A Norfolk Guide

Things to do

Adventure awaits.

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WALSINGHAM ABBEY



The grounds of Walsingham Abbey are a world renowned place of pilgrimage. Today the ruins stand among lawns, trees and meadow, with river walks along the River Stiffkey which runs through the grounds. The village itself is very pretty and an opportunity to stop off in Walsingham Farms Shop to grab dinner.

Walsingham NR22 6BP (approx. 19 mins) walsinghamestate.co.uk/walsingham-abbey

CASTLE ACRE PRIORY



Well preserved and extensive ruin dating back to 1090 and home of one of the earliest communities of Cluniac monks in England.

Castle Acre, King's Lynn PE32 2XD (approx. 16 mins) english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/castle-acre-castle-acre-priory

GRESSENHALL FARM & WORKHOUSE

Museum set in 50 acres of Norfolk countryside. Visit the recreated cottage from Whissonsett where a farm labourer lived. Grounds include a lovely river valley, water meadows, woodlands and country trails. You can also visit the on site farm and take a walk along the Wensum Way.

Fakenham Rd, Gressenhall NR2O 4DR (approx. 11 mins) museums.norfolk.gov.uk/gressenhall-farm-and-workhouse

GOODERSTONE WATER GARDENS

A 6-and-a-half-acre water garden with a stream, four ponds and flowing waterways spanned by 13 bridges. Tearoom on site.

The Street, Gooderstone, PE33 9BP (approx. 33 mins) gooderstonewatergardens.co.uk

STODY LODGE GARDENS



Famous for its azaleas and rhododendrons, the four-acre water garden is truly breath taking when in full flower. It is open seasonally so check the website.

Estate Office, Stody NR24 2ER (approx. 30 mins) stodyeastate.co.uk

EAST RUSTON OLD VICARAGE GARDENS

A beautiful, exotic garden at 32 acres in size. Garden highlights include a sunken garden, wildflower meadows, a walled garden, and a Mediterranean garden.

Vicarage Road, East Ruston NR12 9HN (approx. 1 hr) e-ruston-oldvicaragegardens.co.uk

MANNINGTON GARDENS

Medieval gardens, which surround a moated manor. The gardens are open seasonally. There are, however, lovely country walks with marked trails open all year round.

Mannington, Norwich NR11 7BB (approx. 38 mins) manningtongardens.co.uk

OXBURGH HALL



A moated country house built in 1482. You can visit the hall, gardens and woodland. Dogs are welcome in the garden and woodlands.

Oxburgh Hall, Oxburgh PE33 9PS (approx. 33 mins) nationaltrust.org.uk/oxburgh-hall

RAYNHAM HALL

An early 17th century house open to the public on special days only, but worth checking their website.

Raynham Hall, East Raynham NR21 7EP (approx. 10 mins) raynhamhall.com

SANDRINGHAM ESTATE



The private home of four generations of British monarchs since 1862. The house, set in 24 hectares of stunning gardens. Dogs on leads are allowed in the parkland.

Sandringham, PE35 6EN (approx. 28 mins) sandringhamestate.co.uk

HOUGHTON HALL



Built in the 1720s, it has a tradition for modern art exhibitions for well-known artists throughout the year. Dogs on leads are allowed in the parkland.

King's Lynn PE31 6UE (approx. 23 mins) houghtonhall.com

FELBRIGG HALL

A 17th century house with a walled garden that is a gardener's delight. A landscaped park with a lake, woods and trails. Dogs on leads are allowed in the parkland.

Felbrigg, Norwich, NR11 8PP (approx. 43 mins) nationaltrust.org.uk

BLICKLING ESTATE

Jacobean mansion with magnificent garden and historic park in the beautiful Bure meadows. Dogs on leads are allowed in the parkland.

Blickling Estate, Aylsham, NR11 6NF (approx. 40 mins) nationaltrust.org.uk

HOLKHAM HALL

An elegant 18th century Palladian style house, and gardens and 3,000 acres of parkland. You can hire bikes on site to explore the vast estate. There are regular events on throughout the summer.

Holkham Hall, NR23 1AB (approx. 30 mins) holkham.co.uk

HEYDON VILLAGE

A small, but very pretty village used for many film locations. It is famous for its tearoom and you can walk through Heydon Hall grounds.

Heydon, Norwich NR11 6AD (approx. 32 mins) heydon.co.uk

BURNHAM MARKET



A picturesque village set around a village green, Burnham Market is the perfect place to shop, dine or simply stay awhile (approx. 25 mins).

burnhammarket.co.uk

HOLT



A charming Georgian town with lots of interesting shops, particularly for those hunting antiques. It also has some lovely delis so why not make a stop here to grab a picnic before heading to Holt Country Park.

north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/your-community/find-out-about-holt-country-park

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA



The beautiful town of Wells Next-The-Sea is still a working fishing port where you can grab an ice cream and watch the boats unload their catch (approx. 25 mins). Combine with a loop walk to Holkham beach.

wellsguide.com

NORWICH



From historic streets and buildings (including its Norman castle), to bustling independent shops and eateries, Norwich is a must visit (approx. 40 mins).

visitnorwich.co.uk

THE CANOE MAN



The Canoe Man provides canoe, kayak and stand-up paddleboard hire and guided trails, all located at the heart of one of the most picturesque regions of the country, the Broads National Park.

thecanoeman.com

THE BROADS



The Norfolk Broads National Park is an area of outstanding natural beauty. The best way to explore the Broads is by boat so hire one from Wroxham or Potter Heigham to explore this amazing and unusual landscape.

broads.co.uk

ON YER BIKE NORFOLK CYCLE HIRE



Cycle hire to explore north Norfolk - with route maps provided, adult and children's bikes, e-bikes, tandems and accessories, including for dogs.

norfolkcyclehire.co.uk

NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY



From the smart Victorian seaside resort of Sheringham to the Georgian town of Holt, the North Norfolk Railway runs through the county's most stunning coastal scenery. Open seasonally.

nnrailway.co.uk

There are a number of commercial vineyards in Norfolk. Many of which offer tastings and tours. Check the websites for details.

WINBIRRI Bramerton Rd, Surlingham NR14 7DE winbirri.com

Decanter awarded Winbirri the Platinum award in 2017 for their 2015 Bacchus.

FLINT VINEYARD

Middle Rd, Earsham NR35 2AH flintvineyard.com

BURN VALLEY VINEYARD

Beacon Hill Road, Fakenham NR21 9LE burnvalleyvineyard.co.uk

CHET VINEYARD

Loddon Rd, Norwich NR15 1BT chetvineyard.co.uk

BABU'S VINEYARD

Rectory Rd, Norwich NR9 5LF babusvineyard.co.uk

HUMBLEYARD VINEYARD

Paddock Farm Shop, Mulbarton NR14 8JT humbleyardenglishwine.co.uk

PENSTHORPE NATURAL PARK

This is a great family day out with gardens, wildlife and nature conservation, as well as outdoor adventure play and indoor play for the kids.

Pensthorpe Road, Fakenham NR21 OLN (approx. 15 mins) pensthorpe.com

TITCHWELL MARSH NATURE RESERVE



Titchwell Marsh is a bird watchers paradise, where avocets, bearded tits and marsh harrier's nest. Dogs on leads are allowed on the public footpaths.

Main Rd, Titchwell PE31 8BB (approx. 34 mins) rspb.org.uk

BLAKENEY NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

This is a great place to see seals and pups. Boat trips mainly operate from early spring to late autumn from either Blakeney Harbour or Morston Quay.

nationaltrust.org.uk/blakeney-national-nature-reserve

SHERINGHAM PARK



National Trust landscaped park and gardens, famous for its azaleas. There are marked trails between 1-5 miles to enjoy. There is a courtyard café and visitor centre.

Upper Sheringham, NR26 8TL (approx. 37 mins) nationaltrust.org.uk/sheringham-park

Norfolk is a walking paradise. Discover over 1,200 miles of shoreline and countryside trails. Details on all the trails can be found at norfolk.gov.uk/out-and-about-in-norfolk/norfolk-trails.

Norfolk is a really dog friendly county, and we have always found plenty to do with our dogs. There are loads of great walks, activities and places to eat with your pal(s). Our 'go to' for places to go and things to do is the Barking Bugle, a Norfolk-based online newspaper for dogs - thebarkingbugle.co.uk

Bog friendly, but there may be restrictions. Please contact the site for details.

All this information has been put together to the best of our knowledge, but please do check websites or contact the places directly before you head off to check, for example, opening times, booking requirements and any other details.

You can also check out www.visitnorfolk.co.uk

