



# Explore the Wherry Lines



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The Wherry Lines run from Norwich and serve the seaside towns of Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft as they travel through more stunning scenery within the Broads National Park. On reaching Great Yarmouth it's just a short walk to the town centre, where bus connections can be found for Caister, Hopton and Gorleston. Lowestoft Station is situated in the heart of the town centre, just a few minutes from the town's award winning beach. At Lowestoft, trains also run down the East Suffolk Line towards Ipswich and a Plus Bus ticket can take you towards Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park near Corton or Africa Alive! wildlife park at Kessingland.

In addition to the Wherry Lines, Norwich Station has services running to Cambridge, Peterborough, The Midlands, North West, Ipswich, Colchester & London. Plus Bus is also available from Norwich with routes into the city centre and to the University of East Anglia.

**NORWICH**

The skyline of Norwich is dominated by the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle Keep. Today, this thriving city is the commercial and cultural centre of Norfolk featuring an array of museums, theatres, cinemas, music venues and The Forum, home to the city Library. Major shopping areas within the city centre include Castle Mall and Chapelfield, linked together through the city by numerous department stores, national retailers, independent shops and the famous market. The historic halls of St Andrews and Blackfriars once housed the Royal Mint and Elm Hill provides a fascinating cobbled lane with buildings dating back to the Tudor period. A short walk from Norwich Station is Carrow Road, home of Norwich City Football Club. It is said that Norwich once had a church for every week of the year and a pub for every day of the week, so leave plenty of time for a visit!

**LOWESTOFT**

The historic port of Lowestoft is the second largest town in Suffolk with the railway station located at the very heart of the retail centre and only a few minutes walk from the award winning South Beach and the start of the Suffolk Coast Path. Rich in industrial, maritime and wartime history, Lowestoft boasts theatres, cinemas, museums, two piers and a host of leisure facilities along with delightful parks and marinas. Leisure attractions include Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park at Corton and Africa Alive! wildlife park at Kessingland. Lowestoft is situated at the most easterly point in the British Isles and the railway station is the furthest East on the entire UK rail network. At Lowestoft, trains also run via the East Suffolk Line to Ipswich and a daily service connects with the ferry to Holland at Harwich International.

Lowestoft Station is home to the Parcels Office Public Exhibition Space which hosts a variety of events and exhibitions. The Station Shop also incorporates the town's Tourist Information Office.

**BUCKENHAM**

Buckenham is a small halt 7miles south east of Norwich and serves the RSPB Buckenham Marshes Nature Reserve, a short walk from the station is the redundant former Parish Church of St Nicholas. Trains to Buckenham only stop at weekends, so do check before you travel.

**LINGWOOD**

The station in the village of Lingwood also serves the smaller nearby villages of Burlingham Green, North Burlingham and South Burlingham.

**BRUNDALL & BRUNDALL GARDENS**

Located on the north bank of the River Yare, opposite Surlingham Broad, Brundall is served by two stations, Brundall Gardens and Brundall. Famed for boat building, access to the boatyards and river is opposite Brundall station and just a short walk towards the village leads to the tiny Church of St Lawrence. Rich in wildlife, the RSPB Strumpshaw Fen is 1.5 miles from the village, as is the Strumpshaw Steam Museum.

**CANTLEY**

Situated on the north bank of the River Yare, this small village is dominated by the Cantley Sugar Factory. Built in 1912, the factory was the first in the UK to successfully produce sugar from sugar beet. The award winning station garden, tended by a team of dedicated volunteers is certainly worth a look.

**ACLE**

The traditional Norfolk village of Acle was once an area in which oak was felled for use in the construction of Elizabethan Warships, and in Roman times Acle was a port at the head of a large estuary called Gariensis. Mentioned in the Domesday Book, it was granted a market charter in 1253. The part thatched Church of St Edmund is located near to the Weavers' Way footpath. Just outside the village, Acle Bridge is a picturesque location on the River Bure popular with boating.

**HADDISCOE**

The station at Haddiscoe is situated approx two miles north of the village and was once known as 'Haddiscoe low level' as trains between Beccles and Great Yarmouth once ran above. A walk to the A143 road flyover brings you to the ancient village of St Olaves, which features the remains of a priory and a busy scene of boating activities on the River Waveney.

**REEDHAM**

The large, pretty village of Reedham is the perfect location to enjoy lunch overlooking the River Yare and to observe the opening of Reedham Swing Bridge, which has carried the railway to Lowestoft for over 100 years. Take a short walk from the station and you'll find the Pettitts family attraction and the Humpty Dumpty Brewery. Trains run to Norwich, Great Yarmouth via Berney Arms and Lowestoft from Reedham, and the station houses a small railway heritage centre.

**GREAT YARMOUTH**

The ancient port of Great Yarmouth is situated at the mouth of the River Yare, combining a busy industrial scene with more traditional seaside attractions to be found on the town's golden mile including two piers, Hippodrome Circus and Pleasure Beach Funfair. There is much to explore of the town's history too with the Maritime, Time and Tide and the Elizabethan House Museums as well as historic vessels often visiting the quay. South of Great Yarmouth is the town of Gorleston, which has its own High Street featuring a good mix of independent shops and national retailers. From the south bank of the river can be found the Lifeboat Museum and the pier leading to Gorleston beach and its extensive promenade and cliff top gardens. Just to the west of Great Yarmouth station is Breydon Water, gateway to the Broads National Park.

**BERNEY ARMS**

Located alongside the River Yare, at the southwestern end of Breydon Water, Berney Arms is only accessible on foot or by rail and a visit provides an opportunity to see the Berney Arms Windmill, one of the most magnificent of its kind in the region. In use until 1948, the mill was first used to grind materials for cement and later converted to drain water from the surrounding marshes. A delightful riverside walk west brings you to the village of Reedham.

**SOMERLEYTON**

The beautiful village of Somerleyton is a few minutes walk from the station and Somerleyton Hall is a magnificent stately home, once the residence of railway pioneer Sir Samuel Morton Peto who, in addition to bringing the railway to Lowestoft, developed the port and the south of the town as a seaside resort. The village itself features a delightful green surrounded by thatched cottages. Sir Christopher Cockerell invented the Hovercraft in Somerleyton during the 1950's and a monument to his work can be found opposite the green.

**OULTON BROAD NORTH**

Just a few minutes walk from Oulton Broad North Station, Nicholas Everitt Park offers extensive views of Oulton Broad and a host of family leisure facilities and water based attractions including boat trips, sailing and speedboat racing. The park is also home to the Lowestoft Museum. At Mutford Lock, the seasonal Lowestoft Ferry runs a unique boat trip through Lake Lothering and the more industrial parts of the port ending near Lowestoft South Pier. Oulton Broad is also served by Oulton Broad South Station on the East Suffolk Line to Ipswich, from here a footpath leads to Carlton Marshes nature reserve with its rich wildlife and extensive views across the marshes and River Waveney. At Carlton Colville, the East Anglia Transport Museum hosts a varied collection of working buses, trams, trolley-buses and a narrow gauge railway.

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