

Walk on the WILD SIDE

INFORMATION | GENERAL

NEAREST CLUB SITE: Seacroft, Runton Road, Cromer NR27 9NH. Tel 01263 51438. Open 3 Jan 2009 to 4 Jan 2010

DISTANCE: 3.2 miles/5.1km

TERRAIN: Good paths, some of which are gravel

NUMBER OF STILES: 0

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT: Felbrigg Park Estate Walks and Specimen Tree Trail map

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Very easy

REFRESHMENTS: Felbrigg Hall

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING: The entrance is off the B1436 two miles south-west of Cromer. It's also signposted from the A148 and A140. Park in the main car park, which costs £2 per day or is free for NT members

TOILETS: Felbrigg Hall

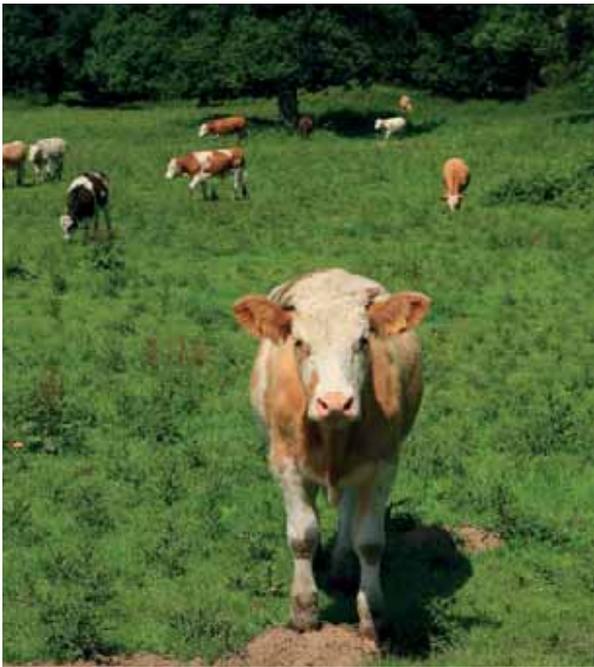
JO VAUGHAN HEADS TO NORFOLK TO ENJOY A STROLL AROUND THE GROUNDS OF ONE OF THIS COUNTY'S FINEST HOUSES

FELBRIGG HALL, less than four miles from the Club's Seacroft site, is a gorgeous house. Boasting Stuart architecture and a fine Georgian interior, it is surrounded by stunning parkland. Many of the major pathways around the estate are gravelled, making them suitable for rugged pushchairs or wheelchairs – although our walk does take you over a couple of fields and along some woodland tracks. But, whatever the weather, this should be a civilised walk that won't get your boots too muddy.

Having left the car park, you partially follow the Church and Lake Walk before continuing along the Tree Trail before finishing up down Victory Walk. This gives a good all-round view of the estate, but you'll need one of the *Estate Walks and Specimen Tree Trail* leaflets, which shows you the other paths available and gives details of all the beautiful trees you'll encounter along the way. Also, it's two for the price of one, as the reverse of the map details nearby Sheringham Park.



Ordnance Survey
Landranger Map 133



DIRECTIONS

- 1** At the signpost beside one of the two Pay and Display machines, follow 'Church, Park and Lakeside walk', passing through a small wooden gate beside a red dog litter bin. Continue along the trodden grassy footpath ahead.
- 2** Veer left at the track and continue to the church. Walk past the church and go through a small wooden gate next to a larger wooden gate. Then veer slightly right to walk diagonally across the field, towards two tall trees.
- 3** Go through the wooden gate and turn right past a small wooden bench, following the stone wall. Go through a large wooden gate and continue along the lakeshore, passing to the right of a 'Fishing by Permits Only' sign. Wooden seats make this a great spot for a picnic.
- 4** Go through a small wooden gate and veer around to the left, following a muddy track. Where there's a crossroads in the path keep straight ahead, following a small green and white arrow on a small post beside a young oak tree with a 'Weavers Way - Norfolk County Council' sign.



- 5** Go through a small wooden gate and walk along the wooden boardwalk. Turn left before the next wooden gate ahead, following the 'Weavers Way' sign, keeping between two barbed wire fences. Go through another gate.
- 6** Keep right where the path forks. At the formal gravel track turn left, heading away from some metal gates and a cattle grid. Pass through the wooden gate beside a cattle grid and continue ahead through another similar gate, again beside a cattle grid.
- 7** Just before the white painted house turn right, keeping a barbed wire fence to your right, and continue through the woodland. Keep to the gravel path, but just past a small brick outbuilding (the Ice House) and a wooden seat keep right,

- ignoring the wooden posts which direct you to the left with a red and white arrow.
- 8** Soon, at a clearing with the panel telling you about the 'Victory V', keep straight ahead past the park bench and veer slightly right to walk through a long avenue of trees, still on the gravel path. Go through a wooden gate and pass the dog litter bin, looking out for the donkey enclosure on the right.
- 9** Continue ahead until you pass through a metal gate that takes you back to the car park and your vehicle.



INFORMATION | ATTRACTIONS

■ **Felbrigg Hall, Garden and Park**, Felbrigg, Norfolk NR11 8PR. Tel 01263 837444 or see nationaltrust.org.uk. Open - house 1 Mar-2 Nov; gardens 1 Mar-31 Dec; estate all year from dawn to dusk. Adults £7.90, children £3.70, families £19.50, free to NT members. A grand old mansion complete with a fine Georgian exterior with a walled garden, orangery and orchards. Partial

disabled access to grounds and the house's ground floor
 ■ **Amazona Zoo**, Hall Road, Cromer NR27 9JG. Tel 01263 510741 or see amazonazoo.co.uk. Adults £8.50, children £6.50, seniors £7.50. Open daily from 10am until 2 Nov. This brand new attraction has a wide range of animals from Tropical South America including jaguar, otters, spider monkeys and

flamingos. Full disabled access
 ■ **Priory Maze and Gardens**, Cromer Road, Beeston Regis, Sheringham NR26 8SF. Tel 01263 822986 or see priorymazegardens.co.uk. Open all year. Adults £5, children £2.50, seniors £4.50, dogs 50p. As well as the gardens themselves, which feature a magnificent maze, there's a plant centre and tea rooms. Mostly wheelchair accessible

INFORMATION | TOURISM

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