

Horstead Mill Access Audit



A short fully accessible walk on the Upper Bure.

This walk is flat and fully accessible

The walk offer great views of the river, seating and designated car parking

Post code for the car park is NR12 7AT

Car parking and access

Entrance to the car park is from Mill Road, Horstead

The car park has a limited amount of spaces

Car park surface is flat, level and even and is a resin bound surface.



Direct access to mill pond to allow easy viewing and opportunity for fishing

Surface is breedon gravel and is solid throughout

Flat level surface by the quay heading

Slope to quay heading is less than 1:15



Benches and viewing point

Benches and viewing point can be accessed directly from the car park.

There are 5 benches providing views across Horstead mill pond

Access is flat level and even throughout with less than a 4% incline and cross fall throughout.

Bollards are paced at 1.2 metres width



Surface change

Surface changes from breedon gravel to concrete .

Concrete section is flat, solid and stable throughout.

Concrete section runs for 15metres

Concrete section has 4 benches which offer a great view of the mill pond

Footpath details

1.2 metres wide throughout

Breedon gravel surface

Flat, level and even throughout

No slopes, no obstructions, minimal cross fall



Portage section of route

Boardwalk section of access is over 1.5 metres wide,

This provides great views of the upper Bure

Boardwalk section is 35 metres long and has a slope of 5%



Easy access picnic bench

Off the walk with access all around

On surfaced section to allow access for all

Picnic bench provides views of Upper Bure and green space



Walk runs past the mill pond, takes in views of the Bure and also runs through woodland on the way back to the car park.

Because of its accessibility it is a popular site for users. Its a great place to fish and enjoy the river.



What can I expect on this walk?



Easy access and obstruction free throughout the whole route

Free car parking at Horstead Mill car park.

Seating available overlooking the mill pond. Picnic bench available to over look the river Bure. This route offers easy access to the river Bure throughout the year.

What can I expect to see?

One of the few fully accessible routes in the Broads National Park. Herons, kingfishers, otters, boats, fishermen, willows, paddle boarders and canoeists are a common site.

What can I hear?

Wind in the trees, bird song, cattle, crunch of your shoes on the surface, water craft using the river.

What facilities are there?

Full range of local facilities can be accessed in Horstead and in Coltishall.

How can I get there?

Bus route X55 from Mundlesey or Norwich

Less than 10 miles from Norwich. 20 minutes travel time

This map shows the location of the route within the National Park



The Broads Authority is part of the family of National Parks.

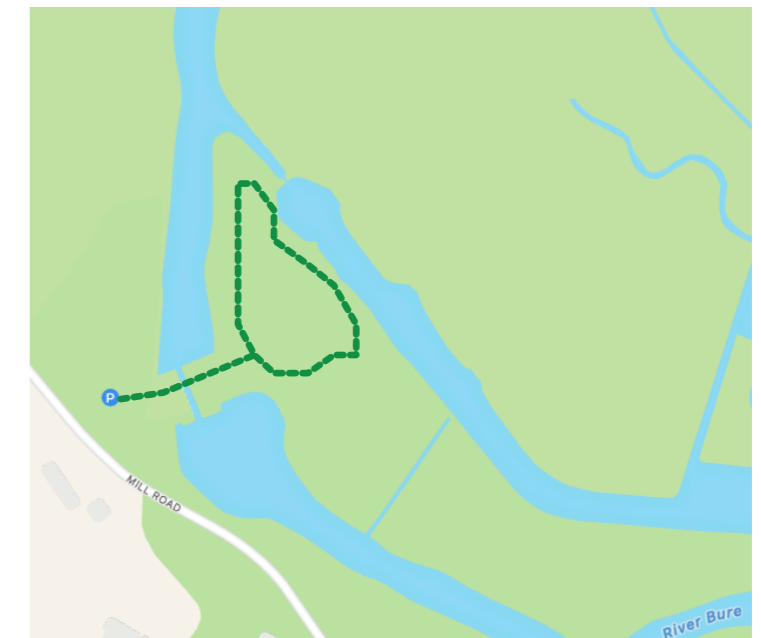
This is a wonderful area to discover the natural environment

Walk is fully accessible throughout

Obstacle free

Seating available throughout route

Circular walk



Local stories and information



Horstead Mill was once the site of the last and one of the largest mills in Norfolk.

A catastrophic fire burnt the mill down in the polar like winter of 1963 ending over 200 hundred years of milling on the site.

The cut was opened in 1779 as part of the navigation to allow wherries access through to Aylsham and also to be able to avoid the water mills. New locks were installed in order to allow wherries to be raised the five feet from the lower to upper Bure river level.

In 1912 there was a catastrophic flood which destroyed the locks and silted up the river stopping the river navigation in the area.

The area is rich in wildlife with dragonflies, butterflies and birds in great numbers throughout the summer.

