

Explore the Bittern Line

Running from Norwich, the Bittern Line connects the city with the coast as it passes through the Broads National Park and the scenic beauty of North Norfolk.

Connections along the line include – at Wroxham and Hoveton – the Bure Valley Railway, a narrow gauge line which runs through the Norfolk countryside to the market town of Aylsham. The Bittern Line terminates at Sheringham, opposite the start of the superbly restored North Norfolk Railway which runs steam and diesel services via Weybourne to Holt. At Sheringham you can also catch the Coasthopper Bus which allows you to explore even more of the North Norfolk coastline through to Hunstanton.

In addition to the Bittern Line, Norwich Station has services running to Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Cambridge, Peterborough, The Midlands, North West, Ipswich, Colchester & London. Plus Bus is also available from Norwich with routes into the city centre and to the University of East Anglia.



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SHERINGHAM

Once a small fishing village, Sheringham has grown to become one of the most popular towns on the entire Norfolk Coast. In the centre of town you'll find a unique mix of shops as well as the popular Sheringham Little Theatre, which provides a year round programme of shows and films. Above the town, delightful woodland walks lead to Pretty Corner and the National Trust operated Sheringham Park. The terminus of the Bittern Line at Sheringham is just across the road from the original Sheringham Station and no visit to the area would be complete without a trip on the superbly restored North Norfolk Railway from the town via Weybourne to Holt. Featuring a variety of steam and diesel powered services, the railway also known as the Poppy Line, houses a host of exhibits and information from the former Midland & Great Northern Joint Railway. From Sheringham, the Coasthopper Bus runs around the Norfolk coast to Hunstanton, allowing the opportunity to enjoy even more places of interest including Holkham Hall, Wells Harbour, Cley and Blakeney.

WEST RUNTON

The Norfolk landscape is thought to be rather flat, however some of the highest hills in the county can be found at West Runton, affording a great view of both land and sea.

CROMER

Cromer is one of the oldest and most famous seaside resorts in the UK. Built high on the cliff the town overlooks Cromer Pier, home of the popular summer variety show, traditional family amusements and the lifeboat visitor centre. The town centre features a cinema, national retailers and independent shops, along with a host of eateries in which you can sample a delicious Cromer Crab. The tower of the Church of St Peter and St Paul is the tallest in Norfolk and often opens to the public, providing panoramic views of the town and coast. Aylsham

ROUGHTON ROAD

Roughton Road Station is a halt located on the outskirts of Cromer. Being built in 1985, it is the newest on the line and located close to now disused Cromer Tunnel, reputed to be the only railway tunnel in Norfolk. The National Trust property, Felbrigg Hall is a 2.2 mile walk from the station.

GUNTON

Gunton Station serves the villages of Thorpe Market and South Repps. Just a few minutes walk from the station can be found the Church of St Margaret of Antioch, reputed to be a favourite of the late Sir John Betjeman.

NORTH WALSHAM

North Walsham town centre is dominated by the partially ruined tower of St Nicholas Parish Church. A busy market town, English Naval hero Horatio Nelson was educated at Paston Grammar School (now Paston College). The Norfolk Motorbike Museum is adjacent to the station.

WORSTEAD

A short walk from the station leads to the village which is dominated by the magnificent Church of St Mary. The World famous Worsted Cloth was developed in the village and Georgian and Jacobean buildings border the village square. The two-day Worstead Festival, one of the largest country fairs in the region, takes place during July.

HOVETON & WROXHAM

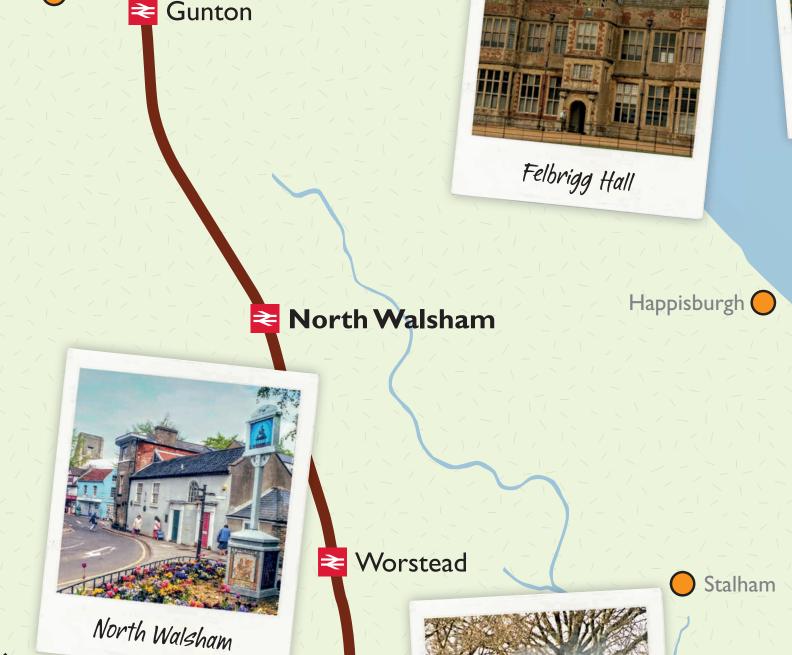
The villages of Hoveton and Wroxham are the busiest locations within the Broads National Park, with a host of family attractions within easy reach of the station Water based activities including boat hire and boat trips are readily available and the village centre features a unique shopping experience. Linked by a pathway next to the recently restored signal box, the narrow gauge Bure Valley Railway takes visitors through nine miles of glorious Norfolk Countryside via Brampton, Buxton and Coltishall to the historic market town of Aylsham.

SALHOUSE

A pleasant two mile walk from the tranquil village of Salhouse leads to Salhouse Broad and just like the village, is more peaceful than most of the other broads.

NORWICH

The skyline of Norwich is dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle Keep. Today, this thriving city is the commercial and cultural centre of Norfolk featuring an array of museums, theatres, cinemas, music venues and The Forum, home to the city Library. Major shopping areas within the city centre include Castle Mall and Chapelfield, linked together through the city by numerous department stores, national retailers, independent shops and the famous market. The historic halls of St Andrews and Blackfriars once housed the Royal Mint and Elm Hill provides a fascinating cobbled lane with buildings dating back to the Tudor period. A short walk from Norwich Station is Carrow Road, home of Norwich City Football Club. It is said that Norwich once had a church for every week of the year and a



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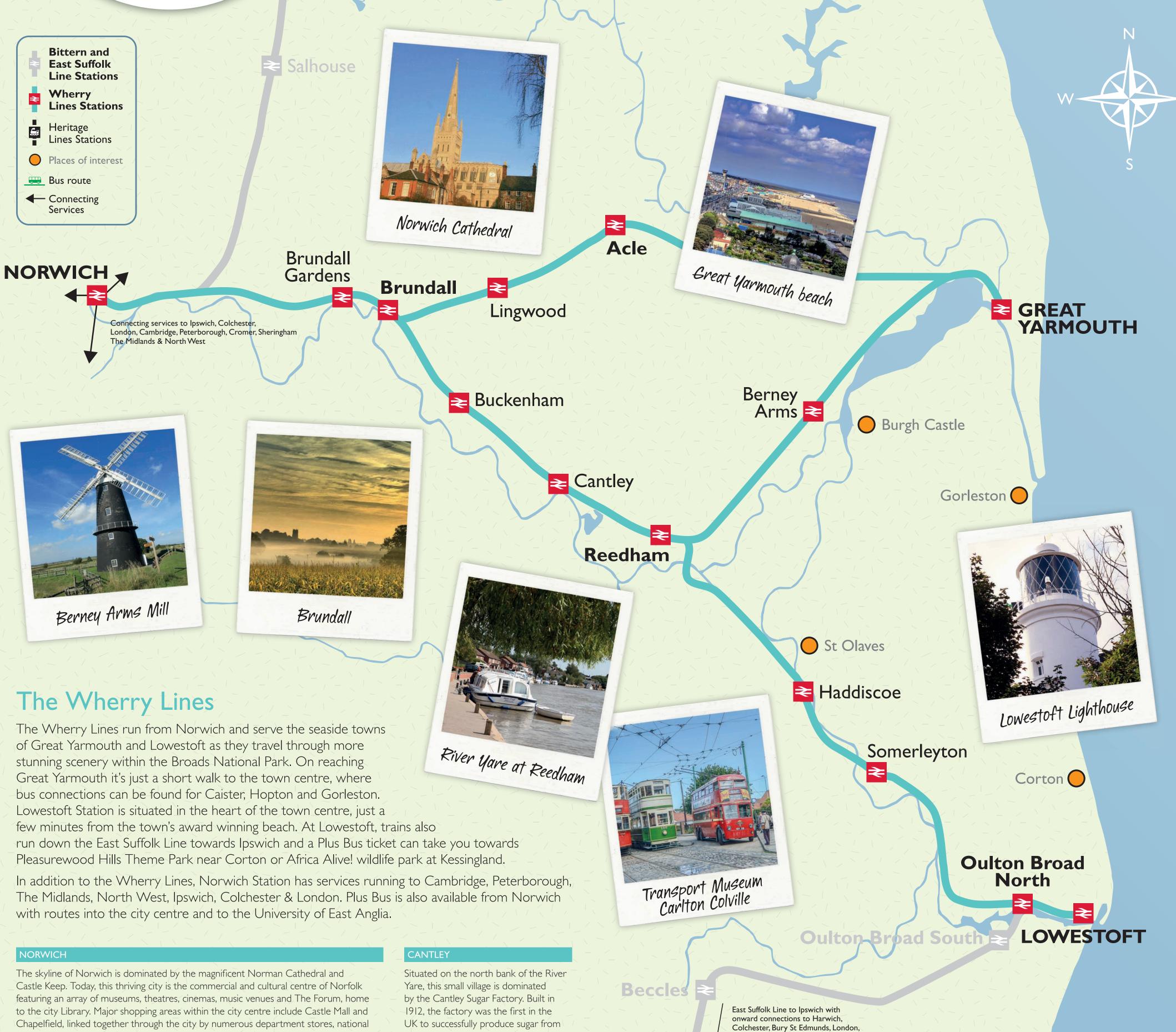
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LOWESTOFT

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The historic port of Lowestoft is the second largest town in Suffolk with the railway station located at the very heart of the retail centre and only a few minutes walk from the award winning South Beach and the start of the Suffolk Coast Path. Rich in industrial, maritime and wartime history, Lowestoft boasts theatres, cinemas, museums, two piers and a host of leisure facilities along with delightful parks and marinas. Leisure attractions include Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park at Corton and Africa Alive! wildlife park at Kessingland. Lowestoft is situated at the most easterly point in the British Isles and the railway station is the furthest East on the entire UK rail network. At Lowestoft, trains also run via the East Suffolk Line to Ipswich and a daily service connects with the ferry to Holland at Harwich International.

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BUCKENHAM

Buckenham is a small halt 7miles south east of Norwich and serves the RSPB Buckenham Marshes Nature Reserve, a short walk from the station is the redundant former Parish Church of St Nicholas. Trains to Buckenham only stop at weekends, so do check before you travel.

LINGWOOD

The station in the village of Lingwood also serves the smaller nearby villages of Burlingham Green, North Burlingham and South Burlingham.

BRUNDALL & BRUNDALL GARDENS

Located on the north bank of the River Yare, opposite Surlingham Broad, Brundall is served by two stations, Brundall Gardens and Brundall. Famed for boat building, access to the boatyards and river is opposite Brundall station and just a short walk towards the village leads to the tiny Church of St Lawrence. Rich in wildlife, the RSPB Strumpshaw Fen is 1.5 miles from the village, as is the Strumpshaw Steam Museum.

sugar beet. The award winning station garden, tended by a team of dedicated volunteers is certainly worth a look.

ACLE

The traditional Norfolk village of Acle was once an area in which oak was felled for use in the construction of Elizabethan Warships, and in Roman times Acle was a port at the head of a large estuary called Gariensis. Mentioned in the Doomsday Book, it was granted a market charter in 1253. The part thatched Church of St Edmund is located near to the Weavers' Way footpath. Just outside the village, Acle Bridge is a picturesque location on the River Bure popular with boating.

HADDISCOE

The station at Haddiscoe is situated approx two miles north of the village and was once known as 'Hasdiscoe low level' as trains between Beccles and Great Yarmouth once ran above. A walk to the A143 road flyover brings you to the ancient village of St Olaves, which features the remains of a priory and a busy scene of boating activities on the River Waveney.

REEDHAM

The large, pretty village of Reedham is the perfect location to enjoy lunch overlooking the River Yare and to observe the opening of Reedham Swing Bridge, which has carried the railway to Lowestoft for over 100 years. Take a short walk from the station and you'll find the Pettitts family attraction and the Humpty Dumpty Brewery. Trains run to Norwich, Great Yarmouth via Berney Arms and Lowestoft from Reedham, and the station houses a small railway heritage centre.

GREAT YARMOUTH

The ancient port of Great Yarmouth is situated at the mouth of the River Yare, combining a busy industrial scene with more traditional seaside attractions to be found on the town's golden mile including two piers, Hippodrome Circus and Pleasure Beach Funfair. There is much to explore of the town's history too with the Maritime, Time and Tide and the Elizabethan House Museums as well as historic vessels often visiting the quay. South of Great Yarmouth is the town of Gorleston, which has its own High Street featuring a good mix of independent shops and national retailers. From the south bank of the river can be found the Lifeboat Museum and the pier leading to Gorleston beach and its extensive promenade and cliff top gardens. Just to the west of Great Yarmouth station is Breydon Water, gateway to the Broads National Park.

BERNEY ARMS

Peterborough & Cambridge

Located alongside the River Yare, at the southwestern end of Breydon Water, Berney Arms is only accessible on foot or by rail and a visit provides an opportunity to see the Berney Arms Windmill, one of the most magnificent of its kind in the region. In use until 1948, the mill was first used to grind materials for cement and later converted to drain water from the surrounding marshes. A delightful riverside walk west brings you to the village of Reedham.

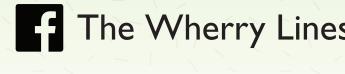
SOMERLEYTON

The beautiful village of Somerleyton is a few minutes walk from the station and Somerleyton Hall is a magnificent stately home, once the residence of railway pioneer Sir Samuel Morton Peto who, in addition to bringing the railway to Lowestoft, developed the port and the south of the town as a seaside resort. The village itself features a delightful green surrounded by thatched cottages. Sir Christopher Cockerell invented the Hovercraft in Somerleyton during the 1950's and a monument to his work can be found opposite the green.

OULTON BROAD NORTH

Just a few minutes walk from Oulton Broad North Station, Nicholas Everitt Park offers extensive views of Oulton Broad and a host of family leisure facilities and water based attractions including boat trips, sailing and speedboat racing. The park is also home to the Lowestoft Museum. At Mutford Lock, the seasonal Lowestoft Ferry runs a unique boat trip through Lake Lothing and the more industrial parts of the port ending near Lowestoft South Pier. Oulton Broad is also served by Oulton Broad South Station on the East Suffolk Line to Ipswich, from here a footpath leads to Carlton Marshes nature reserve with its rich wildlife and extensive views across the marshes and River Waveney. At Carlton Colville, the East Anglia Transport Museum hosts a varied collection of working buses, trams, trolley-buses and a narrow gauge railway.







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