

Circular Walk – Roman Camp



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Along the way

The route can be followed in either direction, and whichever you choose, you'll be treated to spectacular views of the North Norfolk coast, intimate woodland paths and sunken lanes as you climb toward the summit of Beacon Hill, also known locally as 'Roman Camp'.

Standing 103 metres above sea level, the hill is part of the Cromer ridge, a line of glacial moraines formed during the last Ice Age. A great challenge for any walker, the climb is worth it not only for the view, but also the unique feeling of reaching the highest point in the whole of East Anglia.

In spite of the name, it's likely that there was never any Roman occupation on the site. The earthworks that you'll see on your walk are probably the remains of a signal station built during the Napoleonic Wars. It's thought that the term 'Roman Camp' was actually coined by the drivers of horse-drawn cabs in the late 19th Century as a way of making the area more appealing to tourists.

Continuing on to Cromer, the walk undulates along hedged tracks between mixed woodland and open fields, before reaching the town and iconic pier. After enjoying the Victorian seaside resort, follow the Norfolk Coast Path back to West Runton beach. Heading along the cliff top with short detours inland, keep an eye out for surfers enjoying the waves and para-gliders launching themselves from the cliffs.

Walk summary

A diverse walk along clifftop paths and through undulating hills with stunning views

Getting started

The walk starts from the Meadow Road car park, Cromer (TG217420) or the Water Lane car park, West Runton (TG185431).

Getting there

The start points in Cromer and West Runton are both accessible by train on the Norwich-Sheringham line, as well the Coasthopper bus service.

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Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 252, Norfolk Coast East available from Ordnance Survey shop
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/

What to expect

Mainly tracks and footpaths, with some steep inclines.

Facilities

There are public toilets (seasonal opening) and a café at Water Lane car park, West Runton. Pubs, cafes and shops in Cromer and West Runton. Public toilets at Cromer Tourist Information Centre.