



# 14 NORFOLK WALSINGHAM

▶ Distance: 10.7km/6¾ miles ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Easy

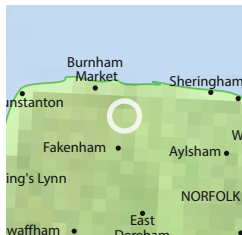
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Walsingham Abbey.

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## PLAN YOUR WALK



## ROUTE

**Start/parking** Car park at Catholic National Shrine, grid ref TF920352. (At busy times, additional parking is opened in adjacent field.)

**Is it for me?** Easy walking along former railway, quiet lanes and field paths – may be muddy after rain.

**Stiles** None

## PLANNING

**Nearest town** Fakenham

**Refreshments** Pubs and cafés in Little Walsingham

**Public toilets** Little Walsingham

**Public transport**

Norfolk Green service 29 connects Walsingham with Wells-next-the-Sea & Fakenham

**Maps** OS Explorer 251, Landranger 132.

village square where you can visit Walsingham Abbey gardens (charge) and Anglican National Shrine (free). →



CHOSEN BY...

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An uplifting walk around one of

England's most important sites of pilgrimage. This route lets you follow in the footsteps of the pilgrims who would walk shoeless from the Slipper Chapel to the abbey at Walsingham. Today you can visit the two National Shrines (the Catholic one at the start and the Anglican one on the walk) and wander in the abbey grounds (charges apply), as well as exploring the tranquil farmland beyond. Look out for the wonderful phone box library in Great Snoring!

## 1 Start

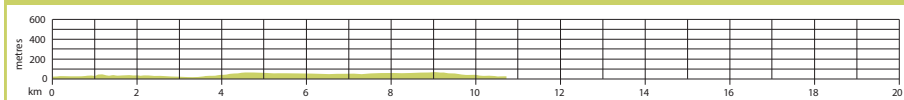
Emerging from car park, turn

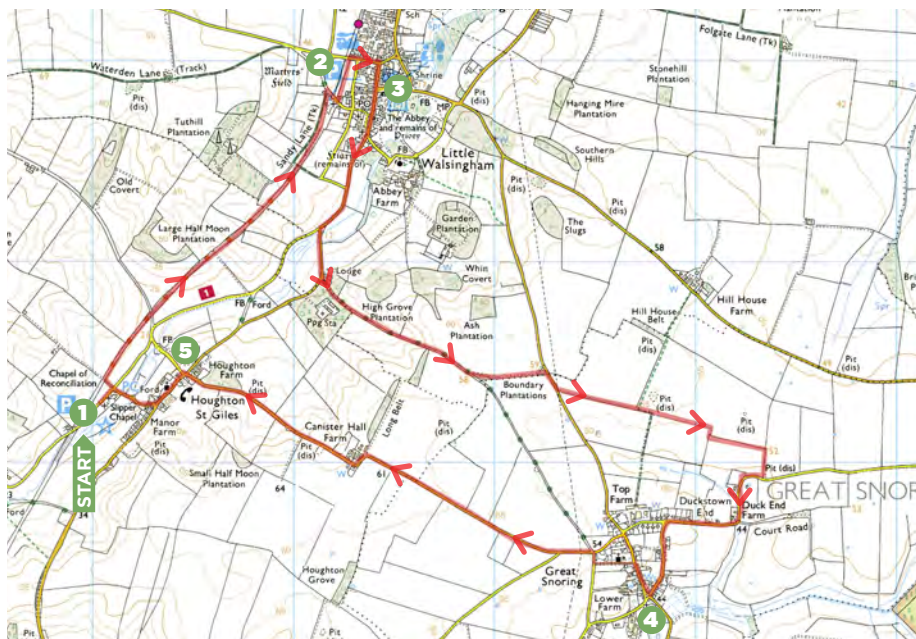
R, passing by Catholic Shrine (free entry) on road into Walsingham. At junction with another road (R), turn L on farm track and follow to reach footpath along former railway line. Turn R and follow path (which later becomes wider track) for 1.8km/1 mile into Little Walsingham, eventually reaching former station building.

## 2 2km/1¼ miles

Visit Orthodox Chapel of St Seraphim in former station building (free entry). Don't descend into village; continue north on road to reach T-junction. Turn R and follow road to reach Walsingham Farm Shop. Turn R on road just before farm shop to reach

## GRADIENT PROFILE



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WALSINGHAM▶ OS Explorer map 251 ▶ Buy maps at: [ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapshop](http://ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapshop)

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**3** 2.5km/1½ miles

Continue south on High Street, heading past the abbey gatehouse L and later the ruined friary R. Leaving village, ignore junctions, continuing south to a prominent fork where road divides. Take L fork signed for East Barsham. Road climbs slightly, crossing bridge over river. Branch L on green lane and follow for ½ a mile. At prominent tree stump turn L off green lane onto permissive environmental stewardship path (waymarked), passing row of trees L. At road, turn R and follow for 100 yards, then turn L on path keeping to R-hand

edge of field. Path (marked by stewardship signs) eventually veers sharp R to reach lane

**4** 6.3km/4 miles

Turn R on the road to enter Great Snoring. At the fork, turn L and follow to the centre of village to visit the phone box library on small green. Turn R on main road (The Street) heading north. Just before village church, take footpath L through kissing-gate. Emerge onto the road and turn R, then L at next junction. At fork, take R-hand lane and follow for 2km to reach crossroads in Houghton St Giles.

**5** 10km/6¼ miles

Turn L, passing church R. Turn R on lane heading down towards ford. Cross on bridge and follow lane, climbing to reach crossroads by Catholic National Shrine. Turn R, passing shrine, back to car park. **CW**



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