

West Runton Club Site – Felbrigg Hall

Camping and Caravanning

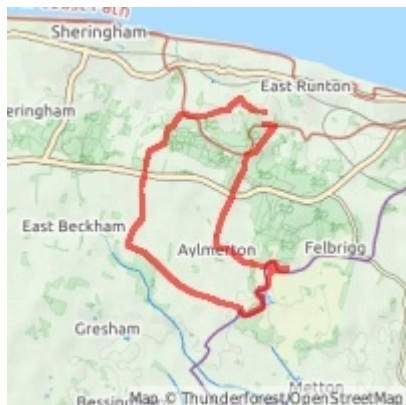


Route Summary



A seven-mile walk through lovely Norfolk countryside, passing through woodland and green lanes to the National Trust's Felbrigg Hall. Stop at a sheltered courtyard cafeteria for lunch and return via the pretty village of Aylmerton.

Route Overview



Category: Walking

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Undefined

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Difficulty: Easy

Length: 12.250 km / 7.66 mi

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Description



West Runton Club Site is surrounded by woodland walks and is close to the Norfolk Coast Path

From West Runton Club Site you are spoilt for choice with walks in all directions. From the top of the site you can walk north-west on footpaths across the North Norfolk steam railway and over Beeston Bump into Sheringham (where lunch at The Two Lifeboats overlooking the sea is an attractive proposition). From the bottom of the site (the south east corner) you can find the footpath north-east to Cromer, which also crosses the steam railway and offers a walk along the lovely pier. A short drive to Sheringham Park allows you to park at the National Trust property and walk through delightful grounds to the coastal cliffs.

This walk, however, takes you south to Felbrigg Hall, a National Trust property with a lovely lake and walled gardens. It has a cafeteria in a pleasant courtyard where you can enjoy lunch (membership is not required to enter the grounds or use the café).

This walk starts at the spacious West Runton Club Site and takes you through pleasant mixed woodland and along green lanes between fields to the National Trust property of Felbrigg Hall, returning via the pretty village of Aylmerton.

Start

From the north-west corner of the site a gate leads on to a footpath towards West Runton village. Follow this for 400 metres and at a footpath junction turn left to cross a minor road. There are now two tracks ahead – take the one on the right which is marked as Calves Well Lane on the map. Follow this for half a mile before turning left through old iron workings and then a wood (1). At a junction between a footpath on the left and a bridleway to the right, take the bridleway heading south west at first. After passing a wood on your right you come to a main road – the A148. This is quite a busy road but visibility is good and you should have no trouble crossing quickly and carefully when there is no traffic.

On the other side of the road you are on a mile-long green lane called Bennington's Lane. At the end of this turn left, heading south west on a track named Mill Lane (2). As you pass the wood on your right you will see a clearing with a large log to sit on and have your morning coffee listening to bird song.

At the end of Mill Lane there is a large stone cross at a minor road junction (3) – go straight on along the road for 500

metres. Now you need to carry on for about 50 metres on the road before a footpath sign marked Weaver's Way (4) leads you into woodland on the left (marked Common Plantation on the map).

The Weavers Way leads you 300m to Felbrigg Pond where swans and other water birds will entertain you if you sit on the bench there.

The path then continues north to Felbrigg Hall where there is a National Trust cafeteria which makes a very pleasant lunch stop.

Felbrigg Hall is a 17th-century country house. Part of a National Trust property, the unaltered 17th-century house is noted for its Jacobean architecture and fine Georgian interior. The estate has more than 500 acres of rolling landscape with waymarked trails and there is a very well-maintained walled garden.

After exploring Felbrigg Hall walk back across the front of the main building in a westerly direction along a path (5) through a gate to a minor road still heading west that leads you into Aylmerton village. At the t-junction in the village turn right (6) onto another minor road past the church. You can avoid the narrowest part of the road by walking through the church grounds. This road leads you north to the Roman Camp Inn named because there is ancient evidence of a Roman camp close by. Cross the main A 148 again with care and continue north along a minor road to a junction (7). You can now walk a footpath on the right-hand side parallel to the road that leads you to the entrance to the West Runton Club Site. To avoid the road entrance take the footpath to the right and this takes you through pleasant woodland back to the south-east corner of the site.

Waypoints

(52.93128; 1.25487)

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1 (52.92884; 1.23015)

At a junction between a footpath on the left and a bridleway to the right, take the bridleway heading south west at first. After passing a wood on your right you come to a main road – the A148. This is quite a busy road but visibility is good and you should have no trouble crossing quickly and carefully when there is no traffic.

On the other side of the road you are on a mile-long green lane called Bennington's Lane. At the end of this turn left, heading south west on a track named Mill Lane.

2 (52.90958; 1.22400)

As you pass the wood on your right you will see a clearing with a large log to sit on and have your morning coffee listening to bird song.

At the end of Mill Lane there is a large stone cross at a minor road junction – here go straight on along the road for 500 metres.

(52.90242; 1.24119)

3 (52.90079; 1.24870)



Now you need to carry on for about 50 metres on the road before a footpath sign marked Weaver's Way leads you into woodland on the left (marked Common Plantation on the map).


(52.89978; 1.24960)

The Weavers Way leads you 300m...

4 (52.90112; 1.25466)




...to Fellbrigg Pond where swans and other water birds will entertain you if you sit on the bench there. The path then continues north to Fellbrigg Hall where there is a National Trust cafeteria which makes a very pleasant lunch stop.

 (52.90723; 1.26063)



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After exploring Fellbrigg Hall walk back across the front of the main building in a westerly direction along a path through a gate to a minor road still heading west that leads you into Aylmerton village.

 (52.91041; 1.24230)

At the t-junction in the village turn right on to another minor road past the church. You can avoid the narrowest part of the road by walking through the church grounds. This road leads you north to the Roman Camp Inn named because there is ancient evidence of a Roman camp close by.

7 (52.91849; 1.24679)

Cross the main A 148 again with care and continue north along a minor road to a junction. You can now walk a footpath on the right-hand side parallel to the road that leads you to the entrance to the West Runton Club Site. To avoid the road entrance take the footpath to the right and this takes you through pleasant woodland back to the south-east corner of the site.

