

Country walks in Billingford

Woodland and County School (Walking and cycle route)

From the main road (B1145) go north along Bintree Road for about 0.5 mile. (Or if on foot you can cross the playing field past the village hall and join Bintree Road opposite the church) Pass the end of the 30mph speed limit sign. Turn left along the farm track by open farm fields and continue westwards to open access Forestry Commission woodland on the right. There are various tracks through the woods. Bintree village and Bintree Mill are about 2 miles away along minor roads from the north eastern exit. To extend the walk on the west side, after passing the parish land on the left, exit from the northern section to a roadway past houses on the left on the site of County School. Further on the right is a notice board describing County School. Continue along the road towards the River Wensum to reach the old railway station.

(refreshments may be available at certain times see Mid-Norfolk Railway mnr.org.uk). North Elmham and the Saxon Cathedral site can be reached by continuing adjacent to the old railway line southwards.

Billingford Common, River Wensum SSSI and scheduled monument

From the main road go south along Holl Lane. At the grass triangle keep straight on along the track past the site of a converted chapel on the right. After about 0.3 mile the track descends gradually with an extensive fishing lake on the left (Norfolk Flyfishers). The track then turns westwards to reach a track at right angles.

There are two options here.

Turn left to cross the Wensum to reach the Swanton Morley to Worthing Road. by Burgh Common on the right on the south side of the river and has a wildlife descriptive notice board and a wheelchair compatible platform approach to the river bank. (For a longer circular walk continue westwards to Worthing, North Elmham, the railway line track and County School back to the Forestry Commission woodland as above).

Alternatively continue westwards following the footpath across Billingford Common, with pleasant views across the Wensum, past old gravel ponds and eventually turn north to reach the main road. The Romano Anglo Saxon scheduled monument settlement site is adjacent on the west and south of the B1145. (description shown on this website)

For footpath maps in Norfolk see maps.norfolk.gov.uk