

Walcott Access Audit



An obstruction free accessible footpath on the Norfolk coastline.

This hidden gem allows easy access to a fully accessible route allowing wonderful views across the beach.

The on road route is 400 metres long but there is access to the beach depending upon ability.

The route can be extended if you walk along the sea wall skirting

Sloped access to the beach and great opportunities to get closer to nature with ease.

Seating, toilets and services are all available within Walcott.

This is a linear walk which can be adapted depending upon ability

Car parking and access

Car parking is on road, free and adjacent to the beach.

There is a small car park for up to 10 cars at the eastern end of the route

Post code NR12 0AA



Pavement access

The pavement is tarmac throughout. It is flat level, solid and has no slope.

The pavement is over 2 metres in width throughout

This provides great views across the beach

The sea defence can be used as seating or resting points throughout the route



On site facilities

There is a toilet with disabled facilities included.

There is also a disabled parking space by the toilet block to assist with mobility and access



Deep history coast information point

Adjacent to the toilet block there is a deep history information point.

This provides both seating and information based on archeological findings in the area.



Skirting access

There is access to the beach directly from the small car park.

Access is via a concrete slope

The slope is over 3 metres wide and has a slope of between 10.5 and 11.5 degrees



Please note

The gate may be closed during high tides and storm surges preventing access to the beach via the ramp.

This is the only sloped access to the beach. There are stepped access points elsewhere on the route that can be used.



Left hand slope

Left hand slope is concrete has a incline of between 11.5 and 6.5 degrees

There is a handrail in place to assist with access



Right hand slope

Left hand slope is concrete has a incline of between 9.5 and 11 degrees

There is a handrail in place to assist with access



What can I expect on this walk?



Direct and easy access to the route from parking areas.

Free car parking on road, in the car park and by the toilets for disabled users

Seating available via the sea wall, by the toilets and cafe and on the sea wall skirting

What can I expect to see?

Great views of the beach , gulls drifting lazily on the breeze, they feel almost close enough to touch

What can I hear?

Waves crashing on the shore, gulls calling,

What facilities are there?

Full range of local facilities can be accessed on the walk in Walcott

Extending the walk

The walk can be extended by accessing the beach and the sea wall skirting

How can I get there?

Bus route 34 sanders

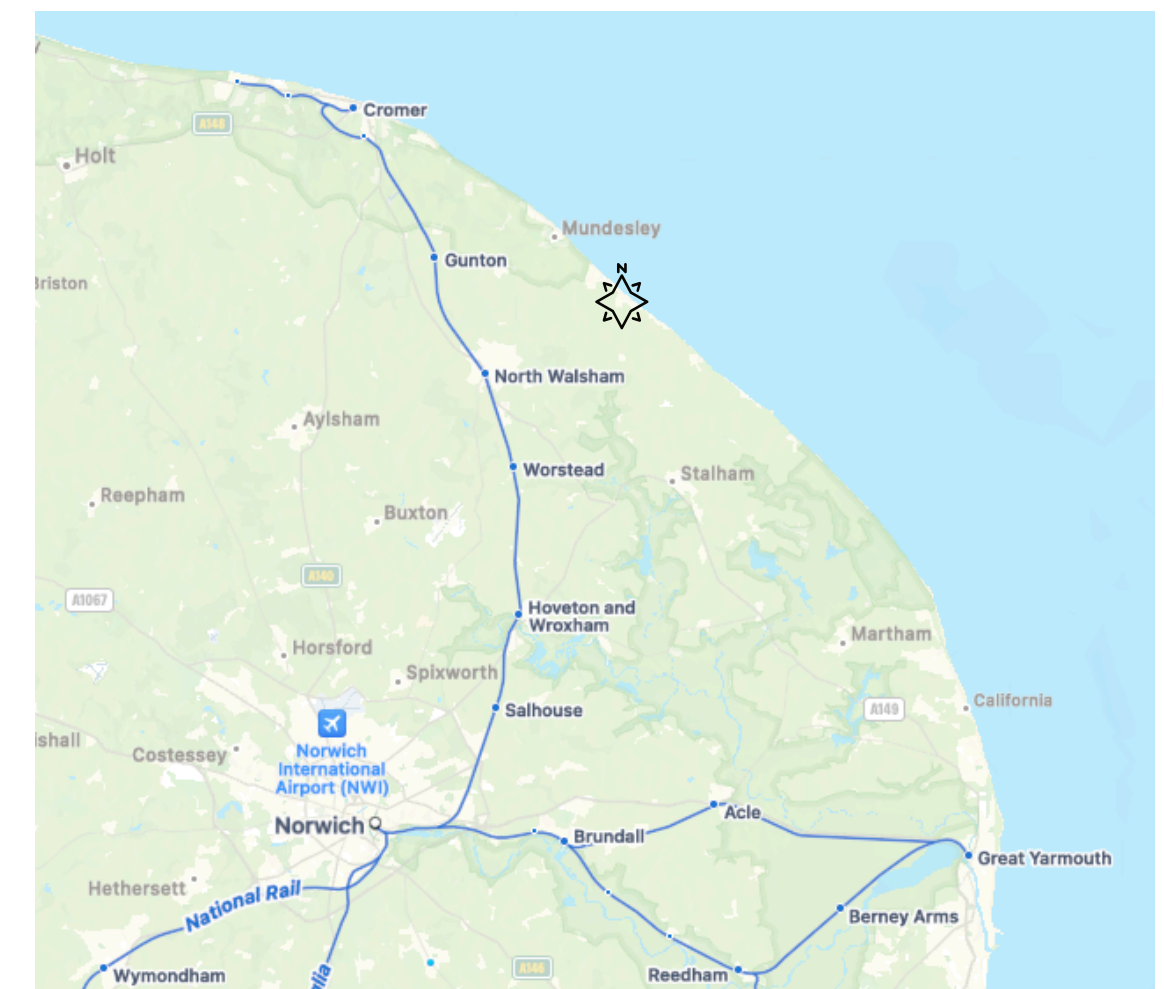
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Walcott is 5 miles or 15 minutes from Mundlesley by car

Walcott is 15 minutes from North Walsham by car

Walcott is 45 minutes from Norwich

Walcott is on the A149 coast road



Beach access and extending the route

Access to the beach is via a timber slipway leading from the skirting at the base of the sea wall

Slope is between 8 and 10 degrees

Slipway has got gaps between the timbers of 5 millimetres

This does not meet access standards but can be accessed depending on ability



The beach has got a number of groyne running along the beach for protection.

These can divide the beach up into sections and can be navigated depending on the height of the beach.

These are great places to discover crabs, shellfish such as limpets and seaweeds holding onto the groyne.

Conditions change with the tides so please check tide timetables before going to the beach

Sea wall skirting

The “skirting” is the area at the base of the sea wall.

This is a flat concrete route which is over 3 metres wide and has minimal slopes and has got timber seating running throughout

This can be accessed by the ramps detailed in the document.

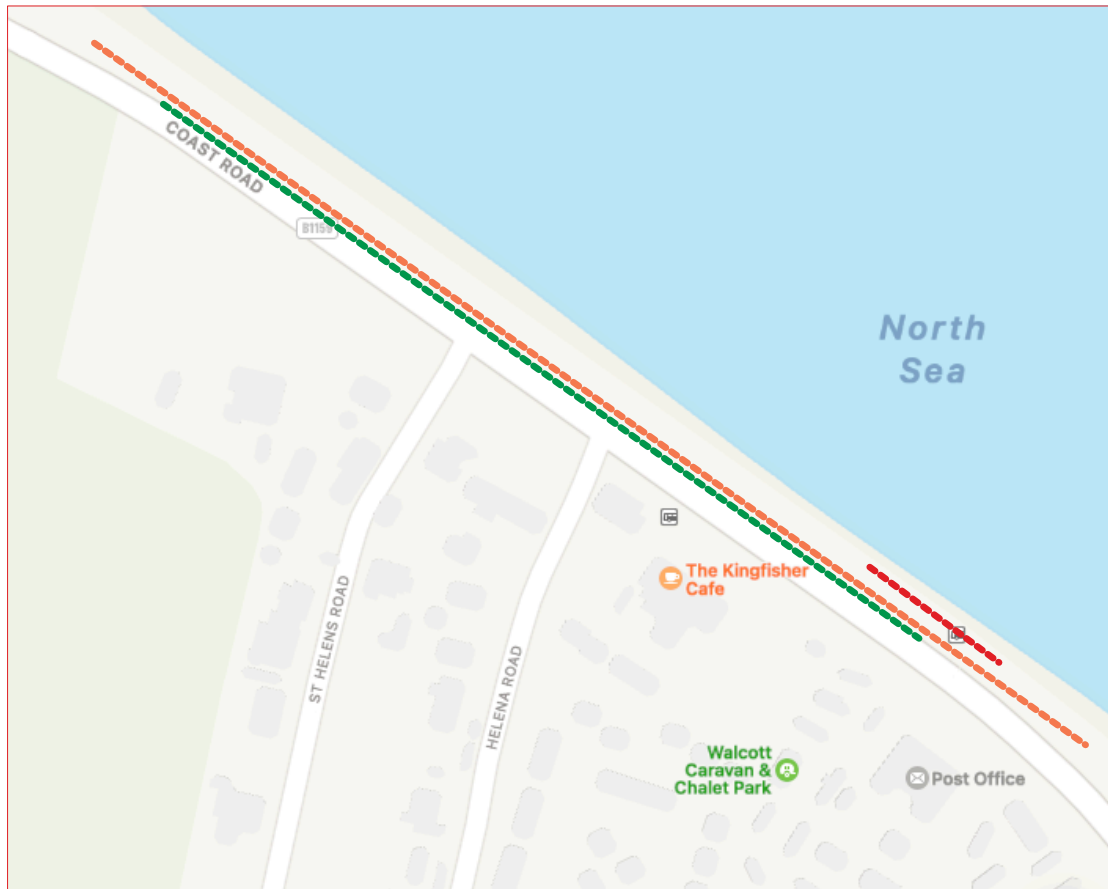
There is additional access from a number of flights of steps along the route. These stairs have all got handrails

The skirting brings you closer to the beach but still provides an elevated viewpoint across the shoreline

The skirting almost doubles the length of the route allowing great access along the whole of the frontage



Map of the route



Legend

Green line is the on road section of the walk. This is 400metres in length

The orange line is the skirting walk which can be extended as far as the route is clear of sand. This changes with the seasons so the distance can alter

The red section is beach access which can be altered depending upon the ability of the user.

These can be combined to create a beach walk with very good access throughout.