SEA VIEW SAUNTER

Wells to Holkham Coastal Route Walk



THE GLOBE INN – WELLS TO HOLKHAM WALK

I Ikm (6.8 miles) | 2hr 30 mins

On exiting the front door go straight ahead to the opposite corner of the green, here take a right at the red phone box and walk across a small car park. At the end of the car park, head directly over the road passing the Congregational Church centre on your right. Continue down Clubbs Lane. Reaching the end of the road you'll see Wells War Memorial directly in front of you. Take the small alleyway situated to the left of the War Memorial building.

As you emerge at the quayside, cross the bustling High Street and go left past the car park entrance. Take the immediate right down Beach Road, directly opposite Ye Olde Rock Shop. Continue on the mile long

raised footpath, with expansive views over the marsh land.

You have now reached the sandy beaches of Wells-next-the-Sea, a cafe situated in the car park can provide a well-deserved ice cream, or for those chillier days, a warming drink to comfort tired feet.

If you fancy wandering a little longer, head across the beach car park to the far corner. Take the gated path straight ahead, past a lake on the left. At the fork take a left and join the Norfolk Coastal Path. Follow the meandering path for approximately 2 miles, all the way to Holkham.

Arriving in Holkham, you will come across a car park on your left. If you would like to catch your breath, "The Lookout" café located just off the path offers a selection of cakes and refreshments.

When adequately refreshed, follow the wooden boardwalk stretching away from the car park and back into the pinewood forest, at the fork take a right till you reach the open views of Holkham beach.

Whether you paddle in the shallows or march over the dunes, head East on the beach back towards Wells-next-the-Sea. Pass the line of multicoloured beach huts towards a distant tarmac ramp leading off the beach.

Head back down the mile-long promenade with great views over Wells Quay. Navigate back through the quaint roads to The Globe Inn for a hearty portion of fish and chips followed by a tipple or two!

AROUND AND ABOUT

Points of interest in Well-next-the-sea



WAR MEMORIAL

The memorial is on Theatre Road between Tunn's Yard and Red Lion Yard, on the wall of the Wells War Memorial Institute Club. It has a large tablet headed "In Memory of George F.E. Smith", under which are the forenames and surnames, alphabetically in surname order, of 74 men who gave their lives in WW1. Above are the words "Who fell in the Great War 1914 – 1918." Below that the tablet bears the dates 1939 - 1945 above a list of 34 forenames and surnames, also in surname order of those who died in WW11. Below is a small tablet dedicated to one person who died in the Malaysian Campaign.



HOLKHAM HALL

Holkham is a special place where a stunning coastal landscape meets one of England's great agricultural estates. At the heart of this thriving 25,000 acre estate on the North Norfolk coast, stands Holkham Hall, an elegant 18th Century Palladian style house, based on designs by William Kent and built by Thomas Coke, 1st Earl of Leicester. The house remains privately-owned and is the home to the Earls of Leicester.



HOLKHAM NATURE RESERVE

Holkham National Nature Reserve is one of the largest in the country, with pinewoods, sand dunes and salt and freshwater marshes. This vast and spectacular coastline is an excellent place for both common and rare wildlife and plants to flourish. The core section of the Reserve, from Wells to Holkham Bay, is crisscrossed by paths allowing access to all the best wildlife habitats.



OUR INNS

THE FEATHERS

HOLT

The Feathers at Holt is a 16th Century inn that takes pride of place in Holt town centre. It's an ideal base for exploring the spectacular coastline and nearby heathland, which is a haven for birdwatching.

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THE SHIP

The Ship at Dunwich looks and feels just as a great coastal pub with rooms should. A short stroll from the beach, with open log fires in winter and light and airy in summer with sheltered sun traps outside to enjoy the sunshine.

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