

## WALK 5 (3 miles/4.8 kilometres)

This is a nice short walk which is a good one if you are taking dogs with you. If you would prefer not to walk along roads then you can start from Pott Row playing field car park. To get there turn right out of Congham Hall and drive along Lynn Road for just over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile/0.8 kilometres. At Roydon cross-roads turn left towards Pott Row. You will see a playing field on your right the entrance is opposite Chequers Road. Drive into the playing field and you will see a gravel track going to your right which leads to a parking area. Park there and walk back towards the entrance then follow the directions as indicated.

Advice: Please respect the countryside and shut any gates that you pass through as although you may not see them there may be animals which could escape if gates are left open. If you are taking dogs with you please keep them under control at all times. Also can you make sure you have 'poo bags' with you. Should you have forgotten them 'Reception' can help.

Please wear suitable walking boots or shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather conditions, even in summer there may be muddy area's to walk through. If it is hot please take some water with you as there is nowhere to obtain any on the walk. Please take care when part of the walk takes you along a road. They are narrow country roads and some drivers do not take as much care as they should. (It is for this reason that you are directed to cross roads onto proper footpaths, when available, rather than direct you to walk along the road.)

Finally we hope that you enjoy this walk and if you have any problems following the directions please can you inform the hotel so that they can be amended.

### DIRECTIONS

Walk down the drive from the hotel and carefully cross the road to the footpath on the opposite side of the road. Turn right and walk along the footpath until it ends then cross back over the road to the footpath on the Congham Hall side of the road. Turn left and continue along the footpath until you are opposite Chequers Road on your left. Cross Lynn Road again and walk down Chequers Road until you come to a junction with Chapel Road.



The track you will follow from the playing field

You will see a public footpath sign on the opposite side of the road next to playing fields.

Cross the road and follow the track that the footpath sign is indicating. (If you have parked on the playing fields then follow the directions from this point)

You will hear lots of bird song whilst walking this track. In late summer and autumn look out for the Honeysuckle and the bracket fungi growing on the Birch trees.



Honeysuckle flower and berries

Continue along this track for almost 1 mile/1.6 kilometres. You will come to a gate, go through the gate and you will be on a wider grassy track. This is the old railway track. [1] Take a U-turn to your right, following the old railway track for just over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile/0.8 kilometres. You will cross over a stile along the way. And you may come across horses feeding along the track. You will see a track going off to your left and a wide gate on your right. Continue in the same direction you were walking, past the gate, and you will shortly come to another, smaller gate on your right. Go through the gate, walk a few paces through the gorse and follow the path round to the left, and continue walking past the gorse and through the trees for  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile/ 0.5 kilometres. The path ends at Pott Row playing fields. If you have driven to the playing fields you will see your vehicle just to your right.



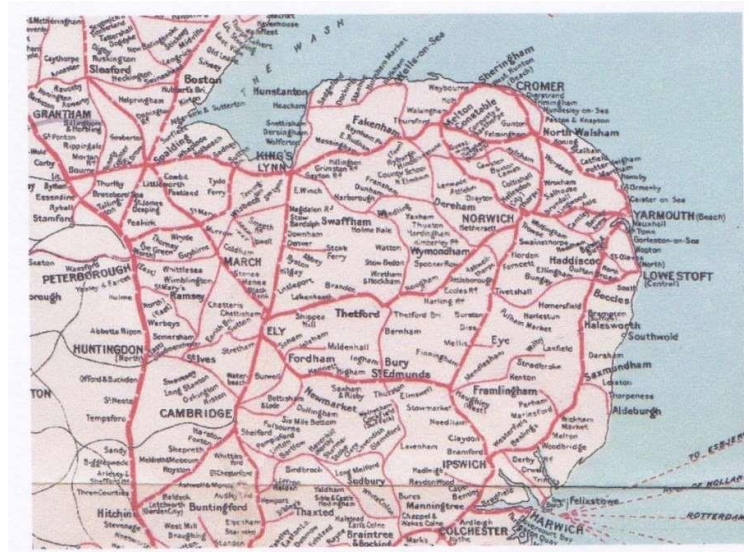
Bracket fungi growing on a birch tree

If you have walked from the hotel then cross Chapel Road and walk across the green in front of you until you reach Lynn Road. Continue walking along the road until you see Low Road branching off Lynn Road opposite. Carefully cross the road and continue to your right along a grass footpath along the edge of the green. You then continue along a footpath past 'The Three Horseshoes' public house across Broadgate Lane and continue until the footpath ends. Then cross the road to the footpath on the opposite side of the road until you are opposite the entrance to Congham Hall. Cross the road walk down the drive back to the hotel.



Horses feeding on the old railway track

[1] The old railway line was the Midland and Great Northern line from Kings Lynn to Norwich via Fakenham and Melton Constable. It was opened in 1880 and closed in 1959. It was one of many branch lines which criss-crossed East Anglia. Almost all these branch lines no longer exist.



A 1930's map of East Anglian railway branch lines