

Distance	9 miles (14.4km)
Surface	10% hard, 90% soft - stiles, gates, kissing gates
Gradient	Slight
Toilets	No
Refreshment facilities	The Haddiscoe Tavern, The Crown Inn, Haddiscoe. The Queen's Head Inn, Thurlton
Seating on route	No

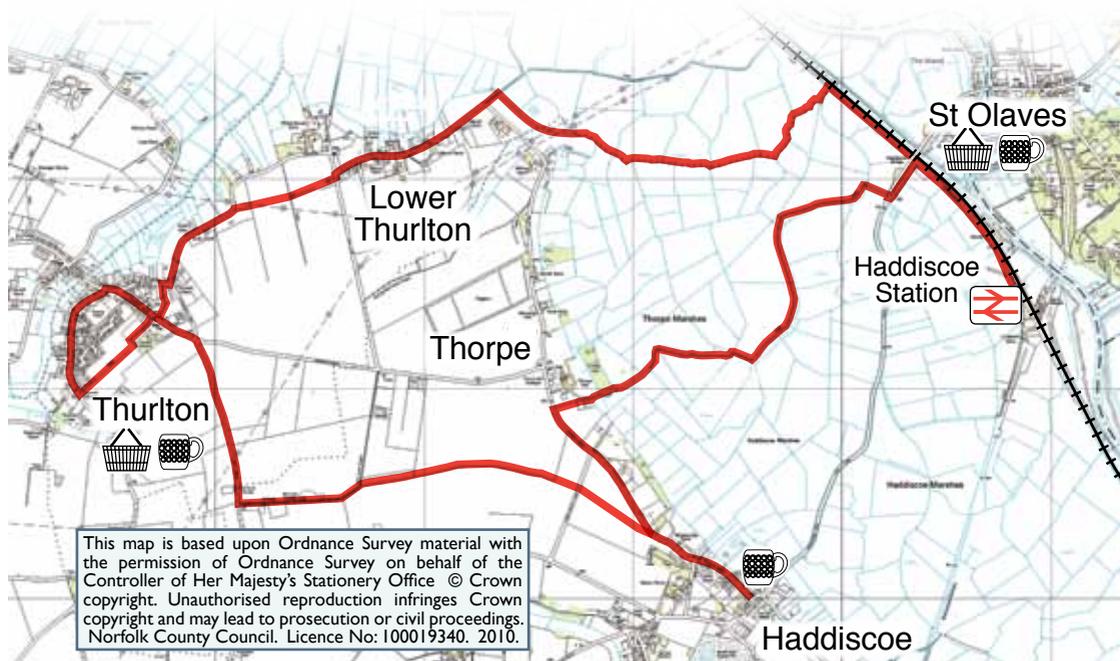
Directions:

N.B. *The walk is predominantly across grazing marshes which may be wet and contain livestock.*

- 1 From the station platforms, head for the exit to the car park. Turn right and follow the stretch of road which runs parallel to the railway line.
- 2 Walk underneath the bridge ahead and continue along a track to the gates which cross the track.
- 3 To your left, there is a small wooden gate marked with a waymark disk. Pass through this gate, over the dyke crossing and follow the field-edge path keeping the dyke to your left.
- 4 At the end of the field-edge section, close to a metal pylon, bear left to continue on a grassy path which is bordered by a dyke on the left and woodland belt and hedge on the right. Follow the path until you reach a gate and stile.
- 5 Cross the stile and turn left onto a farm track. Shortly you will reach a surfaced road where you continue straight ahead, walking through the village of Lower Thurlton until reaching a road junction (with phone box).
- 6 Turn left and almost immediately you will see a footpath to your right. Pass through the metal kissing gate, passing the small

fenced compound on your left and then a farm building on your right.

- 7 Walk straight across the field ahead and through a small wooded area to emerge on a road. Turn left and walk toward the village of Thurlton until you meet a road junction.
- 8 Continue right and after 30m turn left through a gate on to a public footpath. This will lead you past Thurlton Primary School (note their wind turbine) and onto Church Road. Turn right and walk through the village to a junction by the Queen's Head Inn where you turn left.
- 9 Continue along this road, passing Links Way on your left and Sandy Lane on your right. Just after Sandy Lane there is a track on the left signed as a public footpath. After about 100m the path continues straight ahead as a crossfield path.
- 10 Bear left once over the field and follow the path that leads around the wooded area. You will walk past Thurlton Church on your right before emerging again on to Church Road.



- 11** Turn right and walk to the crossroads and turn right along Mill Road. Walk along this road for approximately 800m and after passing Mill Farm House on your right, you will see a track (signed as a public bridleway) leading away to your left.
- 12** Walk along this track, passing Hillfield Nursery to your right and continue along the bridleway. After passing Hill Farm Cottages, the track becomes a grassy, field-edge path and after about 200m it bends to the left. At this point you will see another bridleway leading away to your right. Take this field-edge route, which will eventually cross a field before emerging on to Crab Apple Lane.
- 13** Cross the lane and walk directly across the field aiming for the nearest wooden pylon and the houses visible at the far end of the field. At the road you can either turn right and follow the road into Haddiscoe or turn left to continue the circular walk.
- 14** Continue until a signed footpath with a stile leading away to the right can be seen. Cross the meadow and the stile at the far side, turning right onto the track. After 350m the track ends at two gates.

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- 15 Walk through the right hand gate and continue, keeping the dyke to your left. Follow this path until you see three gateways ahead. Take the middle gateway and bear right ensuring that you keep the dyke on your right hand side.
- 16 Pass through a gate and at the end of this field, take the gate on the right and through a second gate just beyond. Follow a wide grassy track aiming for the wooden corrals in front of the high concrete road bridge. Pass through two gates which form the right end of the corral and along the track to a small gate by the main road (A143). Exercising caution, cross the busy road and bear left to walk down Station Road (which runs parallel to the main road). Follow the bend in the road round to the right to return to Haddiscoe station.

Points of interest:

- Extensive “big sky” views over Thorpe and Haddiscoe Marshes;
- Geese, ducks, wild swans, peregrine and short-eared owls in winter;
- All Saints’ Church, Thurlton.