals. The walk starts at Beccles Quay.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking) [www.visitbeccles.co.uk](http://www.visitbeccles.co.uk)

### River Chet

#### Hardley Staithe Walks

From Hardley Staithe, follow the right bank of Hardley Dyke and turn right along the River Yare. At Hardley Cross and moorings (where an information panel will tell you more), follow the River Chet, then turn right at the track that leads to Hardley Church and continue back to the staithe. You'll find this route on the map for walk 7 in the Wherryman's Way Circular Walks (see Norfolk Trails link below). Please note that there is a diversion operating as part of walk 7, but it does not affect the circular route from Hardley Staithe. You can also walk along the left bank of Hardley Dyke and turn left along the Yare to see Hardley Mill.

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails) [www.hardleywindmilluk.org](http://www.hardleywindmilluk.org)

### River Wensum

#### Norwich Riverside and Cathedral Quarter

From Norwich Yacht Station, cross over Foundry Bridge and turn right along Norwich Riverside Walk. Follow the riverside walk until

you reach Fye Bridge, then turn left along Wensum Street, taking you to the cathedral. Go through the gates into the grounds (The Close) and walk down to the river and Pull's Ferry. Turn right to return to the yacht station. [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walks](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walks)  
[www.visitnorwich.co.uk](http://www.visitnorwich.co.uk)

### Long-distance routes

- The Weavers' Way passes through the northern Broads and then goes on to North Norfolk
- The Norfolk Coast Path takes you through the Broads at Horsey and Winterton
- The Wherryman's Way follows the River Yare from Norwich to Great Yarmouth
- The Angles Way goes south from Great Yarmouth and into the Suffolk Brecks

More info, updates and places to visit

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking)

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/nature-reserves](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/nature-reserves)

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails)

[www.discoversuffolk.org.uk](http://www.discoversuffolk.org.uk)

[www.my.viewranger.com/user/details/3296265](http://www.my.viewranger.com/user/details/3296265)

[www.alltrails.com/parks/england/norfolk/the-broads-national-park](http://www.alltrails.com/parks/england/norfolk/the-broads-national-park)

## Boating Basics

### Welcome to our Yacht Stations

The quay assistants at our yacht stations are happy to help with all your boating questions, and to give advice about places to visit and things to do. The yacht stations aren't just for boaters – land-based visitors are very welcome too!

## Great Yarmouth

Tar Works Road, NR30 1QR 01493 842794 / 07766 398238

[yarmouthyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:yarmouthyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk)

- Staffed from 27 March to 31 October, 8am-8pm (or dusk if earlier)
- Water, toilets and showers
- About 60 moorings (depending on boat sizes)
- Mooring charges - £6 during the day, and £13 for combined daytime and overnight (until 10am) or overnight only (until 10am)

## Reedham

Reedham Quay, NR13 3TE 01493 701867 / 07733 102566

[www.reedhamquay@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:www.reedhamquay@broads-authority.gov.uk)

- Staffed from 27 March to 31 October, 9am-6pm
- Water (donations please)
- About 42 free 24-hour moorings (depending on boat sizes)

## Norwich

Riverside Road, NR1 1SQ 01603 612980 / 07747 065378

[norwichyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:norwichyachtstation@broads-authority.gov.uk)

- Staffed from 27 March to 31 October, 8am-8pm (or dusk if earlier)
- Water, toilets and showers
- Pump-out service from £15

- About 30 moorings (depending on boat sizes), starting on the far side of Foundry Bridge as you approach from Great Yarmouth (there are no other public moorings in Norwich)
- Mooring charges - £6 during the day, and £13 for combined daytime and overnight (until 10am) or overnight only (until 10am)

There are also yacht stations at Beccles 01502 712225 / 07938 845744, [www.beccles.info/towncouncil](http://www.beccles.info/towncouncil) Beccles Town Council and Oulton Broad, 01502 574946, [www.yachtstation.co.uk](http://www.yachtstation.co.uk), East Suffolk Council on the River Waveney.

### Top 10 Boating Tips...

Stay safe – follow the advice from the Broads rangers, who work on the Broads all year round. Maxine Willoughby is part of our Bure and Thurne rivers team of rangers, who look after a large part of the northern Broads.

#### 1. Before you go...

Read your skipper's manual – if you're on a holiday cruiser, your boatyard should supply one on board.

- Our new 'essential guide' boating videos have lots of practical boat handling and navigation advice for all [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/boating-essentials). The videos cover Preparing for Your Holiday, Staying Safe on the Broads, Mooring, Mooring in Tidal Water, Ropes and Knots, Man Overboard, Navigating Bridges, Crossing Breydon and Paddlesports. The boating section of our website also has all you need to know about boating, including tide tables.
- Navigation maps (published by Heron Maps) and Broads tide tables are on sale at our information centres and yacht stations.

- You can get boating advice from your boatyard, yacht stations or by calling the Broads Authority's Broads Control, staffed daily 9am-5pm (6pm from April to October), on 01603 756056. The rangers, who you'll see out and about, are always happy to help too.

## 2. Wear it

Always wear your life jacket when you are on deck, getting on and off or tying up your boat – even if you can swim. Step ashore, never jump, and wear shoes with a good grip.

- Children should wear life jackets even when your boat is moored.
- A life jacket will help you float. Try to relax and float on your back before trying to get out.
- Don't forget to put a life jacket on your dog, too. Dogs are just as susceptible to cold water and other hazards as people. You can buy dog life jackets from boating suppliers and some hire boatyards provide or rent them for customers' pets. Never enter the water to rescue a pet – you are putting your own life at risk. See page 76 for more about visiting with your dog.

## 3. Plan ahead

Plan your journey before setting out.

- Keep a note of the important points for your journey. Water is always moving and your boat may be affected by wind and tides. Check the weather, the day's tides for where you're going, and sunrise and sunset times – that's what we do. Hire boats are not allowed to navigate before sunrise or after sunset as they have no navigation lights.

- Always keep track of where you are on the waterways and make sure others on board know where you are too. They also need to know what to do in case of an emergency.
- Keep a phone charged.

#### 4. Be vigilant

Keep an eye on everyone on board at all times (especially small children).

- Don't let children sit on the front of a boat, or play at the back or on the roof unsupervised, especially when a boat is under way.
- Never allow anyone to travel in any kind of boat or inflatable that your boat is towing.
- Drive on the right-hand side, about 2m or 6' away from the bank.
- Hold on to your boat when moving around it.
- Look out for paddle craft, rowing boats and swimmers in organised events. Reduce speed and allow them plenty of space.
- Keep out of the way of sailing boats – slow down and if you need to, pass behind, never in front.
- Keep away from maintenance boats and other large vessels.
- Keep out of the way of water skiers and other fast boats on the rivers Waveney and Yare and on Breydon Water.

#### 5. Mooring must-dos

Always have your ropes ready and drive into the flow of the water when mooring.

- Don't jump – always step aboard and ashore carefully. Beware of hazards on the quay such as ropes, posts and wet or other slippery surfaces. Everyone involved should always keep a good handhold during casting off and mooring, and don't use arms or legs to stop your boat hitting the quay or another boat. Make sure ropes are ready and that everyone knows what to do. Everyone not involved should stay off deck.
- Always approach a mooring against the tide or flow of the river, with a careful hand on the throttle. You'll then be able to hold the boat stationary heading into the tide and approach the mooring sideways under control. If necessary, go past the mooring and turn the boat around so you can approach against the flow. If you approach the mooring with the tide or flow of the river you will have little or no control at low speeds.
- The fittest adult should step ashore once the boat has stopped. Tie the front rope first. We recommend that you moor at signed moorings only. Other areas are not maintained and there may be no posts. Never moor under bridges. Make sure that your boat is securely tied up. Take a torch and spare batteries if you will be returning to your boat after dark.

## 6. Keep your head down

Mind your head at all bridges.

- Think ahead for bridges. Tides go up and down so be very careful. Check how high your boat is with the canopy down. Check the clearance boards that tell you the height above water under the bridge.

- Take down your canopy and windshield, get everyone off deck and make sure that all hands, feet and heads are inside the boat. Make sure you have the boat well under control before the bridge, especially if there's a strong current.
- Watch carefully for signs of other boats coming through – usually the boat travelling with the current has right of way as it's more difficult for it to manoeuvre. Never stop or moor under bridges.
- Keep hands, feet and heads inside the boat until you are well clear of the bridge, and if things go wrong, don't try to fend off using your hands or feet.

## 7. Stay aboard

Don't swim in the rivers and broads.

- You'll never see a ranger swimming – it's too dangerous, no matter how hot the weather is or how good a swimmer you are. There are currents and obstructions and cold water can be dangerous.
- If someone falls in, throw them a lifebuoy and pull them to a bank or ladder. If you have to bring someone up on to your boat from the water, make sure the engine is switched off as they get close. Never reverse towards them and keep them clear of the back of the boat – this where the sharp propeller blades are. Never put yourself in danger by entering the water.

## 8. Bon appetit

Take care with barbecues, in permitted areas.

- Never light or use barbecues on deck or anywhere else on your boat, or on wooden moorings.

## 9. Keep your wits about you

Don't drink and drive on the water.

- We recommend that people driving and sailing boats don't drink alcohol until their boats are moored for the night.

## 10. Slow down and relax

Stick to speed limits and check your wash (the waves made by your boat).

- Always look behind your boat – there should be no big waves (they damage banks, disturb wildlife, rock moored boats and can even capsize small craft).

## Bridges

- Remember that bridge clearances given in our table are averages, based on normal tides. But tidal levels can vary considerably and so affect the figures.
- At railway swing bridges a single red flag indicates bridge in service/operable. Two red flags indicate bridge out of service/inoperable. Take note of the electronic signage at each bridge. If you are unable to pass under due to water levels, approach the bridge, give three blasts on the horn and follow the instructions on the illuminated signs on the bridge. If you have a radio, Reedham, Trowse and Somerleyton rail bridges monitor VHF Channel 12. In hot weather, you may like to check ahead to see if Somerleyton Bridge is working as temperature can affect the mechanism.
- At Potter Heigham all hire cruisers must use the bridge pilot from Phoenix Fleet boatyard and private boats are advised to do so. The pilot service is available daily 8.30am-5pm, depending on tide and weather conditions, 07990 686097

(pilot) or 01692 670460 (Phoenix Fleet boatyard). The cost for hire cruisers (Blakes and Hoseasons) is £10 return, and for private boats £10 each way.

- At Wroxham there are two bridges close together. Hire cruisers must use the bridge pilot.

## Emergency

- Call 999 or 112 from any type of phone for coastguard, fire, police or ambulance services.
- Ask for the coastguard if you are on or next to the water – they're not just for the sea. They will call the other services if needed.
- Tell the emergency services or your boatyard where you are. Always keep track of where you are when boating.
- If you are on a holiday boat the contact details for your boatyard are in the back of your skipper's manual.
- The Broads Authority 24-hour moorings have name plates with Ordnance Survey grid references and postcodes on them. If you are near one, give these details to the emergency services or your boatyard so they know where you are.
- Keep your mobile phone charged.
- For other important numbers see the telephone directory on page 77.
- Defibrillators are available at some boatyards and villages (usually near a pub, shop or village hall).

## How to cross Breydon Water

Breydon Water, on the edge of Great Yarmouth, is an internationally important site for water birds. A cruise across it takes you to and fro between the northern and southern rivers. It can be challenging, so you need to prepare and take care.

**Follow our guidance here for a safe crossing.**

1. Think about your journey well ahead. You can contact our staff at Great Yarmouth Yacht Station on 01493 842794 or 07766 398238 (see page 33). They'll work out the best time for you to cross and give guidance. If anything's not clear to you, ask again. Leave a message if necessary (with your telephone number) and they will get back to you.
2. Plan your crossing so that you can go under Great Yarmouth bridges at slack water, which is about an hour after low water. The tide will be less of a hazard and you'll have maximum clearance under the bridges. Crossing at other times is inadvisable. There are two bridges close together. The old metal railway bridge, Vauxhall Bridge, is 7.62cm (3") lower than the concrete road bridge, Yarmouth/Acle Road Bridge. You should be passing under bridges with at least 30cm (a foot) to spare.
3. Work out the time you need to leave your previous mooring by working backwards from the time you need to be in Great Yarmouth. It will take about 2. hours to get to Great Yarmouth from Acle and about 2 hours from Reedham or St Olaves. Make sure that you won't be navigating in the dark – hire boats are not allowed to navigate before sunrise or after sunset as they have no navigation lights. Check the weather forecast – don't cross if visibility is poor or there are strong winds.

4. Always wear life jackets when on deck. Have your canopy or mast lowered ready for passing under the bridges. Before going under any bridge check your boat height (shown on a plate in the cockpit or in the skipper's manual). Check the bridge clearance boards to make sure that your boat will fit under the bridges. Don't steer your boat from the outside steering position – if something goes wrong you are vulnerable.
5. Make sure you know what to do. Keep everyone inside the boat or cockpit during the crossing. Concentrate on what you are doing. The channel has some bends in it, but don't take shortcuts. Never go outside the red and green navigation posts. If you get stuck, try and reverse. If that doesn't work, call your boatyard.

## Info file

More details on all these points from our information centres and yacht stations

## Moorings

- For Broads Authority 24-hour free moorings see printed map
- Broads Hire Boat Federation (BHBF) operators allow other member companies' boats to moor in their boatyards free of charge, subject to availability; look out for the BHBF logo at boatyards or check your skipper's manual

## Tides

- All Broads rivers are close to the sea so are all affected by tides (or are tidal)
- Consideration of tidal flow may be important as journeys by boat are harder and slower when the flow is against you

- Rise and fall of the tide is on average about 2.2m/7' at Great Yarmouth and Reedham, while at Norwich it's about 60-90cm/2'-3' and at Wroxham it's about 15cm/6"
- There are usually two high tides and two low tides each day but times vary daily
- Knowing when high and low tide times occur can be important for getting under bridges, and tides can create strong currents in certain areas
- If you are staying on a holiday boat, your skipper's manual may include tide tables
- At Breydon Water it is essential to pay careful attention to the tide in your planning
- Read the instructions for crossing Breydon Water on page 41

## Posts

- Where there are red and green
- posts keep in the main channel between them
- Red and green posts and buoys don't mean red for danger and green for go – they mark the edges of channels
- Yellow posts usually mark a hazard – keep well clear and keep to channel

## Water

- For water points at Broads Authority moorings see printed map (some are seasonal, such as Gaye's Staithe and West Somerton)

- Water points are available at many other moorings and boatyards (small charge)
- Boil water from all water points before drinking
- Waste water from boats, except sewage, empties into the waterways, so use biodegradable washing-up liquid and other cleaning products, and use only small amounts
- Absorb oil on to kitchen paper and put paper in bin

### Paddlesports

- See page 25.

### Sailing events

If you find yourself on the water during a regatta:

- Keep close to the right-hand bank and slow down as you pass through Sailing boats have right of way
- If they are zigzagging across the river to catch the wind, slow down and try to pass behind them
- Make your course clear – do not weave about
- Watch for indications on when to pass, but do not put yourself or others in danger, or just moor up to watch
- Where channels are provided for safe passage, stay in channel
- Listen to and follow advice from rangers or safety patrol boats

### Oulton Broad racing

- Races held Thursday evenings, bank holidays and some Sundays

During powerboat racing:

- Do not enter or leave via main body of broad where event is taking place
- Keep speed down and follow instructions from patrol boats, rescue boats and yacht station staff for safe passage and mooring

### North Walsham and Dilham Canal

- For small craft only, charge or donation to North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust payable for use [www.nwdct.org](http://www.nwdct.org)

### Peace and quiet

- Be sensitive to your neighbours – don't leave your engine idling late at night or early in the morning
- Be aware of radio and TV volume too, especially when the roof of your boat is open

### Tolls

- If you are a boat owner and pay annual tolls, you can renew your toll online

### Slipways

- Public slipways: Hoveton Riverside Park, Hickling Staithe, Pug Lane Staithe (Repps), Thurne Staithe, Cantley Staithe
- Some boatyards have slipways – charges apply

### Electric charging point cards

- £1 from Broads National Park information centres and yacht stations at Hoveton, Norwich, Reedham and Great Yarmouth, and from some shops and boatyards
- Keep cards away from mobile phones – they can interfere with credit on cards

- See link below for details on where to find electric charging points, how to use them and where to buy cards

### Mutford Lock

- Between Oulton Broad and Lake Lothing at Lowestoft – limit of hire boat navigation
- Not for use by hire boats
- For private boats, call 01502 574946 or 01502 531778, 24 hours ahead, to book a passage (£13)

### Broads Beat

- Now in their 25th anniversary year – a team of Royal Yachting Association-trained police officers and support staff who patrol the Broads throughout the year, preventing and detecting crime, reducing anti-social behaviour and disorder, assisting boaters and ensuring the safety of all on land or water
- Officers work with the other emergency services and partnership agencies, including the Broads Authority, RNLI, Border Force, Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and Environment Agency
- Broads Beat is supported by many businesses and is the UK's longest running police and public sponsorship scheme
- Call them on 101 for non-emergencies, or email [broadsbeat@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:broadsbeat@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)
- Follow their daily activities via Twitter @BroadsBeat

### Web info file

- [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/moorings](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/moorings)

- [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/tides](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/tides)
- [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/tolls](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/tolls)
- [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/slipways](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/slipways)
- [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/charging-points](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/charging-points)
- [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/overseas](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/overseas)

## Waste disposal

- Recycling and other waste disposal facilities are often available near moorings or in towns and villages
- Be careful with waste – don't leave bags at the back of boats where they could easily fall into the water
- Dispose of waste at proper sites – don't leave bags at sides of moorings or adjacent roads and don't overload bins or leave bags by bins if bins are full. If necessary, hang on to waste till you reach the next site
- Discarded litter and fishing tackle can entangle and kill wildlife

Boat waste facilities on each river (available at time of compilation)

Wensum/Yare

**Norwich Yacht Station**

**Brundall:** Broom Boats, Silverline Marine (both hire craft only)

**Langley Dyke**

**Rockland Staithe**

**Loddon:** Staithe, Pye's Mill; Maffett Cruisers, Pacific Cruisers (both hire craft only)

**Reedham Quay**

Bure

Coltishall

King's Head Wroxham/Hoveton: Broads National Park Information Centre; Barnes Brinkcraft, Norfolk Broads Direct (both hire craft only)

**Salhouse Broad**

**Horning:** Ferry Marina (hirecraft only); Swan Inn

**Ranworth Staithe**

**Acle:** Acle Bridge Moorings (car park); Bridgecraft (hire craft only)  
Great Yarmouth Yacht Station

Ant

**Stalham:** Richardson's (hire craft only)

**Sutton Staithe**

**Barton Turf Staithe car park**

**Neatishead Staithe**

**Irstead Staithe**

**Ludham Bridge Staithe**

Thurne

**Hickling:** Pleasure Boat Inn

**Horsey Mill**

**Repps Staithe**

**Potter Heigham:** Staithe; Herbert Woods (hire craft only)

**Ludham:** Womack Staithe

Waveney

**Geldeston:** Locks Inn

**Beccles Yacht Station**

**Burgh St Peter:** Waveney River Centre (hire craft only)

**Oulton Broad Yacht Station**

**Somerleyton**

**Burgh Castle**

Waste

- [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/waste](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/waste)

## Wild places

### Gardens for all seasons

Nearly all these gardens began life as part of country estates, private places enjoyed by a privileged few. Now they can be enjoyed by everyone – and the gardens at How Hill are even free to visit.

Secret Gardens, How Hill Environmental Study Centre, Ludham

Lose yourself in the Secret Gardens, open all the time, with free entry, though donations to the How Hill Trust are very welcome.

These water gardens were created by local architect Edward Boardman for the family home at How Hill, which dates from 1904. The gardens are always lovely and secluded, and in early summer there are spectacular displays of azaleas and rhododendrons. Follow signs from the car park, moorings and house (now home to the Environmental Study Centre run by the trust). The formal gardens surrounding the house are sometimes open too – check the signs on the gates. 01692 678555 [www.howhilltrust.org.uk](http://www.howhilltrust.org.uk)

- Don't miss the tiny Toad Hole Cottage garden and the How Hill Tearoom – see pages 9-11.
- For further exploring, walk along the river to St Benet's Abbey. [www.stbenetsabbey.org](http://www.stbenetsabbey.org)

### East Ruston Old Vicarage

Though no doubt the vicarage had a pleasant garden in its day, by the time the current owners arrived there was no real garden, just rough grass. Since then the garden has been transformed and land added, creating a huge area with gardens of all kinds within it, including rose, woodland, Dutch, Mediterranean and exotic gardens to name just a few. There are also mixed hedgerows, banks,

wildflower areas and ponds to encourage wildlife. Birds of all kinds visit the garden, including kingfishers and barn owls. 01692 650432 [www.eastrustonoldvicarage.co.uk](http://www.eastrustonoldvicarage.co.uk)

- There are two tea rooms and a tea garden (serving delicious light lunches too).
- For further exploring in this area, indoors and outdoors (with boat trips), try the Museum of the Broads at Stalham. [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)

### Hoveton Hall Gardens

Enjoy woodland and lakeside walks, an 18th-century icehouse, an early 19th-century glasshouse, walled gardens including the Spider Garden (the spider is in the 1936 wrought-iron gate) and the lovely gardener's cottage. Visit in May and June for the azaleas and rhododendrons. Frogs, toads, ducks, kingfishers and herons enjoy the water and Ashmanhaugh Wood is home to white admiral, purple hairstreak and speckled wood butterflies. 01603 784297 [www.hovetonhallestate.co.uk](http://www.hovetonhallestate.co.uk)

- For something to eat, pop into the estate's GardenKitchen Café.
- For more things to do at Hoveton see page 11.

### Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, South Walsham

If you enjoy a combination of the cultivated and the wild, this garden is one for you. Its facilities are all fully accessible and normally include all-terrain wheelchairs and boat trips on the garden's own broad. In spring you'll see an abundance of bluebells and candelabra primulas, dragonflies and butterflies are among the wild flowers in summer, autumn shows amazing leaves and fungi, and winter is great for bird-watching. The gardens are organically managed, which benefits all the wildlife. 01603 270449 [www.fairhavengarden.co.uk](http://www.fairhavengarden.co.uk)

Fairhaven Cafe Bistro is open to all throughout the year.

South Walsham is a small village but it has two churches sharing the same churchyard – St Mary’s, dating from the 13th century and St Lawrence’s, now an arts centre. They were on the border between two medieval manors. [www.broadsideparishes.org.uk](http://www.broadsideparishes.org.uk) [www.st-lawrence.org.uk](http://www.st-lawrence.org.uk)

Raveningham Gardens, between Loddon and Haddiscoe

The main season starts in May with spring bulbs, shrubs and wild flowers. The roses will be looking good in June, followed by the amazing agapanthus in July and August, with late flowering into September. Summer is also the best time to see the Victorian walled kitchen garden in full swing with salad crops, vegetables and soft fruits interspersed with flowers. The estate’s conservation policy promotes and enhances biodiversity within the local landscape, creating new habitats and improving existing ones. 01508 548480 [www.raveningham.com](http://www.raveningham.com)

- When the gardens are open, try the Tea Room for cakes and other light refreshments.
- The Old Granary Studio, part of the estate, normally offers a series of concerts each year. The historic building dates from the 1790s and retains many original features from its agricultural past. [www.oldgranarystudio.com](http://www.oldgranarystudio.com)

Somerleyton Hall and Gardens

As with many large estates, Somerleyton has evolved over the centuries and the present house and gardens date from the Victorian period, when Sir Samuel Morton Peto, engineer and railway pioneer, commissioned John Thomas, sculptor and architect, and William Andrews Nesfield, celebrated garden designer. The gardens include a wonderful yew hedge maze, planted in 1846, in which to lose

yourself. Current restoration projects are highlighting the best of both the garden's 17th and 19th century designs. 01502 734901  
[www.somerleyton.co.uk](http://www.somerleyton.co.uk)

For something to eat, try the estate's Tea Room.

Feel like a walk? From the Duke's Head pub in the village, you can stroll along the River Waveney to Herringfleet Mill.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/walking)

To find more gardens to visit, including town and village open gardens, go to [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) and [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)

### Carlton Marshes reborn

Suffolk Wildlife Trust's nature reserve at Carlton Marshes has always been a wonderful place to visit, full of wildlife, but during 2020 it was totally transformed. Last year saw the trust's ambitious plans to acquire and adapt farmland to create a thousand-acre reserve for wildlife and people come to fruition. Back in 2017, in the early days of the project, Matt Gooch, Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Sites Manager for North East Suffolk, told us about his hopes for the future:

"I think the transition itself will prove to be attractive to wildlife. It's likely that the open water and mud will bring in big assemblages of wintering waders and wildfowl. I wouldn't be surprised if we see up to 2,000 and 3,000 wigeon and teal. We'll probably see more birds like spoonbills, pink-footed geese, wigeon, teal, green sandpiper. Other species like black-winged stilts could also move in, maybe they'll even breed."

Extensive new areas of water have been created and trails, viewpoints and hides have been built, as well as an impressive new visitor centre where you can find out more about the environment and wildlife of Carlton Marshes and the Broads National Park. When it comes to creature comforts, humans are well-catered for too, with

a new café and a fun play area for children. There is good access for disabled visitors to the reserve and all indoor and outdoor facilities.

And how does Matt feel now? “The wetland habitat creation has been a superb success, with really high productivity of breeding waders like avocet, lapwing and redshank, as well as successes for other Broads species such as marsh harrier, fen raft spider, water vole and otter. The reserve is now also one of the most diverse sites in the UK for dragonflies and damselflies, with 28 species recorded.

“The wildlife success puts the pressure on for future years and that is why this site needs to remain a dynamic wetland every year, to ensure these species return.

“The centre and our visitor experience team mean Carlton Marshes is a very important resource for all user groups, especially in these times when wildlife and its contribution to our well-being can be such vital parts of people’s lives.”

### Getting to Carlton Marshes

- Moorings at Peto’s Marsh on the reserve
- It’s on the Angles Way long-distance trail
- If you’re on the Norfolk side of the River Waveney, take the ferry from Burgh St Peter – see page 16
- Train stations at Oulton Broad North and South
- Buses from Beccles and Oulton Broad

### More info

Entry to the reserve, visitor centre and car park is free 01473 890089

[www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org) [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk)

## Dark skies, bright lights

We all know what a beautiful place the Broads National Park is during the day, but Norfolk and Suffolk night skies have a beauty of their own thanks in no small part to their lack of light pollution. So what can you see throughout the seasons? All dates refer to 2021.

### Spring highlights

#### **The night sky in early spring at 9pm**

The planet Mars shines brightly with a red colour some 30 degrees above the western horizon. It is now moving further from the Earth. The winter giant Orion is setting in the west and making way for one of the few constellations resembling its name – Leo the lion. It is easy to find once you locate the Great Bear (Latin name Ursa Major) almost overhead. Follow the pointer down towards the south and you will find Leo. Its brightest star, Regulus, is the 21st brightest star in the night sky and although it appears to be a single star it is a multiple star system. A pair of binoculars will show one of the other stars in the system. Going back to the Great Bear, many people can recognise the Plough and a careful view of it will show you the last but one star in the handle, Mizar, is clearly a double star. A pair of binoculars shows this very easily.

If you want to see craters on the moon then you need a pair of binoculars, 7x50 magnification will suffice. Some of the best views are around the first quarter, which happens around 21 March, 20 April and 19 May, although the lighter evenings will make this less easy. One of the most prominent craters on the Terminator (band between light and dark) is Archimedes, some 50 miles across with crater walls 6,500 feet high, more than 20 times the height of Big Ben. To the south east of this are the Apennine Mountains with Mount Hadley near their northern end. The site of the Apollo 15 landing was in its shadow. There is a chance to see a thin crescent

moon just below Mars on 19 March and again on 17 April in the west.

## Summer nights

### **The night sky in early summer at 12 midnight**

Because of the short nights, summer does not give us much to see in the night sky, although, on a moonless night and in a dark place, the Milky Way will be stretching from the north east to south through the constellations of Cygnus and Aquila. On 29 June, just before 3am, a lovely grouping of a waning moon, Jupiter and Saturn makes a nice photo opportunity. Another chance for this occurs on 25 July and 21 August sees a near full moon joining the pair of planets. The 12 August is the peak of the Perseid meteor shower and with the moon out of the way there is a chance to see as many as 50 meteors per hour.

One of the loveliest displays to see between late May and early August is noctilucent clouds. These are thin layers of cloud sitting high in the mesosphere, a zone about 50 miles above the surface. The clouds are illuminated by the sun, which at this time of year is only six degrees below the horizon. The phenomenon is visible from between 90 minutes and two hours after sunset or shortly before sunrise.

## Autumn highlights

### **The night sky in early autumn at 9pm**

Moving on into autumn and longer nights we see the Milky Way stretching right overhead from north east to south west with Jupiter and Saturn setting in the south west. Moving over to east by 9pm and close to Cassiopeia is the constellation of Perseus. Halfway between Cassiopeia and the three brightest stars of Perseus you may see a fuzzy patch. Put a pair of binoculars on this patch and you will

see two small groups of stars. This is the famous Double Cluster in Perseus and each group contains over 50 stars.

Now move towards the south east and find the square of Pegasus, then follow a line of three stars back towards the east, stop at the second star and move up. Can you see a very faint hazy patch? A pair of binoculars will show a larger but still fuzzy patch. This is the Andromeda Galaxy, one of our galactic neighbours, although the light from it takes 2.5 million years to reach us! It takes long exposure photographs to show any detail.

This is just a taste of the wonders of the night sky and the Broads and coast give you some of the darkest skies in England from which to enjoy its beauty. Look out for events organised by local astronomy societies – they often have public observing sessions. I've mentioned the Milky Way several times and just to clarify, this is our galaxy. It contains over 100 billion stars, some of which will have planets orbiting them. I wonder if there is an astronomer on one of them talking about the wonders of the night sky?

### Safety

Please take care near the water, especially after dark. Take a torch, spare batteries and a charged mobile phone. If you're going out alone, tell someone where you're going and how long you'll be, and let them know when you're back.

### Dark Skies Festival

The Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is holding its third Dark Skies Festival this year, 25 September to 10 October. The Broads Authority will be supporting it with events.

[www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk](http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk)

### Local societies

- [www.westnorfolkastro.co.uk](http://www.westnorfolkastro.co.uk) (King's Lynn and District)

- [www.nnas.org](http://www.nnas.org) (North Norfolk)
- [www.norwichastro.org.uk](http://www.norwichastro.org.uk)
- [www.lyra-astro.co.uk](http://www.lyra-astro.co.uk) (Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth)

### Good places for stargazing

- How Hill National Nature Reserve
- Catfield
- Horsey Windpump
- West Somerton
- Thurne Mill
- St Benet's Abbey Moorings
- Geldeston Lock
- Beccles Marsh Trail
- North Cove
- Herringfleet Mill
- [www.darkskyfinder.com](http://www.darkskyfinder.com)

### View, brews and loos

Here are just three of the many Broads cafes offering lovely views and walks. You'll find more ideas for places to eat out go to [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/eating-out](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/eating-out)

### Horsey Windpump Tea-room, River Thurne

This National Trust (NT) cafe, offering takeaways only, due to restrictions, is situated at the staithe (or mooring place) just by the windpump.

**Views:** There are views of the staithe, dyke, boats and windpump

**Brews:** Hot and cold drinks and light snacks, including paninis and sausage rolls

**Loos:** NT public toilets with access for disabled visitors at the staithe

**Extra views:** There are lots of walking opportunities at Horsey, including a boardwalk from the staithe leading along the dyke to the edge of beautiful Horsey Mere. For boat trips see page 24. 01263 740241 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/horsey-windpump](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/horsey-windpump)

Dunes River Cafe, Acle Bridge, River Bure

The cafe is right by the moorings and also sells fresh bread, milk, toiletries and other household items.

**Views:** Inside and outside seating beside the river offers ever-changing waterside views

**Brews:** Hot food, sandwiches, drinks, ice creams and fabulous home-made cakes

**Loos:** Public toilets by the cafe, accessible public toilets in Acle

**Extra views:** Have a stroll along part of the Weavers' Way long-distance route, which passes by the cafe. 01493 394931  
[www.facebook.com/Dunesrivercafe](https://www.facebook.com/Dunesrivercafe)

Twyfords, Exchange Square, Beccles, River Waveney

This cafe is ideally situated for exploring the street. views of the old market town of Beccles – market day is Friday. As well as inside seating, outside seating is available in the courtyard garden.

**Views:** Stroll along New Market and take the steps behind St Michael's Church, which lead down to Puddingmoor; turn left and then just past Beccles Lido turn right to walk down to the river

**Brews:** Hot and cold drinks, breakfast and lunch menus, afternoon teas and indulgent cakes

**Loos:** Toilets at the cafe, accessible public toilets in Beccles

**Extra views:** For boat trips see page 24 and for Beccles Marsh Trail see page 31.

01502 710614 [www.twyfordscafe.co.uk](http://www.twyfordscafe.co.uk)

## Project news

### From new moorings to new futures

Here's a glimpse of just some of the projects involving the Broads Authority and our many partners. To find out more go to [www.broads-authority.gov.uk](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk)

### Southern Broads – new for 2021

A self-service Broads information point has opened at Lowestoft Railway Station. We hope this new facility will help you enjoy visits to the Broads as well as the coast.

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk) [www.discoverlowestoft.co.uk](http://www.discoverlowestoft.co.uk)

### New moorings

Broads Authority 24-hour free moorings are now available at Castle Staithe and Stalham Staithe. At the Castle Staithe moorings, near Caen Meadow in Wroxham, the quay heading has been repaired and new mooring posts and safety equipment have been installed. As part of the project at Stalham, the staithe has been completely refurbished, as befits this site of local historical and architectural significance, within a conservation area. At least three wherries, the traditional Broads trading boats, were built here and many others traded grain, other crops, coal and fertiliser. The Old Granary (now a private house) operated as a wherry granary, with the river running underneath the building, to allow wherries to load and unload grain

through hatches. Find out more about the history of Stalham and the wider Broads at the Museum of the Broads, also at the staithe.

[www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)

### The Return of Happy Times

Many fascinating and inspiring projects make up Water, Mills & Marshes, the Broads Landscape Partnership Scheme. Here's just one project, completed last year. Burgh Castle Almanac was an archaeology, creativity and well-being programme based at Burgh Castle Roman fort and Time and Tide Museum at Great Yarmouth, run by the Restoration Trust, in partnership with Norfolk Archaeological Trust and others. Follow the link below to The Return of Happy Times, a film directed by Lowestoft-based photographer and filmmaker

Julian Claxton, together with members of the Burgh Castle Almanac group. It illustrates Burgh Castle Almanac activities, with members also explaining how the group benefited them. The title, The Return of Happy Times, is taken from a saying on a Roman coin that the group found at the fort.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODVpf0bwVQI&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODVpf0bwVQI&feature=youtu.be)

Find out about the many other projects at

[www.watermillsandmarshes.org.uk](http://www.watermillsandmarshes.org.uk)

### The Broads is the business

In November 2020 the Broads Authority was the winner of the Knowledge Pioneer award in the Norfolk Business Awards, sponsored by the University of East Anglia. The Authority has built productive relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders including research institutions, schools and colleges, and the Broads communities themselves, including farmers, landowners, boat owners and visitors. The judges were impressed by how the Authority has structured the organisation to enable greater knowledge exchange and problem

solving. “Innovation and collaboration are hard-wired into the DNA of our organisation and together we have achieved so much for this unique and special place. This paves the way for us to manage the Broads National Park for future generations to enjoy,” said John Packman, Chief Executive.

Read more in the December 2020 Broads Briefing. [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/news](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/news)

### Clarion call

The Broads Authority is working on a new youth engagement and social action project in partnership with Clarion Housing, the UK’s largest housing association. The Authority’s Education Officer and rangers are providing training and education to young people who may not normally have an opportunity to visit the Broads. The aim is to inspire them with their local natural environment and to encourage them to deliver their own social action projects within their own communities. As well as exploring the Broads National Park, they’ll be working on projects including practical conservation, constructing wildlife homes, tree planting, and ecological surveying and recording. The initiative between Clarion Housing and the Authority is supported by the #iwill Fund, which is an England-wide joint investment bringing together funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport and the National Lottery Community Fund. [www.myclarionhousing.com](http://www.myclarionhousing.com) [www.iwill.org.uk](http://www.iwill.org.uk)

### Broadland Futures Initiative (BFI)

This important partnership is working towards future flood risk management, to cope with our changing climate and rising sea level. Since January 2021 the BFI has been undertaking virtual public engagement. For more info and for details on how you can have your say, please visit [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/bfi](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/bfi) A series of studyreports is also available on the website:

- Origins of the Plan Area – a brief history of the Broadland area and how it has changed and adapted over time
- Sources of Flood Risk – includes key flood events that occurred in the past
- Coastal Processes – describes the evolution of the coast between Cromer and Great Yarmouth, with a focus on the low-lying Eccles to Winterton area
- Current Approaches to Flood Risk Management – includes an overview of funding for flood risk management
- The Influence of Flood Risk Management – overview of how the local economy, as well as the social and natural environments, are influenced by current flood risk management

### Green Apple CANAPE

We are delighted that our CANAPE project, which is restoring wetlands and developing wetland agriculture, has won an International Green Apple Award for Environmental Best Practice. Our gold award is in the category Partnerships for Carbon Reduction. The CANAPE partnership consists of 14 organisations across five countries: the UK, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium. The award was given in September 2020 for our work with our project partners in:

- Demonstrating new types of farming, with wetter, more carbon friendly soils, to provide farmers with a sustainable alternative to current carbon intensive farming practices
- Providing simple calculation tools for conservationists and farmers to estimate and promote the carbon benefits of their projects

- Trialling and promoting commercial products. made from waste arising from conservation projects, such as charcoal and compost; these will reduce the cost of managing peatlands for nature
- Encouraging the purchase of peatland friendly products such as peat-free compost [www.northsearegion.eu/canape](http://www.northsearegion.eu/canape)

### Get outside and explore

The UK national parks have a new website to help you get outside and explore your national parks, including recovering with nature and learning outdoors. The site is a collaborative project between all 15 parks, managed by the national parks communications and marketing team, based within the Broad Authority's communications team. The parks have also established a newsletter, Postcards from the Parks, to keep you updated with projects and activities across the country, tell you inspirational stories and give you inside info. Find out more at [www.nationalparks.uk](http://www.nationalparks.uk)

### Why do they do it?

The Broads Authority's volunteers make things happen! Many projects just wouldn't be possible without them and the Authority is extremely grateful for all that they do. Many of their projects benefit visitors, but what exactly do they do and why do they do it? Here are four of their stories...

#### David Norton

I'm a retired Community Mental Health Nurse and I'm now a Volunteer Ranger on the River Waveney, doing waterways patrol and countryside management. I also volunteer with the ecology and environment staff, doing wildlife and ecosystem surveys.

I've always loved the Broads, so when I moved here I took the opportunity to volunteer to learn more about it, gain new skills,

make friends and most especially, have fun. It has lived up to my expectations and then some! I love being on the water in whatever boat I can find – as long as I'm on the water there's a great sense of freedom.

I remember one time after a heavy downpour, we approached a fisherman near Geldeston Lock to see if all was well. He and his dog were soaked through. The rangers lent him some wet weather gear and I'll always remember the smile on his face when we pulled away and the happy dog, all wrapped up in dry towel.

I also love the surveys, going to beautiful places and getting close to nature. People are fascinated by what I'm doing, especially when it involves reptiles. Others are sometimes fascinated by surveys too. Once I was kneeling by the river doing a water vole survey only to have a strange cold and wet sensation on the back of my neck. Turning around I discovered a young calf slobbering all over me...

**George Cooper**

I worked with Northamptonshire Police before semi-retiring to Norfolk. I love volunteering for two main reasons – the first is being able to see parts of the Broads I wouldn't otherwise see and the second is working with a great bunch of staff whose knowledge of the area and the flora and fauna I find really interesting. Oh, and working outside in all weathers!!

I think there is nothing better than being in the middle of nowhere mowing or reed cutting and looking at the superb colours in the skies and all around me. I love it. I have developed my skills in chainsaw work as well strimming and mowing so I am getting as much out of volunteering as I am offering.

There are so many memories. One time, we were working in the reed bed opposite How Hill when we saw all the ducks on the water

in one place (suggesting an otter around) and then it came out of the water and walked past us in the hide where we were sitting, about six feet away. Couldn't buy that experience. Challenges and humour are also very much part of volunteering. A challenge? I was working replacing the boardwalk in Hoveton and we were shifting material by wheelbarrow, which because of the height of the water was more like underwater wheelbarrowing. A humorous incident? Watching a colleague put his noodles lunch into his coffee thermos and not the water thermos.

### Martin Mills

I took early retirement from my role as a Sales Director and then worked as a trip boat operator at Wroxham and in local hotels. I'm now a Ranger Volunteer with the Lower Bure and Thurne ranger team. I saw a Broads volunteering ad in the Broad Sheet newsletter (sent out with tolls invoices), put my name forward and have volunteered ever since.

The main reason was to see more of the Broads. I'd lived here for 20 years but realised I didn't know many parts of the Broads very well. I enjoy getting out patrolling on the launches, but my favourite time is the winter, when the teams move to more practical conservation projects out on the fens and marshes. The camaraderie of volunteering makes for a really fun day out. It has also increased my fitness and I've started running.

I've visited places I wouldn't have known about or wouldn't have been able to visit outside the volunteering role and we get to see lots of wildlife – marsh harriers and bitterns. But one of my favourite spots was when we saw six otters, including three babies, right in the middle of the river. Most people have never seen one otter, never mind six at the same time.

Nicky Talbot

I have a variety of jobs at the moment, or as they now say, a 'portfolio' career, including working for Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Delia's Canary Catering team. As a volunteer I've checked ponies, done bittern surveys and fen clearance, and talked to visitors at the Royal Norfolk Show. The opportunities are wide ranging, you get out of it what you put in. I have gained skills in brush cutting and boat handling, and knowledge of plants and wildlife. Volunteering is also an ideal an opportunity to give something back.

My first day as a volunteer epitomises what I was looking for. We were outside all day, getting dirty and up to our knees in reeds and water. There was much laughter, banter and a great feeling of well-being. I also learnt a lot about fungi and fen management.

I never did any woodwork at school but this did not deter the team from helping me gain knowledge. The hand holes at the moorings next to the Swan Inn at Horning are a testament to this. While safely dangling from a work boat, I helped create, chisel, shape and make good. I always have a sense of pride when I see the hand holes as we go by.

Reedham Hill at How Hill is special to me. In February 2014 we were chopping up one of the pine trees that had blown down in a gale. It was a beautiful morning, sun shining, with a smell of fresh pine needles. I received a call from my daughter telling me she had passed her medical exams, ready to start her career as a doctor. Tears in my eyes and a beamy smile were met with many congratulations from my colleagues. [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/how-you-can-help/volunteering](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/how-you-can-help/volunteering)

## Wild places

### How to make a mini broad

The Broads is a wonderful wetland, a place of dykes, ponds, marshes and fens, full of amazing wildlife. It's a last remnant of a vast wetland habitat that covered much of East Anglia 1,000 years ago, in a time before modern drainage techniques had turned the watery wilderness into agricultural fields.

Wetlands are massively threatened habitats. Since 1700, 87% of the world's wetlands have been lost, and we are currently losing wetlands at a rate three times faster than natural forests! So, if you enjoy your visit to the Broads, why not create your own bit of wildlife wetland at home?

### Building a wildlife pond or mini broad

Designed and constructed well, a pond will require minimal maintenance but provide enormous benefit to wildlife in gardens and parks. Your pond can be small or large – even an old sink dug into the ground will attract newts, frogs and dragonflies. Add a few plants and ensure that the edges are buried to ground level and wildlife will find it naturally. A larger pond will give a variety of habitats and space for marsh and shallow water plants and associated invertebrates.

If your soil is heavy clay, then you may be able to just dig a hole, keep wetting and compressing the clay, and then allow the hole to fill with rainwater.

If your soil is more free draining, then the pond will need lining. Rigid, pre-formed liners are available to bury into the ground, or you can buy a polyethylene, PVC or butyl rubber membrane to line the hole, ideally laid on a layer of sand, old carpet or underlay to protect

it from punctures. A pond combining a deep area and shallow, shelving edges will be best for a variety of plants and animals.

Try to ensure that the pond is deep enough, about 60cm (2'). Shallow ponds can dry out in hot weather and freeze in winter. If you need to top up water levels, use rainwater from a butt if you can. If you do use tap water, leave it to stand for 48 hours to allow the chlorine to evaporate before adding it to the pond.

### What to put in your pond?

A variety of native plants is best. A mixture of floating, emergent and submerged plants will give a range of different microhabitats for animal life. Specialist online retailers and some garden centres sell native pond plants and you may be able to transfer some plants from another garden pond.

### Some plants to try

Submerged: water milfoil, hornwort, water violet, curled pondweed

Floating: water soldier, frogbit, white water lily (large ponds only)

Emergent: purple loosestrife, water mint, yellow flag iris (large ponds only)

### And some creatures

Animals will generally find their own way to ponds. Insects such as water boatmen and water beetles will fly in, and mayflies, damselflies and dragonflies will visit to lay eggs. Their larvae will soon establish a thriving community. Water fleas and snails often appear as if by magic (probably transferred as eggs on water plants or maybe on the feet of visiting birds). Newts and frogs nearly always seem to find ponds without any deliberate introduction!

### Something fishy?

Interesting as fish are, they don't really benefit a wildlife pond. They will eat invertebrates, newts and frogspawn, and enrich the water,

leading to blooms of blanket weed and other algae. Cloudy, nutrient-rich water will lead to die-back of submerged water plants.

### Plants to avoid!

Some non-native plants are invasive and cause major problems if they are introduced into the wider environment. Please don't put any of these plants in your pond (and check with your garden centre as they have several names):

- Australian swamp stonecrop or New Zealand Pygmyweed
- Parrot's feather
- Floating pennywort
- Water ferns (*Azolla filiculoides* and *Azolla caroliniana*)

### Other top tips

- Try to site your pond away from overhanging trees, otherwise fallen leaves will add nutrients to the water and create endless work clearing them out.
- Make sure that your pond has a gently shelving edge so that hedgehogs and other small mammals can get out of the water if they fall in. Put in a ramp or a few rocks around the edge if necessary.
- Aim for a floating plant cover over about half the water surface. This will provide shade and shelter for animals but allow sufficient light for submerged plants. Floating plants also help to keep the water cool and control algae.
- If your pond gets too full of plants, gently clear it out (but be careful not to puncture the liner). Pull out plants from about a third to a half of the pond between September and January.

Make sure that you leave the plants close to the pond for a few days to allow any small creatures to return to the water.

- Please don't transfer any plants, frogspawn or water from your pond into a wild waterway or pond. You could accidentally release non-native species into the natural environment or spread diseases.

More info to help you

- [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)
- [www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org)
- [www.discoverwildlife.com](http://www.discoverwildlife.com)
- [www.wwt.org.uk](http://www.wwt.org.uk)
- Find out about pond creation on a grand scale by visiting Carlton Marshes – see page 52.

## What's on

Here are just some of the places and people with lots going on to help you make the most of your visit to the Broads. While the spring and summer are lovely times to visit, autumn and winter are also great seasons to visit the Broads. The colder months are wonderful times for walking and birdwatching, and many places stay open throughout the year.

Some organisations listed may have special events, to attend in person or online. Please check all details with the organisations mentioned.

You can also find full details for places to visit, things to do and what's on, including Broads Authority events such as guided walks and wildlife activities, at [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk)

## Wherry Yacht Charter

This is a fleet of five historic pleasure wherries and wherry yachts, ranging in age from 94 to 116 years old. The pleasure wherries are Hathor and Ardea; the wherry yachts are Olive, Norada and White Moth. These magnificent, fully-restored vessels are based in Wroxham and usually sail the Broads from May to September each year. The wherries can be chartered for your exclusive use; they can be booked by the day with a skipper and crew, or for longer with just a skipper, who has separate living quarters. There's usually also a programme of public sailings, from two hours to a full day, with skipper and crew.

01603 781475 [www.wherryyachtcharter.org](http://www.wherryyachtcharter.org)

## Norfolk Wherry Trust and Wherry Maud Trust

There are few things more evocative of the Broads than the sight of a black-sailed trading wherry moving with the power of the wind. Of the original 300 that transported a huge variety of goods and materials from staithe to staithe there are now only two still plying the rivers and broads, Maud and Albion. The Norfolk Wherry Trust hopes to offer charters on Albion again this year.

[www.wherryalbion.com](http://www.wherryalbion.com) [www.wherrymaudtrust.org](http://www.wherrymaudtrust.org)

## St Benet's Abbey

There are usually free guided tours at St Benet's Abbey on the River Bure near Ludham, from May to the end of September, at 3pm on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays (except 1 August). Meet at the information panel beside the gatehouse and mill. Tours last 45 minutes to an hour. Find out about the dramatic rise and fall of the abbey and its role in making the Broads.

Sunday 1 August 3.30pm

### **Annual Open-Air Ecumenical Service**

St Benet's Abbey, St Benet's Road, Ludham NR29 5NU

Service at this historic site of pilgrimage, led by the Abbot of St Benet's and Bishop of Norwich, who arrives by wherry. The site can be reached on foot, by boat and by car. There is a car park for disabled visitors. Parking for others for this free event is usually in fields with uneven surfaces. The area between the gatehouse, the moorings and the car park is fully accessible. 01692 630216

[www.stbenetsabbey.org](http://www.stbenetsabbey.org)

## Festival time

Norfolk & Norwich Festival

17-30 May [www.nnfestival.org.uk](http://www.nnfestival.org.uk)

Suffolk Walking Festival

22-31 May [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk)

Suffolk Open Studios

Weekends in June [www.suffolkopenstudios.org](http://www.suffolkopenstudios.org)

Heritage Open Days

10-19 September [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

Dark Skies Festival

25 September to 10 October. The Broads Authority will be contributing some events. [www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk](http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk)

Norfolk Open Studios

25 September to 10 October [www.norfolkstudios.org.uk](http://www.norfolkstudios.org.uk)

Norwich Science Festival

23-30 October [www.norwichsciencefestival.co.uk](http://www.norwichsciencefestival.co.uk)

Boating events

Full details from [www.thegreenbook.org.uk](http://www.thegreenbook.org.uk)

More countryside, wildlife and water events and activities

- [www.bartonhouserailway.org.uk](http://www.bartonhouserailway.org.uk)

- [www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org)
- [www.TheCanoeMan.com](http://www.TheCanoeMan.com)
- [www.fairhavengarden.co.uk](http://www.fairhavengarden.co.uk)
- [www.howhilltrust.org.uk](http://www.howhilltrust.org.uk)
- [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)
- [www.norfolkoutdooradventures.co.uk](http://www.norfolkoutdooradventures.co.uk)
- [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)
- [www.plover-rovers.com](http://www.plover-rovers.com)
- [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)
- [www.salhousebroad.org.uk](http://www.salhousebroad.org.uk)
- [www.southyarewildlifegroup.org](http://www.southyarewildlifegroup.org)
- [www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org)
- [www.thurnewindmill.co.uk](http://www.thurnewindmill.co.uk)
- [www.wheatfen.org](http://www.wheatfen.org)
- [www.windenergymuseum.co.uk](http://www.windenergymuseum.co.uk)

## Info

### Covid-19

For our current information please go to [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/news/coronaviruscovid-19](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/news/coronaviruscovid-19)

Please bear in mind that due to the current situation, visitor information given in Broadcaster may have changed since the time of compilation. [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk)

The visitor website for the Broads, which is mobile responsive, has all you need to know about where to go and what to do, where to stay ashore and afloat, where to eat, boating, special events and everything else you need to visit the Broads by land and water. There's also a blog to inspire you with ideas for your visit. Or find us on Facebook

## Visit the Broads

For all the latest news, offers and events from the Broads National Park join the newsletter mailing list:

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/newsletter](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/newsletter) If you organise special events, you can submit events for our website at any time, and if you have a business in the Broads and would like to add or update your company information on the site, please contact us too. Find out how to join Visit the Broads, which works in partnership with the Broads Authority to provide a strong voice for Broads tourism-related businesses, at [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/business](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/business) You can also find the Broads National Park on:

**Twitter** @BroadsNP

**Facebook** Broads National Park

**Instagram** @broadsnationalpark

## Broads National Park information centres

For a warm welcome and expert local advice whatever your enquiry, visit the Broads National Park information centres, where our knowledgeable staff will help you make the most of your time in the Broads. You'll find the centres at Hoveton, How Hill and Ranworth. See the telephone directory and page 77 for more details.

The centres stock leaflets and sell an extensive range of maps, guides, books, postcards, souvenirs and locally made ice cream. They have lots of boating info to help you too, including tide tables and navigation maps. You can book for Broads National Park boat trips

and buy short visit boat licences. At Hoveton we can also help you to find bed and breakfast, guest house or hotel accommodation.

For guidance on drone use go to [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/visiting/drone-use](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/visiting/drone-use)

We look forward to seeing you!

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/information-centres](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/information-centres)

## Broads Briefing

Sign up for our Broads Briefing newsletter covering all aspects of our work. [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/newsletter](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/newsletter)

## Broads Engage

Find out about contributing your ideas for looking after and managing the Broads National Park. [www.broads-authority.gov.uk/broads-engage](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/broads-engage)

**UK National Parks:** [www.nationalparks.uk](http://www.nationalparks.uk)

## Public transport

### Buses

For all bus services in the Broads contact Traveline 0871 200 22 33  
[www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

### Trains

From Norwich the Bittern Line goes north through Wroxham and the Wherry Lines go east to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft. National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)<http://www.traveline.info/>

[www.greateranglia.co.uk](http://www.greateranglia.co.uk) [www.bitternline.com](http://www.bitternline.com)

[www.wherrylines.com](http://www.wherrylines.com) [www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/getting-here](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk/getting-here)

## Weather

[www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/what/](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/what/) [www.met-office-weather-app](http://www.met-office-weather-app)

## Visit the Broads with your dog – on land or water

- Dogs are allowed on public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways and byways) under effective control
- On areas known as open access land, dogs must be kept on a lead no more than two metres long
- between 1 March and 31 July to protect ground-nesting birds, and all year round near farm animals
- Routes called permissive paths may not allow dogs and many nature reserves don't allow dogs
- Restrictions on dogs shouldn't unreasonably restrict access for assistance dog users.
- If you have a problem, contact the local authority or the Kennel Club – 01296 318540 or [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)  
For places to visit try [www.thebarkingbugle.co.uk](http://www.thebarkingbugle.co.uk)
- For boating with dogs, see Boating basics, starting on page 21

## Please

- clear up after dogs
- check access for dogs with places you plan to visit and respect restrictions on dogs
- keep dogs close by, under effective control (on leads if necessary) and in sight
- don't let dogs wander near people, wildlife or livestock, or disturb them
- let go of dogs and their leads if you or they are bothered by livestock; don't try to rescue them

- never enter the water to rescue a pet – you are putting your own life at risk [www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code)

## Telephone directory

**Emergencies** – coastguard, fire, police, ambulance 999 or 112

**Broads Authority** – main office 01603 610734 – Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich NR1 1RY – [broads@broads-authority.gov.uk](mailto:broads@broads-authority.gov.uk)

[www.broads-authority.gov.uk](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk)

[www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk](http://www.VisitTheBroads.co.uk)

**Broads Control** – Broads Authority navigation advice and incidents 01603 756056

**Beccles Yacht Station** 01502 712225 / 07938 845744

**Environment Agency** – incident hotline 0800 80 70 60 – use this for pollution incidents. During the day you can also call Broads Authority Broads Control on 01603 756056 or for serious pollution incidents outside office hours you can also call the coastguard on 999 or 112.

**Great Yarmouth Yacht Station** (see page 21) 01493 842794 / 07766 398238

**Hospitals** – James Paget University Hospital (Gorleston, Great Yarmouth – 24-hour casualty) 01493 452452, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (Norwich – 24-hour casualty) 01603 286286

**Hoveton/Wroxham Broads Information Centre** (see page 8) 01603 782281 / 01603 756097

**Mutford Lock** 01502 574946 / 01502 531778

**NHS 111** – call 111 for 24-hour urgent but non-emergency medical advice [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

**Norwich Yacht Station** (see page 22) 01603 612980 / 07747 065378

**Oulton Broad Yacht Station** 01502 574946

**Police** – non-emergency 101

**Potter Heigham Bridge pilot** 07990 686097 or

**Phoenix Fleet boatyard** 01692 670460

**Ranworth Broads Information Centre** (see page 5) 01603 756094

**Reedham Quay** (see page 22) 01493 701867 / 07733 102566

**Toad Hole Cottage** (see page 6) 01692 678763 / 01603 756096

### **Wildlife emergency**

- Marine and Wildlife Rescue 01692 650338; RSPCA 0300 1234 999

Other tourist information centres (may be seasonal)

### **Great Yarmouth**

- Marine Parade 01493 846346

### **Norwich**

- The Forum, Millennium Plain 01603 989500
- Other tourist information points (may be seasonal)

### **Beccles**

- For all information points call 01502 716806
- Beccles Books, 1 Exchange House, Exchange Square
- Library, Blyburgate

- Saxons, 35 New Market
- Station Cafe, Station Road

### **Bungay**

- Art Trading Company, 55 Earsham Street
- Library, Wharton Street

### **Loddon**

- Library, off Church Plain

### **Lowestoft**

- Hotel Hatfield, The Esplanade
- Kirkley Centre, 154 London Road South
- Library, Clapham Road South
- Railway Station, Denmark Road

### **Oulton Broad**

- Library, 92 Bridge Road
- Yacht Station, Bridge Road

### **Eating out in the Broads**

[www.visitthebroads.co.uk/food-and-drink](http://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/food-and-drink)

### **Where to stay in the Broads**

[www.visitthebroads.co.uk/where-to-stay](http://www.visitthebroads.co.uk/where-to-stay)