



Walk on the WILD SIDE

JO VAUGHAN ENJOYS A GENTLE STROLL ALONG THE DELIGHTFUL SUFFOLK COAST



WHITEHOUSE Beach Club site is another Vaughan family favourite due to its split personality – you can either set-up camp slightly inland away from the offshore breeze, or there's another batch of pitches across a small lane right on the seafront (although you'll have to pay a little more for a beach-side pitch).

Kessingland, just south of Lowestoft and north of Southwold, is where you can get some of the best fish and chips around. There's lots to do in this tourist hot-spot, including fishing trips, pleasure cruises and museum-trawling, but our walk takes us around Southwold's estuary before heading to its bustling promenade and past its wonderful 60m-long pier. It's worth making a detour on the pier if only to see

the fascinating Water Clock, which was designed to highlight the importance of water recycling. The water is pumped to the top of the clock from a pond and drips down until every half-an-hour everything springs into life.



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INFORMATION | GENERAL

CLUB SITE: White House Beach, Kessingland, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 7RW. Tel 01502 740278. Open 27 March to 10 November
DISTANCE: 4 miles/6.4km
TERRAIN: Flat, good footpaths on grass and tarmac
NUMBER OF STILES: 2
ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map No 231 – Southwold and Bungay
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Very easy
REFRESHMENTS: Various options
DIRECTIONS AND PARKING: Drive to Southwold, then follow signposts towards the quay. The main car park is on the approach to the quay, beside the Harbour Kiosk, Lifeboat Station and Alfred Corry Museum. Parking costs £3.50 for over four hours.
TOILETS: At the car park and by the pier

INFORMATION | TOURISM

Southwold TIC, 69 High Street, Southwold IP18 6DS. Tel 01502 724729



DIRECTIONS

1 Keep left as you leave the car park at Southwold quay (see General Info panel for directions from site) and walk along the quayside. At the end, where the road stops, keep left and follow the public footpath sign along the side of the estuary. The path soon ascends the bank – veer left and continue following the watercourse.
2 At the bridge, continue straight ahead across a double stile. The track veers to the right. Continue ahead at the sluice gate, following the yellow arrow and the public footpath sign along a narrower path. Cross another double stile and continue ahead.

3 Pass through a gate. At the junction with a sandy path, continue straight ahead, still following the public footpath sign. At the bridge, cross the road and continue ahead once again, to the right of the 'Mights Road' sign. Pass between some trees.
4 At the car park, veer left to cross the tarmac towards the sea, before walking up some concrete steps to the left of the last beach hut. Turn right along the promenade, keeping the beach to your left. At the end, continue back into the car park and turn left to pass the pier. Walk along the promenade.

5 As you pass the last beach hut – a white hut called 'Bay View No 194' – veer right and walk up the slope taking you away from the beach. At the top, keep left to follow the railings past a tall flagpole and a row of cannons. This is St Edmund's Hill, more commonly known as Gun Hill (look out for the information panel on the white and black octagonal building).
6 Just before you descend once again to the level of the beach, veer right and immediately left to take a sandy path along the top of the sand dunes, keeping the road to your right. Follow the coast until you return to the car park.

INFORMATION | LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

■ **Alfred Corry Museum**, Ferry Road, 18 The Oaklands, Southwold, Suffolk IP18 6RY. Tel 01502 723200. Open every day from Easter to September; weekends only rest of the year. Free entry. Full disabled access. Housed in the old Cromer

lifeboat station, which was transported to its current location by sea, the Museum now houses the old Southwold lifeboat
 ■ **Amber Museum**, 15 Market Place, Southwold, Suffolk IP18 6EA. Tel 07711 110911. Open shop hours

all year round. Free entry. Full disabled access. All about amber, with both modern and antique artefacts including carvings, jewellery and objects d'art
 ■ **Africa Alive!**, White's Lane, Kessingland, Lowestoft, Suffolk

NR33 7TF. Tel 01502 740291. Open daily from 10am. From £11.95 per adult depending on season. Disabled access. A safari-type wildlife park with talks, displays, a discovery centre and Safari Roadtrain