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A WALK IN THE WOODS

Sheringham in Norfolk

6½ OR 9½ MILES

4 OR 5½ HOURS

MODERATE

1 START

At end of East Promenade in Sheringham, turn L down Beach Road, continue on at staggered junction and turn L on Priory Road. Take immediate R through bollards, along tarmac path adjacent to stream. Cross bridge and pass through vehicular barrier, keeping stream on R. At road turn R under railway bridge to follow quiet road adjacent to common. Turn L on to A149, crossing with care to use pavement. Turn R along grassy path before bend in road to enter Beeston Regis Common. Pass pond on R and, at path crossroads, continue on to go over small footbridge. Ignoring paths to L and R, head on with housing on L. Turn L at next waymarker post and follow path as it bends to R along boundary. Take second R at waymarker post to follow path as it bends to R, L and L again to re-enter wood. Cross

footbridge and continue on to road.

2 1½ MILES

Turn L along Anglian Water tarmac road. Continue on into wood (may be muddy in wet weather), ignoring paths to L and R until reaching well-defined track, turn L. Turn R along boardwalk into Woodland Trust's Old Wood. Take R fork to follow narrowing path uphill. At crossroads, turn L to join sunken track between mossy banks. Ten metres before road turn R to follow path into clearing on Pretty Corner Lane.

3 2½ MILES

Cross A148 with extreme care and follow quiet country lane opposite (no pavement). Turn L towards East Beckham and after 450 metres L again towards Gresham, past Manor Farm. At bend in road continue straight on – along byroad past New Cottage. After 400 metres turn L along green lane lined with oak trees. Cross A148 with care to take narrow path opposite and continue on with fence on

L. Follow fenceline to take in spectacular viewpoint with seat overlooking Beeston Regis Hill and coast beyond. Retrace steps to corner of fence and turn L. Turn R at next waymarker post and follow path down through woodland.

4 5½ MILES

For extra loop: at bottom turn R along track and take Norfolk Coast Path through vehicular barrier as it climbs through National Trust's West Runton property. Pass through another barrier at top to follow broad path between trees, viewpoint on L. After caravan site and National Trust car park, cross road to follow Norfolk Coast Path to L along gravel track towards another caravan site. (Alternatively follow footpath straight ahead – could be wet.) After campsite, where footpath joins from R, turn L. After 100 metres either take permissive hedged path to L or continue on (if continuing on, take immediate L at multiple junction to double back along public footpath, through 2 kissing gates across field). Take steps and kissing gate up to National Trust's Incleborough Hill. Follow the path straight on, skirting the hill, and turn R before kissing gate into campsite. Pass through next kissing gate and cross campsite track to fol-

low path up short steep section with golf course on R. Pass site entrance and take path down to road. Cross to follow Calves Well Lane back to start of loop.

5 8½ MILES

Follow Norfolk Coast Path past Beeston Hall School and turn L before row of cottages to join A149. Cross with care and follow track to gated railway crossing, continue on to coast and turn L towards Sheringham. View and seats at top of Beeston Regis Hill make it worth the climb. Pass through vehicular barrier to join road, turn R after putting green and follow steps down to East Promenade. Pass beach huts and toilets to finish.



TERRAIN

Route is on well-defined tracks, grassy footpaths and quiet country lanes. There are some gradual inclines and a climb at the end. The route is waymarked as a Norfolk County Council circular walk.

PARKING

Cliff Road long-stay car park (grid reference TG161434).

PUBLIC TOILETS

On East Promenade below car park (grid reference TG161435).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Coast Hopper bus service runs between Hunstanton and Sheringham. The Bittern Line rail service links Sheringham to Cromer and Norwich. The North Norfolk Railway runs a steam train along the Poppy Line (5-mile route from Sheringham to Holt). For information on train and bus services call Traveline on 0870 608 2608 (www.traveline.org.uk). For details of coach services contact National Express on 0870 580 8080 (www.nationalexpress.com).

REFRESHMENTS

The Beach Hut Cafe – on East Promenade below car park (grid reference TG161435; telephone 01263 823057). Pretty Corner Tea Gardens – turn R on leaving Old Wood, off A148 (grid reference TG156411; telephone 01263 822766). Open April to end October (except Tuesday).

ACCOMMODATION AND TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist Information Centre at Station Approach, Sheringham (grid reference TG157431; telephone 01263 824329). Nearest youth hostel is in Sheringham (grid reference TG159428; telephone 0870 770 6024).

MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer 252, Landranger 133 (visit www.woodland-trust.org.uk/woods-to-buy-online).

OTHER WOODS TO VISIT

See the Our Woods section on the Trust's website at www.woodland-trust.org.uk or the Exploring Woodland guide for East Anglia & North Thames.

