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## **Visitor Handbook**

24 Victoria Road, Mundesley, Norfolk, NR11 8JG



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## **Directions**

### **From the South**

- Take the M11 heading to Cambridge and continue on the A11 to Norwich.
- Once past Norwich head for North Walsham on the B1150.
- When you get to North Walsham turn left onto the by-pass and follow the signs to Mundesley straight on.
- After four miles there will be a road on your left signposted to village centre.
- Take this road and then immediately turn right.
- As you come into the village follow the one-way system round to the left down Back Street.
- You will come to a T-junction next to Mundesley Gallery, get in right hand lane and turn right.
- You will then come to a T-junction opposite the pharmacy.
- Victoria Road is opposite, between the Post Office and Pharmacy. You can drive down and unload the car at the front of the cottage and then go to park, or go straight to the parking space at the back of the cottage.
- If you are going to park turn right at the T-junction.
- A matter of yards on your left, opposite Rock Papers Scissors Barber Shop is Russell Terrace, a narrow walled road.
- Take this road and then take the next left down another narrow lane which winds round to the right.
- Carry on until you find the parking space for No.24, Stones Throw Cottage. It is clearly signposted on the garden gate.
- For security reasons the key safe is outside the front door on Victoria Road.
- Simply walk to the far end of the drive towards Coastguard Cottages (row of 4 white cottages) and take the path to the left.
- This will then bring you out on to the bottom of Victoria Road, where you can walk up and open the front door via the key safe.
- The back door keys are on a hook on boiler cupboard by back door.
- Garden light switch is at end of kitchen wall.

### **From the North**

- Exit the M1 at junction 32 onto the M18 heading for Hull.
- At junction 2 take the exit for the A1 (you are on here for 25 miles).
- Then take the A46 / A17 exit (60 miles).
- Follow signs for Cromer, then Mundesley.
- The road will take you along the coast.
- As you go through Mundesley you will see the Church on the left hand side.
- Turn right at the Church and carry on in to the village until you are at the T-junction opposite the Pharmacy.
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**Please bring a torch if you are arriving at night as there are no street lights and it will be very dark!**

## Check-in & Check-out

Check in is from 3pm onwards and check out by 10am on day of departure, unless agreed otherwise.

## Parking

- PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU USE THE POSTCODE ON GOOGLE MAPS OR SAT NAV THIS WILL TAKE YOU DIRECTLY TO THE FRONT DOOR ON VICTORIA ROAD RATHER THAN THE PARKING SPACE WHICH IS AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY. THE DIRECTIONS WE'VE PROVIDED VIA RUSSELL TERRACE WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CAR PARKING SPACE.
- We have parking for one car at the rear of the cottage. The space can be tight depending on size of car, but it is manageable with a bit of manoeuvring.
- A handy tip if you are unable to turn around in the space is to drive straight in and park, then when leaving reverse back to the end of the drive where it is possible to do a 3 point turn quite easily.
- During the high season parking at the front of the house can become difficult so it's recommended to use the rear.
- If you do park at the front of the cottage, mount the pavement as close to the house as possible on our side of the road. Be aware not to obstruct neighbours doorways.
- Further free parking can be found in the village (on the roadside up the hill past Jupe is best) or pay and display car park on the seafront (and gold park in the summer) nearby. Weekly parking tickets are available for £27.50.
- **When leaving the cottage parking space via Russell Terrace onto the High Street you can only turn left as the High Street is only one way from the Greengrocers onwards.**

## Access/Key Safe

- The key safe is by the front door, combination to be given before your arrival or call Kate on 07786 374088.
- If you arrive at night it is advisable to bring a torch to view the digits as there is very little street light.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SMOKING OF ANY KIND IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE HOUSE INCLUDING VAPING  
TEA LIGHTS AND CANDLES ARE ALSO NOT PERMITTED DUE TO FIRE RISK**

## Underfloor Heating

- Turn on switch in kitchen located by bathroom door to operate and use the thermostat to regulate temperature. It doesn't get too warm underfoot but takes the chill off the slate.
- In the winter the floor can be cold particularly in the mornings, so it may be a good idea to bring some slippers.

## Central Heating

- The heating is set on constant.
- Simply use the wireless thermostat (small free standing white box with temperature dial located next to TV in lounge) to control the temperature you require.
- If at any time you wish to change the temperature you can use the thermostat by turning the dial up or down to the temperature you require.
- The thermostat will regulate to the temperature in the room where the thermostat is located.
  - For example, should you wish for the heating to be turned off during the night but come on in the morning, just take the thermostat to bed and turn the dial down and then turn the dial up in the morning when you wake.

## Hot Water

- Hot water is heated by the boiler as and when needed.

## Wet Room

- **PLEASE do not put anything other than toilet paper down the toilet as anything else can lead to blockages and potential issues for your stay and future guests. This includes cotton wool, baby wipes, cleansing wipes, sanitary products and nappies. There is a bin and nappy and sanitary bags are provided. I cannot express how important this is – the drains are very old and narrow and can easily block, which may impact your stay should this happen.**
- When using the shower please make sure to turn on the extractor fan, by pulling the cord in the corner by the sink.
- Bath towels, hand towels and bath mat are provided. **Please do not take these to the beach.** If you are going to the beach please bring your own beach towels. Thank you.
- Two toilet rolls are provided.

## Kitchen

- A supply of tea, coffee and sugar is provided, plus a pint of milk in the fridge on arrival. A few other kitchen supplies are stored in the pantry such as local olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper, etc.
- Tea towels, sponge & cleaning cloth, washing up liquid & hand soap are all provided.
- Nespresso machine – we supply a few capsules to get you started but please be aware that the local Mundesley stores do not currently stock Nespresso refills, therefore if you plan to use this a lot or like a specific brand it would be a good idea to bring some or purchase from the bigger supermarkets in North Walsham/Cromer.
- Back door key is on hook on boiler cupboard.
- Gas hob, oven & grill. You will need to turn and hold down the knobs for a few seconds and press ignite button to light. Make sure switched is on at the wall socket.
- The extractor fan switch is above fridge.
- Microwave is in left pantry cupboard.
- There is a washing machine, please note we do not provide detergent, etc.
- Fuse box above kitchen/lounge door.
- Cool bag, picnic rug, flask & mugs for picnics are all in pantry cupboards.
- A torch, matches, spare lightbulbs, spare batteries for tv remote & matches are in left pantry cupboard.
- Stored under the sink;
  - cleaning materials
  - iron
  - electric knife sharpener
  - pegs in peg box
- Children's plastic tableware and cutlery are provided.
- FIRST AID kit is in the left pantry cupboard next to the microwave.

## Lounge

- DVD's, games and puzzles are in cupboard below TV.
- Iron, ironing board, umbrella, clothes airer, foldable baby bath, high chair, baby monitor, children's toilet seat, Hoover, broom, mop and bucket and additional dining chair are all in cupboard under the stairs.

## Wood Burner

- Keep matches out of reach of children at all times.
- Fireguard is stored under bed in front bedroom.
- A basket of logs, some kindling and newspaper are supplied (October to May)
- **Keep the door closed when in use at all times. The fire is not suitable for roasting chestnuts or marshmallows as door must be closed!**
- The fire must be out when leaving the cottage and when going to bed.
- Ash disposal bucket is stored in left pantry cupboard.

## Bedrooms

- Front bedroom has a walk in wardrobe with shelves and hanging space.
- Other two bedrooms have pegs with hangers around the room and cupboard space.
- A hair dryer and mat to use with straighteners can be found in bottom drawer of chest of drawers in front bedroom.
- Travel cot is stored in front bedroom wardrobe, unless we have left out for you. We also provide a cot bed mattress. Should you not wish to use just leave under one of the beds. Please be aware that both are used at your own risk.
- **Bed linen is not supplied for the travel cot.**
- Stair gates are under the bed in middle bedroom, unless we have installed for you.
- There is a some spare bedding in the middle bedroom cupboard, just in case of any accidents.
- We also have a baby monitor, bed guard and changing mat, so no need to bring those!
- Children's toys are stored under the single bed and baby toy box is in front bedroom wardrobe.

## Garden

- Garden festoon lights switch is on the wall in kitchen.
- Retractable washing line. Hook line underneath to tighten. Pegs are under the sink.
- Chiminea - please take care when using. There are gloves in the lounge cupboard left hand side.
- Charcoal BBQ, tools, some beach toys and windbreak are stored in shed.
- We also have provided a very handy beach trolley to help transport bags etc to the beach. Please take care when using and do not overload. Although it is great fun please do not transport children in it as it will not hold the weight!
- The bbq should be used away from the cottage to minimise fire risk. Please clean after use.

**AFTER A DAY AT THE BEACH PLEASE BRUSH OR WASH OFF AS MUCH SAND AS POSSIBLE BEFORE ENTERING THE HOUSE, PARTICULARLY THE BATHROOM AS A LOT OF SAND IS NOT GOOD FOR THE OLD DRAINS!**

## **Recycling**

Bin day is TUESDAY, and they are collected from the rear of the cottage.

There is no need to move the bins out on bin day.

North Norfolk Council are very strict on recycling so please read below.

**GREEN BIN is RECYCLING** - loose in bin don't bag items.

### **What can be recycled;**

Glass bottles and jars  
Tin cans and aerosols  
Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays  
Paper and cardboard  
Aluminium foils and trays  
Cartons (Tetrapak)

### **What cannot be recycled;**

Hard plastics such as hangers  
Carrier Bags  
Crisp packets and sweet wrappers  
Nappies  
Plastic film and wrapping (any plastic that can be scrunched up)

**BLACK BIN** - All other rubbish in bags. NO loose rubbish please.

## **Other useful info and contact numbers**

**Owners, Kate & Matthew Barker**                      07786 374088 or 07818 068074  
Landline 01692 403722  
Or if cannot get in contact with us 01692 403722 (Kate's parents)

**Mundesley Tourist Information Office**            01263 721070

Located on shoppers car park in the middle of the village.

Excellent and very well organised tourist information office with a wealth of local knowledge and information on just about anything you can think of.

*Open Mon-Sat    10am-4pm*  
*Sun                    10am-3pm*

*April to October*

### **Closest defibrillator**

Can be located next to RNLI charity shop in the village.

### **Tide Times**

For up to date information on tide times go to [www.tidetimes.co.uk](http://www.tidetimes.co.uk) and enter Cromer as closest port. Can be very useful to know when planning a day or walk on the beach. A free app is also available.

### **Taxi Companies**

If you need to use a taxi it is advisable to book ahead for your outgoing and return journey. They get very booked up at weekends, particularly Friday and Saturday nights.

Taylors Taxi	07787 136166
Mundesley Taxi	07450 661847
Crystal Cabs	01692 400880
Elite	01692 400800
M G Taxis	01692 405525
Black Knight Cars	01692 500664
AA Taxis	01692 669697

**National Coastwatch Mundesley**                      01263 722399 [www.nci-mundesley.co.uk](http://www.nci-mundesley.co.uk)  
(Mundesley Maritime Museum)

**Mundesley Medical Centre**                              01263 724500

**Cromer Hospital (minor injuries A&E)**                01263 513571

**Police (North Walsham)**                                    01692 402222

**NHS non emergencies**                                    111

**Jen-Bar Garage - 78 High St**                              01263 720600

## Village shops – location, contact and opening hours

### **Post Office**

Just at the end of our road and very convenient. As well as a post office counter also sells groceries, stationery, newspapers, magazines, wine, cigarettes and offer over the counter cash withdrawals.

<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>6am-5.30p</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>6am-1pm</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>6am-12pm</i>		

### **Country Pickings**

A fabulous greengrocers selling lots of lovely locally sourced produce and logs so very handy. Also stockist of Coastal Wicks candles which are made locally and make great holiday gifts.

<i>Mon-Tues</i>	<i>9am-3pm</i>	<i>Weds</i>	<i>9am-1pm</i>
<i>Thurs/Fri</i>	<i>9am-3pm</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>9am-3pm</i>

### **Mundesley Butchers, 2 Back St**

Not just a butchers, they also have a deli selling local cheeses, pork pies, filled rolls, fresh bread and much more.

<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>8am-5pm</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>8am-4pm</i>
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### **Craft Bakery**

Great bakery in the centre of the village selling brea, rolls, sourdough, cakes, pastries biscuits & sausage rolls.

<i>Mon-Sat</i>	<i>8am-4pm</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>10am-2pm</i>

### **The Little Lobster Pot, seafront car park**

Pots of fresh prawns, cockles and mussels to take away. Also dressed crab, crab sandwiches and occasionally lobsters. Open summer only, hours vary depending on weather.

### **Coastal Pharmacy**

<i>Mon-Fri</i>	<i>8.30am-1pm &amp; 2pm-6pm</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>8.30am-1pm</i>
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**Jupe** Ladies boutique with great personal touch.

**North Norfolk Crafts and Gift Shop** Gift shop selling locally made crafts, art and produce.

**BlueBelles by The Sea** A lovely gift shop selling homewares, gifts, candles, scarves, cards, etc.

### **Mundesley Inshore Lifeboat Charity shop**

As this is the only charity shop for miles there are many bargains to be found in this busy well supported charity shop.

**Norfolk Needlecraft** Knitting, beading and craft goodies.

### **Woods Cycles** 2-4 Cromer Road

Cycle shop with bikes to hire on half day, full day or weekend basis. Adult bikes (from £17), children's bikes (from £10) also tag along and baby seats available. Call 07368 807737 or visit the shop to book.

<i>Mon-Sat</i>	<i>9am-5pm</i>
<i>Closed Sundays</i>	

## **Grocery Stores, Supermarkets and Petrol Stations**

The nearest petrol station is at Crayford & Abbs Garage heading out of Mundesley towards Cromer.

**Spar**, 2 High St, Mundesley (turn right at Post Office and carry on to end of road)

Cash machine here

*Mon-Sun*      *7am-9pm*

**Tesco Express**, 25 Cromer Rd, Mundesley (on the road out of Mundesley towards Cromer)

Cash machine here

*Mon-Sun*      *6am-11pm*

**Tavern Tasty Butchers**, Swafield, NR28 0RQ (01692 405444)

Excellent family run butchers with lots of parking located just outside North Walsham on the way to Mundesley. Specialists in rare breed pork, they have a fantastic range of meats plus amazing sausage rolls, pork pies, quiches and cheese straws all made on the premises.

*Mon-Fri*      *8am-5pm*  
*Sat*            *8am-1pm*

**Sainsbury's**, Bacton Rd, North Walsham, NR28 9DS

Petrol Station here

*Mon-Thurs*      *8am-9pm*  
*Fri & Sat*      *7.30am-9pm*  
*Sun*              *10am-4pm*

**Waitrose**, Cromer Rd, North Walsham , NR28 0NB

*Mon-Thurs*      *8am-8pm*  
*Fri & Sat*      *8am-9pm*  
*Sun*              *10.30am-4.30pm*

**Lidl**, North Walsham, 7 Yarmouth Rd, NR28 9AS

*Mon-Sat*      *8am-10pm*  
*Sun*              *10am-4pm*

**Morrisons**, Holt Rd, Cromer, NR27 9SW

Petrol Station located on seafront opposite No.1 Fish and Chips

*Mon-Fri*      *8am-9pm*  
*Sat*            *7am-9pm*  
*Sun*            *10am-4pm*

**Tesco**, Old Market Rd, Stalham, NR12 9AE

Petrol Station here

*Mon-Sat*      *8am-10pm*  
*Sun*              *10am-4pm*

**North Walsham Market** is every Thursday – Vegetables, eggs, fish, cakes, crafts and food stalls

**North Walsham Farmers Market** is the first Sunday of the month



## **Eating Out in Mundesley & Takeaways**

### **The Ship Pub (01263 722671)**

Really good pub grub, with large beer garden overlooking the beach & children's play area. Restaurant bookings are advisable, particularly in the summer season as can get very busy. They serve excellent Sunday roasts and have an extensive gin menu!

<i>Open daily</i>		<i>11am-10.30pm (11pm Sat &amp; Sun)</i>
<i>Food served</i>	<i>Mon-Sat</i>	<i>12pm-3pm and 6pm-9pm (last orders 8.30pm)</i>
	<i>Sun</i>	<i>12pm-8pm</i>

### **The Catch, Fish and Chips**

This fish and chip shop is located next to and run by The Ship. Orders can be placed over the phone, in the fish and chip shop or in the pub garden.

*Open daily*

<i>April to September</i>	<i>12pm-9pm</i>
<i>October to March</i>	<i>12pm-3.30pm and 5.40pm-9pm</i>

### **Lucys on the Beach (formerly Mundesley Beach Cafe)**

Fish and chip takeaway and restaurant in perfect location for days on the beach. Ice creams, filled rolls, hot and cold drinks are also available from their kiosk downstairs on the prom.

*Open weekends from early April until mid June, then daily until usually second weekend of September.*

<i>Mon-Sun</i>	<i>10am-5pm</i>
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### **Beach Hut Cafe & Ice Cream Shop**

On the seafront, next to the amusement arcade, this cafe has an enormous selection of delicious ice creams and serves good barista coffee. Good cafe menu to eat in and take away plus smoothies too.

*Open daily but hours vary depending on weather and time of year.*

### **The Village Chippy (01263 720565)**

Fish and chip shop located next to the Manor Hotel on the seafront. All food is cooked fresh to order, be prepared to wait as it can get very busy. Menu can be found in visitor handbook folder. Orders can also be phoned through.

<i>Open Mon-Fri</i>	<i>11.30am-2pm and 4.30pm-9pm</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>11.30am-9pm</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>11.30am-8pm</i>

### **New Sage Chinese take-away (01263 722828)**

Extensive menu, good quality Chinese and Thai food. Menu can be found in visitor handbook folder.

<i>Open</i>	<i>Fri &amp; Sat 12pm-2pm and 5pm-11.30pm (also bank holidays)</i>
	<i>Sun-Thurs 5pm-11pm</i>

### **North Kebab & Pizza takeaway North Walsham (01692 404022)**

Based in North Walsham, great kebabs (cooked over charcoal) and very good pizza! No deliveries unfortunately, orders can be placed over the phone and collected.

### **Al Haaqs Indian takeaway North Walsham (01692 404031) haaqskitchen.com**

Based in North Walsham, delivers to Mundesley.

### **Labone Indian Restaurant and takeaway (07453 282952) laboneindiancuisine.co.uk**

Award winning Indian restaurant in North Walsham. Delivers to Mundesley.

## **Eating out – Further afield**

This is just a small selection of the many places to eat nearby and further afield. For recommendations further along the coast or more in Norwich please let me know what you are looking for and I'd be happy to send some suggestions.

**Marlings Restaurant**, Woodlands Holiday Park, Trimmingham, NR11 8QJ (01263 576026)  
woodlandholidaypark.co.uk

Really nice recently updated restaurant which is open to non residents with a varied menu including breakfast plus Sunday carvery.

<i>Open</i>	<i>Mon-Thurs</i>	<i>9am-10pm</i>
	<i>Fri &amp; Sat</i>	<i>9am-11pm</i>
	<i>Sun</i>	<i>11.30am-8pm (carvery 12-4pm)</i>

**The Gunton Arms** - Cromer Road, Thorpe Market, NR11 8TZ (01263 832010)  
theguntonarms.co.uk

An amazing, stylish award winning pub & restaurant set in the grounds of a historic and extensive deer park, with steaks cooked on an open fire in the restaurant. In the summer you can sit outside and watch the deer in the park. Go with an open mind, as some very interesting and sometimes provocative artwork adorns the walls. It is very popular and gets extremely busy, therefore it is advisable to book well in advance to secure a table for lunch or dinner.

<i>Open daily</i>	<i>12pm-10pm</i>
<i>Food served daily</i>	<i>12pm-3pm &amp; 6pm-10pm</i>
<i>Bar food served</i>	<i>12pm-10pm</i>

**Suffield Arms** – Station Road, Thorpe Market, NR11 8UE (01263 586858)  
suffieldarms.com

Sister restaurant/pub from the same owner as The Gunton Arms. It has a very different menu to The Gunton Arms, serving tapas, pizza, pasta and sharing plates. There are plenty of seating areas to choose from, bar area, huge garden and on the top floor is a gorgeous, large cocktail lounge and rooftop cocktail area which will be amazing on a lovely sunny day. Table reservations can be made online for groups of 6 or more.

<i>Bar open daily</i>	<i>12pm-8pm</i>
<i>Food served everyday</i>	<i>12pm-3pm</i> <i>5pm-9pm</i>

**Shambles** – 6 Market Street, North Walsham, NR28 9BZ (01692 405282)  
shamblescafenorfolk.co.uk

A wonderful family run cafe & restaurant serving fresh & locally sourced food. There is a varied menu with fabulous breakfast and brunch, salads, tapas and pizza. Sunday's are all about their amazing roast, which in our opinion is one of the best we have ever tasted! Check on their facebook page for what is happening day to day as menu changes regularly and there are sometimes cocktail and tapas offers in the evenings. Coffee and cake is served every day Wednesday to Sunday. Lots of vegetarian and vegan options.

<i>Open Tues-Sat</i>	<i>10am-10pm</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12pm-3pm</i>

**The Ingham Swan** – Sea Palling Road, Ingham, NR12 9AB (01692 581099)  
theinghamswan.co.uk

Our favourite place for a special lunch or dinner, this is relaxed fine dining in an intimate setting. They serve a lunch-du-jour menu, a la carte also at lunch and in the evenings plus a wonderful tasting menu. They truly deserve all their five star reviews and accolades, definitely book ahead evenings and on Sundays as it is very popular indeed. Weekday lunch time is quieter and you can often get a table on the day.

<i>Open Mon-Sat</i>	<i>12pm-2pm &amp; 6.30pm-8.30pm</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12pm-3pm &amp; 6.30pm-8.30pm</i>

**Watsons**, Coast Rd, Bacton, NR12 0AA (07795 437644)

Lovely cafe serving a great, varied menu, cakes and all day breakfasts. Plenty of options for children too.

<i>Open daily</i>	<i>9am-4pm closed on Wednesdays</i>
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**The White Horse**, 34 High Street, Overstrand, NR27 0AB (01263 579237)  
whitehorseoverstrand.co.uk

Nice family friendly restaurant with garden catering for children on coast road towards Cromer.

*Open daily*                      *8pm-11pm*  
*Food served daily*         *12pm-2.30pm & 6pm-9pm*

**The Vernon Arms** - Church Street, Southrepps, NR11 8NP (01263 833355)  
vernonarms.com

Traditional village pub serving good home cooked food with beer garden and roaring fire in the winter.

*Open Mon-Sat*                *11am-11.30pm*  
*Sun*                                *12pm-11.30pm*  
*Lunch served daily*        *12pm-6pm*  
*Dinner Tues-Sat*          *6pm-9pm*

**The Bucket List** – Cromer (9a Hamilton Road, NR27 9HL)

*Open daily during school holidays and Sat/Sun 12-7.30pm outside of school holidays.*

Sometimes the simplest ideas are the best and this is definitely one of them. Buckets of chips topped with various scrumptious toppings. See their facebook or instagram page for up to date toppings.

**Sundown @ The Grove Cromer** – 95 Overstrand Rd, Cromer, NR27 0DJ (01263 512412)  
thegrovecromer.co.uk/sundown

Sundown is situated in a large tipi marquee in the grounds of The Grove Hotel just on the way in to Cromer, so a short 15 min drive from the cottage. They specialise in tapas, seafood and pasta. Booking is essential especially at weekends as it has become extremely popular already. This can be done online.

*Open daily*                      *4pm-9pm 1<sup>st</sup> April to end of September*

**Hatters Tea Shop**, 34 Prince of Wales Rd, Cromer, NR27 9HS (01263 512340)  
hattersteashop.co.uk

There are many cafes and tea shops in Cromer, but this one is our favourite! An extensive choice of home made cakes and cream teas plus savouries and sandwiches too. Also a great spot for afternoon tea.

**Whitewater**, The Promenade, Cromer

Fab cafe just at the end of the prom, serving great food from breakfast to pizza and is in the perfect spot for sitting and watching the crab boats come in with their morning catch.

*Open Sun-Thurs*                *8am-3pm*  
*Fri & Sat*                         *8am-6pm*

**Rocket House Cafe**, The Gangway, Cromer, NR27 9ET (01263 519126)  
rockethousecafe.co.uk

Great spot in Cromer, overlooking the beach and pier serving delicious breakfast and lunches, tea/coffee and cake.

*Open Mon-Fri*                 *9am-5pm*  
*Sat-Sun*                         *10am-5pm*  
*Breakfasts*                    *up to 11am*  
*Lunches*                        *11.30am-3pm*

**Bann Thai**, 1a Church Street, Cromer, NR27 9ER (01263 513193)

Fantastic Thai restaurant which also offers take away.

*Open daily*                      *5pm-10pm*  
*Lunch Tues-Sat*              *12pm-2.30pm*

**No.1 Fish and Chips**, 1 New Street, Cromer, NR27 9HP (01263 515985)  
no1cromer.com

You have the choice of sitting in the restaurant with it's amazing sea views or take-away here. The fish and chips are great and so are the ice creams, locally sourced from Lakenham Creamery. There is also another restaurant upstairs called Upstairs at No.1 which has a more extensive menu and restaurant style meals. Tables can only be booked for the upstairs restaurant.

*Open Mon-Sat*                    *12pm-8pm*  
*Sun*                                *12pm-7pm*  
*Ice creams*                    *11am-8pm (summer only)*

**Rocky Bottoms**, Cromer Rd, West Runton, NR27 9QA (07999 959760)  
rockybottoms.co.uk

If you like your seafood then this is the place to go. Run by a local fisherman and his wife, the restaurant is located on the main coast road between Cromer and Sheringham, in a converted 1800's brick kiln. Crab and lobster are obviously the main stars of the menu but there are plenty of other dishes to choose from and a nice little children's menu and also dressed crab and lobsters to take away. Plenty of seating inside and out. Booking advised. Restaurant open March to November.

*Open Sun-Thurs*                *10am-5pm*  
*Fri-Sat*                            *10am-8pm*  
*Food served from 12pm*

**Fat Teds**, Barchams Yard, High Street, Sheringham  
fattedes.com

Fabulous street food stall in the middle of Sheringham serving dirty fries, flatbreads, salad boxes. You can also order online and collect.

*Open Sun-Thurs*                *12 noon-7pm*  
*Fri & Sat*                        *12 noon-8pm*      *Check their facebook page for current opening times particularly in the winter.*

**Stubby's Pizza**, 41 High Street, Sheringham (01263 826251)  
stubbyspizza.co.uk

Delicious wood fired artisan pizzas, a great place for kids too very relaxed and cool atmosphere. Eat in, Take Out or Click and Collect.

*Closed Sun & Mon*  
*Open Tue & Thurs*            *12noon-2pm & 4pm-8.30pm*  
*Fri & Sat*                         *12noon-2pm & 4pm-9pm*

**Smallsticks Cafe**, Cart Gap Road, Happisburgh, NR12 0QL (01692 583368)  
smallstickscfe.co.uk

A lovely family-run cafe with garden seating area beside the beach at Cart Gap, Happisburgh serving delicious home-cooked breakfasts, lunches, light meals, children's meals and cakes. Fish and Chips to eat in or take away from 4-7pm on Thursday and Friday evenings in the summer.

*Open Mon, Tues, Thurs*        *10am-3pm*  
*Fri*                                 *10am-7pm*  
*Sat & Sun*                        *9.30am-4pm*

**Garden Kitchen**, Hoveton Hall, Wroxham, NR12 8RJ  
thegardenkitchencafe.co.uk

Beautiful courtyard cafe in the grounds of Hoveton Hall serving extremely good food, coffee and cakes.

*Sun-Fri*                            *10am-4pm (Easter weekend to December)*

**The Dunn Cow**, Salthouse, NR25 7XA (01263 740467)  
salthouseduncow.com

A bit of a drive along the coast but a good stopping point if you are out for the day, the food here is brilliant. It's a really busy family friendly pub with wonderful views over the marshes from the pub and beer garden. We love their Sunday Roasts!

*Open daily*                        *11am-11pm*  
*Food served daily*            *12pm-9pm*

**The Black Boys**, Market Place, Aylsham, NR11 6EH (01263 732122)  
blackboyshotel.co.uk

**The Buckinghamshire Arms**, Blickling, Aylsham, NR11 6NF (01263 732133) next to Blickling Hall  
bucksarms.org.uk

**The Recruiting Seargant**, Norwich Road, Horstead, NR12 7EE (01603 737077)  
recruitingseargant.co.uk

**The Rising Sun**, Wroxham Road, Coltishall, NR12 7EA (01603 737440) Riverside location, a very lovely spot  
risingsuncoltishall.co.uk

These four pub restaurants are all run by the same family and serve similar fantastic breakfast, lunch and dinner menus. Portion size are big, but the quality of the food is really very good. The menus are focussed on locally sourced ingredients, lots of seafood and they serve the biggest and best Sunday Roasts!

## **NORWICH**

***There are lots of fantastic independent Norwich restaurants, coffee shops and places to eat we would recommend (all can be found on facebook or instagram)...***

Norwich market is great, many different food stalls to choose from  
Yalm indoor street food concept in centre of Norwich. Great for a quick lunch.  
Benoli (incredible modern Italian)  
Yard (great selection of affordable pasta dishes and brilliant cocktails)  
Haggle (Turkish mezze & amazing cocktails)  
Strangers (the best coffee in Norwich!)  
Benedicts (fine dining but very relaxed, run by Richard Bainbridge of Great British Menu fame)  
Jive Kitchen (mexican street food)  
Grosvenor Fish Bar (amazing fish and chips)  
No.33 (great breakfasts & cakes)  
Brick Pizza (the best pizza in Norwich)  
The Assembly House (the most amazing afternoon tea, better than the Ritz!)  
Matane Sushi

*Norwich market is becoming a hive of street food vendors and there more being added regularly. It's a great place to wander around and check out all the stalls.*

There are many chain restaurants in Norwich if you prefer such as The Ivy Brasserie, Cosy Club, Wagamamas, Cote Brasserie, Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Byron Burgers, Five Guys, Yo Sushi, Bills, etc.

## **Things to do and days out**

Here are just a few suggestions for days out in and around Mundesley and Norfolk. It is impossible to list them all as there is such a wealth of activities and beautiful scenery, offering something for everyone.

You will find lots of leaflets in the basket in the lounge for more details and further ideas, or visit the Tourist Information office in the village. Or visit these websites [visitnorfolk.com](http://visitnorfolk.com) and [tournorfolk.co.uk](http://tournorfolk.co.uk).

### **Mundesley**

Mundesley has a brilliant children's park with zip wire, scooter/skate park, multi games area, cycle hire, crazy golf and a small amusement arcade. As you leave the cottage turn right out of the front door and walk to the end of the road. Take the path on the left on to Gold Park where you will find all of these.

Usually in early August, the entertaining, small, human Circus Ferrel is located on the park.

Mundesley promenade is lined with beach huts from April to October. Most are privately owned but some are operated by the local council and can be rented out weekly. During the school holidays they are £210 per week and outside of school holidays £80-£115 per week. If you would like more information please call North Norfolk District Council Property Services on 01263 516067.

Learn to surf or paddle board with Glide Surf School in summer holidays (full details further along in this handbook).

### **Cromer**

Just ten miles along the coast you will find this Victorian seaside resort. There is a very good children's park, pitch and putt, skate park, crazy golf, plenty of amusements, great fish and chips, some small fairground rides on the promenade from spring onwards, and the wonderful Edwardian pier off which you can try crabbing. If you walk down the slope the fairground is to your right and left along the promenade there is a lovely little children's play area and cafe called Reef Stop.

North Lodge Park is located Mundesley side of Cromer and is a really nice open space on the cliff top. There's a good size children's model boating pond. You can also easily get to Whitewater cafe, Rocket Cafe and Henry Blogg museum from here.

There is also a cinema, The Regal Movieplex ([cromer.merlincinemas.co.uk](http://cromer.merlincinemas.co.uk)), NR27 9EQ showing the latest movies. The box office number is 01263 510151 or tickets can be booked online.

Cromer Pier's "End of the Pier Show" which takes place in the summer and at Christmas is the only pier show left in Europe! The variety show is an eclectic blend of great pop music, breath taking West End ballads, speciality acts and humour from top comedians. Booking is essential at [cromerpier.co.uk](http://cromerpier.co.uk) or call the box office on 01263 512495. Cromers RNLI lifeboat is housed at the end of the pier where you can go in and take a look around.

Cromer Carnival takes place mid August. Lots of activities are run during carnival week and the two weeks prior to carnival week are "children's weeks" where activities are run daily on the pier, promenade and beach. On Thursday evening there is a brilliant free fireworks display off the pier. Get there early to find a parking space and a spot to enjoy the display as it gets extremely busy ([cromercarnival.co.uk](http://cromercarnival.co.uk)). Check their website for exact carnival dates. There is also a wonderful fireworks display on New Years Day at 5pm off the pier. No tickets required just donations via charity buckets.

If you fancy taking some surfing or paddle boarding lessons then try The Glide Surf School ([glidesurfschool.co.uk](http://glidesurfschool.co.uk)). They run lessons from April to the end of October and can be found to the right hand side of the pier on the promenade. They also have a very good well stocked surf shop selling wetsuits, dry robes, body boards, beach shoes etc.

### **Other towns and villages**

Aylsham and Holt are both thriving market towns with lots of great independent shops, cafes and restaurants.

North along the coast and past Cromer drive along to Sheringham, Cley next to Sea, Salthouse, Blakeney, Stiffkey, Morston, Wiveton, Wells, Holkham, Thornham, Titchwell and Brancaster. They are all fabulous places to stop and explore and all have great cafe's, independent shops, restaurants, delis and pubs. Travel inland to Burnham Market, famed to be the most expensive place to live in Norfolk! It is stunning, with lots of lovely places to eat and nice little shops.

South of Mundesley the coast is less developed but still the beaches are beautiful and there are plenty of places to stop for a bite to eat. Try Happisburgh, Sea Palling, Waxham, Horsey and Winterton. Past Winterton is the popular seaside town of Great Yarmouth. It is anything but quiet in the summer months but is good fun, has lots of rides for the children, donkey rides, a seal life centre, and wonderful old fashioned circus. (see things to do)

## **Swimming**

Trimingham Leisure Club at Woodlands Holiday Park is the closest swimming pool to the cottage. You can pay to join for £25 and that includes 2 adults and unlimited children. When you join you can use the facilities that day without paying any extra. Any further visits can be paid for on a pay as you go basis. Great for a rainy day. The restaurant is great there too.

Victory Swimming Pool in North Walsham is not far. It is a large public swimming pool and at certain times a section of the pool's floor is raised for smaller children and in the holidays and weekends fun sessions are run where a large inflatable obstacle course is in the pool. They do operate lane swimming and children's swimming lessons so if you are intending to go check the website or give them a call first to ensure the pool is open to families and visitors. See [www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/victory-swim-and-fitness-centre](http://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/victory-swim-and-fitness-centre) or call 01692 409370.

## **North Norfolk Deep History Coast**

[www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/things-to-do/Deep-History-Coast](http://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/things-to-do/Deep-History-Coast)

North Norfolk's Deep History Coast is the 22 mile stretch of coastline between Weybourne and Cart Gap (Happisburgh), which has revealed the most spectacular finds. Happisburgh is the oldest archaeological site in northern Europe and West Runton yielded the oldest and largest fossilised mammoth skeleton ever found in the UK.

A really exciting project to bring this all to life has just been completed, there are 11 points along the coast (including Mundesley) where you can learn more and get involved in fossil hunting. The Tourist Information office in Cromer hosts an exhibition space for the project and there is an app available which you can use in conjunction with the information points to see what life was like for families during this time in history.

## **Cycling**

Norfolk is fantastic for cycling, there are plenty of quiet county lanes to explore and lots of cycle paths to enjoy.

The village now has its own bike shop offering cycle hire on half day, full day or weekend basis. Full details are in this handbook under the village shops section. Leaflets are also in the cottage with pricing, etc.

The Sustrans National Cycle Network ([sustrans.org.uk](http://sustrans.org.uk)) using old railway paths, forest tracks, country parks, bridleways, quiet minor roads and traffic-calmed streets in urban areas, passes through Norfolk and is designed to make cycling fun, safe and simple. The quieter paths, including the Marriott's Way ([marriottsway.info](http://marriottsway.info)), are a great place for children and new cyclists to practice their cycling skills and many are just the right length for a day ride.

If you'd like to experience some pure cycling, follow the ancient Peddars Way from the heather-carpeted heaths of the Brecks to the wild north Norfolk coast ([nationaltrail.co.uk](http://nationaltrail.co.uk)).

There are a few places where you can hire cycles from;

[woodlandholidaypark.co.uk](http://woodlandholidaypark.co.uk) (01263 704459) is the closest to Mundesley  
[broadlandcyclehire.co.uk](http://broadlandcyclehire.co.uk)  
[norfolkcyclehire.co.uk](http://norfolkcyclehire.co.uk)

## **Watersports**

We are so lucky in Norfolk to have both the sea and river to enjoy a multitude of water sports for all ages and all levels of experience.

Glide Surf School now operate out of Mundesley during the summer holidays. They are based next to the amusement arcade and offer surfing and SUP (Stand Up Paddleboarding) lessons for children and adults. Sessions can be booked daily, weather dependant of course! Their main base is in Cromer where they run lessons outside of the holidays too. They can be contacted via their facebook page or visit [glidesurfschool.co.uk](http://glidesurfschool.co.uk).

If you fancy learning to SUP but would rather do so on the river then there are a few options. Norfolk Outdoor Adventures on Hickling Broad is a beautiful spot on the broads. They also run a range of kayaking tours. Visit [norfolkoutdoor.co.uk](http://norfolkoutdoor.co.uk) for more info. Summer SUP is very affordable and located in Coltishall (NR12 7AA). It is also on the broads so lovely calm waters. There are also kayaks and rowing boats to hire. They are open daily 9.30- 8.30pm. See [summersup.co.uk](http://summersup.co.uk) or call 07983 233453 for further info. Pizza, fries and drinks served too.

And finally if canoeing is your thing then there are a few options to choose from. Dilham Hall have recently opened up their farms private canal for you to use. There are just over two miles of unspoilt water ways to enjoy without any boats so very peaceful indeed and lots of wildlife to spot along the way. You can hire canoes and SUP's or also launch your own canoe or SUP for a small charge. For a full day out you can also take a walk around the farms private nature reserve "Broads Fen" which is the size of 68 football pitches! and even hire a fire pit. Visit [dilhamhall.co.uk](http://dilhamhall.co.uk) or visit their facebook page for further information.

The Canoe Man ([thecanoeman.com](http://thecanoeman.com)) has a selection of locations along the broads and offers a really good range of activities from canoe hire, guided tour, bushcraft courses and even overnight canoe trails. Can be contacted on 07873 748408).

## **Family Days out**

### **Bewilderwood, Hoveton ([bewilderwood.co.uk](http://bewilderwood.co.uk)) NR12 8JW**

A wonderful family day out where mums, dads and grandparents can play amongst the trees with their children, running, jumping, swinging and creating treasured memories together. The best day of the week to visit in summer is either Friday or Saturday as these are the main changeover days in high season. Tickets can be booked online for quick entry to the park. Lots of special events are held during bank holidays, half terms and summer holidays. There is food available but we always like to take a picnic, leave it in the car and return for a picnic break at lunchtime rather than carrying it around the park.

### **JR's Indoor Play & Bowling, North Walsham ([stompdinestrike.com](http://stompdinestrike.com)) NR28 0JQ**

Large children's indoor & outdoor play area, ten pin bowling plus bar and food. Gets very busy on rainy days so worth booking bowling ahead on 01692 407793. Also a maize maze in summer months.

### **Wroxham Barns ([wroxhambarns.co.uk](http://wroxhambarns.co.uk)) NR12 8QU**

Lots to do here including a junior farm with indoor play area, children's fun fair, 18 hole mini adventure golf, lots of shops, places to eat and picnic areas. Special events run at Christmas, Easter and Halloween as well as lambing season. Sunflower field and maize maze in the summer holidays. Highly recommended for young families, a really great day out.

### **Karttrak Cromer ([karttrak.co.uk](http://karttrak.co.uk)) NR27 0GA**

Something fun for the older kids and adults! Really great and well run go karting track based just outside Cromer. Booking over the phone is advised especially during school holidays.

### **Amazona Zoo, Cromer ([amazonazoo.co.uk](http://amazonazoo.co.uk)) NR27 9JG**

A small zoo, home to a wide range of animals from Tropical South America in secluded grounds just a few minutes drive from Cromer town centre, plus indoor and outdoor play areas.

### **Norfolk Alpacas, Bradfield ([norfolkalpacas.co.uk](http://norfolkalpacas.co.uk)) NR28 0QW**

A fantastic experience - either an hours walk through the beautiful countryside with the alpacas (£10pp) or a three hour experience walking and taking afternoon tea (£35pp). Highly recommended! Contact by phone, email or via website to book. Open weekends.

### **Happisburgh Lighthouse ([happisburgh.org.lighthouse](http://happisburgh.org.lighthouse)) NR12 0PY**

Visit the oldest working lighthouse on the Norfolk Coast and the only independently operated lighthouse in the UK. The lighthouse is open to the public on occasional Sundays and Bank Holidays throughout the summer when you can climb the 112 steps to the lantern. See website for opening times.

### **Happisburgh Owls ([happisburghowls.com](http://happisburghowls.com)) NR12 0QA**

Rated as the top attraction on Trip Advisor for this area, this is a highly unique 3 hour personal experience with Sandra, and her beautiful collection of hand reared owls based at her home in Happisburgh. Must be booked in advance.

### **Wizard Maze, Metton ([northnorfolkwizardmaze.co.uk](http://northnorfolkwizardmaze.co.uk)) NR11 8QU**

Run by a local farming family this is a nice little afternoon or day out for children with jumping pillows, giant hay bale stack, go karts, tractor rides, crazy golf, play areas and 12 acre Maize Maze. Snacks, drinks and ice creams available or take your own picnic. This years theme is Tractor Ted. Open during summer school holidays only.

### **ROARR!, Norwich ([roarrdinosauradventure.co.uk](http://roarrdinosauradventure.co.uk)) NR9 5JE**

A fantastic full day out, arrive early to get the best out of the day as there is so much to do here. Extensive indoor and outdoor adventure play areas, outdoor splash zone, sky maze, dinosaur trail, animals, skywire, some small rides, deer safari to name but a few. Tickets can be purchased online for fast track entry to the park.

### **Pettitts Animal Adventure Park ([pettittsadventurepark.co.uk](http://pettittsadventurepark.co.uk)) NR13 3UA**

A huge amount of investment has been made under new ownership over the past two years and this is now a really fantastic full family day out, especially those with children approx. 10 and under. The park has small animals, play areas and many rides plus shows. During the year they have special character themed days such as Peppa Pig and Paw Patrol and seasonal events at Easter and Halloween. Highly recommended!

### **Henry Blogg Museum, Cromer ([RNLI.org/HenryBlogg](http://RNLI.org/HenryBlogg)) NR27 9ET**

Free entry. A lively, interactive museum with a great deal to discover about the greatest lifeboatman of all time, Henry Blogg. Combine with a visit to the fabulous Rocket House Cafe located upstairs.

### **Pensthorpe, Fakenham ([pensthorpe.com](http://pensthorpe.com)) NR21 0LN**

A bit of a drive but well worth it! Fabulous children's indoor and outdoor play areas (the Hootz House and Wild Rootz) plus plentiful wildlife, beautiful lakeside walks and gardens in this 700 acre natural park. In the spring and summer there is a shallow stream running through the Wild Rootz area where children can splash about. We always take spare clothes and towels as the children inevitably get wet and soggy! Tickets can be purchased online with discount and also to pre-book a slot in the Hootz House. Cafe and take away options available.

### **Hilltop Outdoor Adventure ([hilltopoutdoorcentre.co.uk](http://hilltopoutdoorcentre.co.uk)) NR26 8TS**

For children 8 years plus this is a great one for older children and teenagers. The family run centre is set in woodlands just outside Sheringham Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Sheringham and provides an array of exciting adventure activities such as climbing walls, high ropes courses, zip wires, archery the air jump. Open during half terms and the summer school holidays, booking is essential.



**North Norfolk Railway, Sheringham ([nnrailway.co.uk](http://nnrailway.co.uk)) NR26 8RA**

Wonderful old fashioned heritage railway running through some of Norfolk's most stunning coastal scenery. Runs from the Victorian seaside resort of Sheringham through to the Georgian town of Holt. Trains run daily from April to October plus special events throughout the year including the very special Santa Express at Christmas. During the summer school holidays (Mon-Sat) a vintage Routemaster Bus operates from Holt station in to the town. See website for details and timetable.

**Bure Valley Railway, Aylsham & Wroxham ([bvrw.co.uk](http://bvrw.co.uk)) NR11 6BW**

A smaller steam train running 9 miles from Aylsham to Wroxham with parking available at each station. A train and broads cruise package is available. Catch the train at Aylsham station, walk in to Wroxham to Wroxham bridge and board the boat for a one and a half hour broads cruise before returning to Wroxham for the train journey back to Aylsham.

**Wroxham Miniature Worlds ([wroxhamminiatureworlds.co.uk](http://wroxhamminiatureworlds.co.uk)) NR12 8QJ**

Great rainy day activity! The largest indoor modelling attraction in the UK stretching over 10,000 square feet with some of the largest model railways in the world on permanent display. Also massive scaletrix, lego displays, vintage toys and vintage model arcade cabinets.

**Pleasurewood Hills, Lowestoft ([pleasurewoodhills.com](http://pleasurewoodhills.com)) NR32 4TZ**

Family theme park set within 50 acres of parkland 10 minutes from Great Yarmouth. Lots of rides, best suited for older children.

**Sticky Earth Cafe, Cromer ([stickyearthcafe.co.uk](http://stickyearthcafe.co.uk)) NR27 9ES**

Lovely cafe in Cromer where you can have a go at a variety of craft activities including pottery painting, decopatch and t shirt design. Perfect for rainy days. Tables can be reserved on 01263 519642. See website for opening times and these vary throughout the year.

**Great Yarmouth Pleasure Beach ([pleasure-beach.co.uk](http://pleasure-beach.co.uk)) & Joyland ([joyland.org.uk](http://joyland.org.uk))**

Situated at the end of the sea front there are lots of rides here for children of all ages, the best being their traditional wooden rollercoaster built in 1932! Wristbands are a good option here as this allows you to go on as many rides as you like. At the other end of the seafront (next to the pier) you will find Joyland, which caters for the younger visitors (under 5's). There are lots of little rides, the star attraction being "The Snails" (one of the original rides installed when the park opened in 1949!)

**Great Yarmouth Hippodrome ([hippodromecircus.co.uk](http://hippodromecircus.co.uk))**

The Historic Hippodrome is Britain's only surviving TOTAL Circus Building, built in 1903 by the legendary Circus showman George Gilbert. It still retains much of it's original character and is just like stepping back in time. They put on fabulous seasonal shows, our favourites are the Christmas show and the Pirates Show over the Easter holidays.

**The Muckleburgh Military Collection, Weybourne ([muckleburgh.co.uk](http://muckleburgh.co.uk)) NR25 7EH**

A large collection of military tanks, guns and vehicles. During the school holidays military vehicle rides are available plus tank demonstrations.

**Time and Tide Museum, Great Yarmouth ([museums.norfolk.gov.uk](http://museums.norfolk.gov.uk)) NR30 3BX**

Really superb museum set in the fascinating building of a Victorian herring curing works, the museum tells the story of Great Yarmouth from the Ice Age to the present day. Lots of interactive and innovative exhibits, this is a museum everyone will enjoy.

**Norwich Castle Museum ([museums.norfolk.gov.uk](http://museums.norfolk.gov.uk)) NR1 3JU**

Norwich Castle was built by the Normans as a Royal Palace 900 years ago! It is now a museum packed with treasures to inspire and intrigue visitors of all ages. Plenty of interactive hands on exhibits to really get children involved and interested in history.

**Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse ([museums.norfolk.gov.uk](http://museums.norfolk.gov.uk)), NR20 4DR**

This is a bit of a drive but definitely worth it if you love museums. Discover the story of rural Norfolk at this fascinating museum and traditional farm. An exciting new project "Voices from the Workhouse" is due to be completed this year, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. There are old village shops, stocked with household goods from times gone by, cart rides around the farm, a 1930's cottage re created and beautiful kitchen garden and orchard. Children will also enjoy the fantastic woodland adventure playground.

**Norwich** – there's so much to do in Norwich it is impossible to list everything in detail! There are three cinemas (including IMAX), museums, Norwich Cathedral, indoor crazy golf, bowling, escape rooms, trampoline parks and much more. Search things to do in Norwich on Trip Advisor for all the detail and current recommendations. There is a great bus service and train line from North Walsham to Norwich if you don't want to drive in.

**[National Trust Properties \(\[nationaltrust.org.uk/norfolk\]\(http://nationaltrust.org.uk/norfolk\)\)](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/norfolk)****Blickling Estate NR11 6NF**

Explore the house and experience what life was like in the 1930s when Philip Kerr, the last private owner of Blickling Estate, lived there. The gardens and house are breathtaking, well worth a visit. Christmas is also a great time to visit as in early December at weekends the house and gardens are illuminated – absolutely stunning and unmissable if you are here at the time.

**Felbrigg Hall NR11 8PR**

This estate is a place of sanctuary and tranquility, with wonderful park and woodland walks. Season events are very good, particularly at Halloween.

### **Sheringham Park NR26 8TL**

Enjoy coastal views created over 200 years ago by landscape gardener Humphry Repton. Climb the gazebo tower for unrivalled views of the North Norfolk coastline and take a walk to the clifftops accompanied by the song of skylarks. Truly beautiful park with lots of little areas in the woods to explore for children.

### **Homes and Gardens**

#### **East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens ([e-ruston-oldvicaragegardens.co.uk](http://e-ruston-oldvicaragegardens.co.uk)) NR12 9HN**

Fabulous privately owned 32-acre exotic coastal garden incl. traditional borders, exotic garden, desert wash, sunk garden, topiary, water features, walled and Mediterranean gardens. Many rare and unusual plants, stunning plant combinations, wild flower meadows, old-fashioned cornfield, vegetable and cutting gardens. Well worth a visit. Please see their website for up to date opening times.

#### **Holkham ([holkham.co.uk](http://holkham.co.uk)) NR23 1AB**

An absolutely beautiful privately owned estate on the North Norfolk coast. Hire cycles for the day, take a boat out on the lake, children can play on the woodland adventure playground, have fun on the sky maze (Go Ape style) take a walk around the extensive grounds, follow a nature trail, take a guided tour around the house or visit the Field to Fork exhibition. The Walled Garden is absolutely wonderful too, to which you can walk or cycle or take a tractor ride. "The Victoria" pub on the estate also serves fabulous food and a visit to Norfolk wouldn't be complete without a visit to Holkham beach. At Christmas time their Father Christmas experience is truly magical and they also offer candle light house tours throughout December. Special events at Easter and Halloween are very well organised and great fun for the children.

#### **Hoveton Hall Gardens ([hovetonhall.co.uk](http://hovetonhall.co.uk)) NR12 8RJ**

Located just outside Wroxham these privately owned gardens are definitely worth a visit, as is the lovely Garden Kitchen Cafe which is also on site. The estate covers 620 acres of parkland, gardens, woodland, arable and grazing agricultural land and a fine Regency Hall built between 1809 and 1812.

Open Easter to end of September, 10.30am – 5pm.

#### **Houghton Hall ([houghtonhall.com](http://houghtonhall.com)) PE31 6TY**

One of Norfolk's most beautiful stately homes there is much to see here including the main hall, walled garden, extensive gardens & outdoor sculpture plus a cafe, picnic & play area. It is becoming a destination for lovers of contemporary art & sculpture, every year hosting an exhibition from a major artist.

Discounted entrance tickets can be purchased online.

Open May to end September

Wed, Thurs, Sunday, Bank holiday Mondays and from 20<sup>th</sup> July Saturdays

#### **Sandringham ([sandringhamestate.co.uk](http://sandringhamestate.co.uk)) PE35 6EH**

The Royal Family's Norfolk retreat. It is a bit of a drive to Sandringham and its glorious gardens, fine house and museum from Mundesley. The 600 acre country park and visitor centre is open all year round. There are two nature trails, a sculpture trail around the park and amazing children's play area. Luminare at Sandringham is their Christmas event and is really special, highly recommended.

### **Walking**

Lots of information and detailed walking maps can be found in the Tourist Information office in the centre of the village.

**If you are walking on the beach particularly towards Cromer please make sure you are aware of the tide times. DO NOT climb on the cliffs and keep away from the base and edge as they are very dangerous and unstable. There have been some very big cliff slips in recent years.**

#### **Bacton Woods ([forestry.gov.uk](http://forestry.gov.uk)) NR28 9UE**

Visit Bacton Wood (or Witton Woods as it is also known) and its wonderful mosaic of conifer plantation, mixed woodland and open spaces. See if you can identify all 30 species of tree that can be found, some are native and some have been introduced! There are lots of different paths to take and woods to explore. Our children love to go here, there are few swings people have installed, man made bike tracks and lots of places for den building.

#### **North Norfolk Coastal Path ([nationaltrail.co.uk](http://nationaltrail.co.uk))**

The Norfolk Coast Path is a long distance footpath in Norfolk, running 45 miles from Hunstanton to Cromer. Taking you through fantastic scenery including a Roman Road, the unique Brecks, low cliffs and extensive sandy beaches and dunes this Trail offers something for everyone from a gentle stroll to a 93 mile (150Km) walk. The coastal walk extends to Mundesley but tracks inland at certain points. It is well signposted.

A lovely walk to take along the coast path is from Overstrand to Cromer (4 miles).

### **Golf**

**Mundesley Golf Club ([mundesleygolfclub.com](http://mundesleygolfclub.com)) NR11 8ES.**

**Royal Cromer Golf Course ([royalcromergolfclub.com](http://royalcromergolfclub.com)) NR27 0JH**

**Links Country Park Golf Course, West Runton ([club-noticeboard.co.uk/westrunton](http://club-noticeboard.co.uk/westrunton)) NR27 9QH**

**Sheringham Golf Club ([sheringhamgolfclub.co.uk](http://sheringhamgolfclub.co.uk)) NR26 8HG**

### **The Norfolk Broads (enjoythebroads.com)**

The Norfolk Broads is a magical water land and uniquely beautiful environment shaped by people working hand in hand with nature over thousands of years.

If you fancy taking a boat out yourselves for the day there are many places these can be hired. Day boats can be hired from Wroxham, Stalham, Sutton Staithe, Potter Heigham and Horning. There are many pubs and places to stop along the way or take your own picnic.

broadstours.co.uk  
finewayleisure.co.uk  
herbertwoods.co.uk

daycruisers.co.uk  
moonfleetmarine.c.uk  
richardsonsboatingholidays.co.uk

As well as offering day boat hire Broads Tours operate river trip tours departing from Wroxham bridge. It is a fabulous opportunity to discover the Norfolk Broads. A full commentary from the skipper will ensure you don't miss a thing, explaining the origins of the Broads, identifying points of interest along the way and showing you the abundance of local water birds as they come into view. This is a great way to learn about the Broads whilst taking in the beautiful scenery all around you, with a hot or cold drink and some light refreshments to enjoy as you go. Trips run daily from mid March to end of October. Tickets can be pre-booked on 01603 783207.

River trips can also be taken on the Mississippi Paddle Boat from the Swan Hotel, Horning from March to November. (southern-comfort.co.uk)

### **Seals & Seal Trips**

Take a boat trip and see the seals in their natural habitat. There are a number of boats operating from Blakeney and Morston.

blakeneypointsealtrips.co.uk  
sealtrips.co.uk  
bishopsboats.com  
beansboattrips.co.uk

### **Horse Seal (friendsofhorseyseals.co.uk)**

If you prefer to see the seals from land rather than boat an excellent place to go is Horsey. The seals come on to the beach in the winter months to give birth and the beach is literally covered - it is quite an amazing sight. It does get busy and quite muddy so go prepared. See the above website for further details and updates regarding if and when the seals are there.

**ALWAYS follow guidance and stay a safe distance from the seals.**

### **Birdwatching**

visitnorfolk.co.uk/things-to-do/birdwatching

Norfolk has a large number of birdwatching sites, ranging from RSPB & Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserves with lots of facilities, to more low key general birdwatching areas where it is possible to get away from it all.

### **The Norfolk Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre, Cley Marshes (norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk)**

Recently named by Sir David Attenborough as one of the best places in the UK to see wildlife, NWT Cley Marshes is Norfolk Wildlife Trust's oldest and best known nature reserve. It was purchased in 1926 to be held 'in perpetuity as a bird breeding sanctuary'. It provided a blue print for nature conservation which has now been replicated across the UK. The water levels in the pools and reed beds are regulated to ensure they are ideal for the resident birds, and reed is harvested every year to keep the reed beds in good condition.

The shingle beach and saline lagoons, along with the grazing marsh and reed bed support large numbers of wintering and migrating wildfowl and waders, as well as bittern, marsh harrier and bearded tit.

There's an eco-friendly visitor centre containing a café, shop, viewing areas (including viewing from a camera on the reserve), a courtyard and viewing deck. The view from the visitor centre across the Marsh to the sea is breathtaking.