

Named after the famous Broads trading boats, the Wherry Lines connects the fine city of Norwich with the seaside towns of Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

The route was initially opened from Norwich to Great Yarmouth in 1844 by the Norwich and Yarmouth Railway, running via Reedham. In 1847, Sir Samuel Morton Peto added the line from Reedham to Lowestoft, as part of the Norfolk Railway. In 1882, the northern route running from Norwich to Great Yarmouth via Acle was added by the Great Eastern Railway.



Norwich

Norwich was the second largest city in medieval Britain and its skyline is still 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's 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 open-air market. A short walk from Norwich Station leads to 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 year, so leave plenty of time for a visit!

The Wherry Ranger

The Wherry Ranger ticket offers one day's unlimited travel on the Wherry Lines. Tickets are valid from 08.45 on Mondays to Fridays and at any time on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. The Wherry Ranger costs £9 per adult, and accompanying kids pay half price. No Railcard discounts are available.

The Wherry Family Ranger

There is a Family ticket available for £20 which allows two adults and up to two children (aged 5-15 inclusive) unlimited travel in the Wherry Ranger area. In other words, two children travel for £1 each when accompanied by two paying adults.

The Wherry Senior Ranger

The Wherry Senior Ranger is available to everybody over 60 years of age for just £6. Time restrictions are the same as for the Adult ticket and no Railcard is required to take advantage of this discount.

GroupSave

With the GroupSave offer, you can get 1/3 off all fares for groups of three to nine adults travelling together Off-Peak. Book at the station or online in advance at greateranglia.co.uk

PlusBus

PlusBus is available from Norwich with routes into the city centre and to the University of East Anglia. For details, go to www.plusbus.info/norwich

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Brundall & Brundall Gardens

Located on the north bank of the River Yare opposite Surlingham Broad, the peaceful village of Brundall which is famed for boat-building, is served by two stations, Brundall and Brundall Gardens. Access to the boatyards and the river is opposite Brundall station. A short walk towards the village leads you to the tiny church of St Lawrence, which is long and towerless and set back from the road. The church is home to East Anglia's only lead font. Rich in wildlife, the RSPB Strumpshaw Fen is 1.5 miles from the village, as is the Strumpshaw Steam Museum.

Lingwood

The station in the village of Lingwood also serves the smaller nearby villages of Burlingham Green, North Burlingham and South Burlingham. Built in 1882 by the Great Eastern Railway, the station building is now a family-run bed & breakfast known as The Station House, which is an excellent base from which to explore the Broads National Park and experience a variety of activities including horse-riding, boating, golf and rambling.

Acle

In Roman times, the village of Acle was a port at the head of a large estuary named Gariensis. Mentioned in the Domesday Book, it was granted a market charter in 1253. Oak was felled for in the area for use in the construction of Elizabethan warships. The beautiful part-thatched Church of St Edmund is located near to the Weavers' Way footpath. If you stand in front of the church tower and gaze eastwards, you can see St Benet's Abbey. Just outside the village, Acle Bridge is a picturesque location on the River Bure popular for boating. Acle Station was opened in 1883 by Great Eastern Railway and today, it is a bed & breakfast which offers visitors a fantastic base from which to explore Norfolk and the surrounding area.

Berney Arms

Located alongside the River Yare, at the south-western end of Breydon Water, Berney Arms is only accessible on foot or by rail. One of the most remote railway stations in England, the Berney Arms station was built in the 1840s. It is a request stop on the Norwich-Great Yarmouth line. 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 tranquil riverside walk west brings you to the village of Reedham.

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 that can be found on the town's golden mile including two piers, the Hippodrome Circus and the Pleasure Beach theme park. Discover Great Yarmouth's heritage and development at museums such as the Time and Tide Museum, the Elizabethan House Museum and the Tolhouse Museum. In 1849, Charles Dickens stayed at The Feathers Inn in Gorleston and the Royal Hotel in Great Yarmouth. The surrounding countryside and town appeared to have made a lasting impression on him; Great Yarmouth is featured in his semi-autobiographical novel David Copperfield, where one of the characters describes the town as "the finest place in the universe". Just to the west of Great Yarmouth station is Breydon Water; gateway to the Broads National Park.

Buckenham

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

Cantley

The small village of Cantley is situated on the north bank of the River Yare and 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, cultivated by a team of dedicated volunteers, is certainly worth a look. A leisurely 3-mile stroll from Cantley to Reedham, where you can have lunch at a local pub, can be completed in about an hour and is an excellent way to spend a morning or afternoon in the peaceful Norfolk countryside.

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 trains to and from Lowestoft for over 100 years. Take a short walk from the station and you'll find Pettitts Animal Adventure Park, a family-friendly attraction, and the Humpty Dumpty Brewery. Trains from Reedham run to Norwich and Great Yarmouth via the Berney Arms, and Lowestoft. The station houses a small railway heritage room which is run by volunteers and is also one of the stations that houses the Wherry Lines Community Rail Partnership's railway library.

Haddiscoe

Haddiscoe station is situated approximately 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 where you can find the remains of a priory, and a popular boating area on the River Waveney.

Somerleyton

The beautiful village of Somerleyton is approximately ten minutes walk along Station Road from Somerleyton station. The village itself features a delightful green surrounded by thatched cottages. Sir Christopher Cockerell invented the Hovercraft in Somerleyton during the 1950s and a monument to his work can be found opposite the green. 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. Somerleyton Hall and its gardens are open to the public on certain days. Situated about a mile from the village and within the hall's extensive grounds, stands St Mary's Church, built in the 15th century and remodelled in 1854 by Samuel Morton Peto.

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 Lowestoft Museum. At Mutford Lock, the seasonal Lowestoft Ferry runs a unique boat trip through Lake Lothing and the more industrial parts of the port ending near Lowestoft South Pier. At Carlton Colville, the East Anglian Transport Museum hosts a varied collection of working buses trams, trolley-buses and a narrow gauge railway.

Lowestoft

The historic port of Lowestoft is the second largest town in Suffolk, with the railway station located at the heart of town and only a few minutes away from the award-winning South Beach, as well as the start of the Suffolk Coastal Path. Rich in industrial, maritime and wartime history, Lowestoft boasts theatres, cinemas, museums, two piers and a host of leisure facilities along with 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.



Attractions

LAKE HOUSE

Nearest station: Brundall Gardens

Location: A ten-minute walk from the station along Laurel Drive, followed by a right turn into Postwick Lane, heading past Holmesdale Road, followed by a right turn into Lake View Drive and a final right turn into Roman Drive.

01603 712933, Mrs Janet Muter

Details: This beautiful historic water garden which features a series of ponds descending through a wooded alley to the shore of a lake was once known as "the Switzerland of Norfolk". The garden was created in 1880 by Dr Beverley and later sold to an entrepreneur named Frederick Holmes-Cooper in 1917 who turned them into a visitor attraction with a hotel and restaurant. In 1922, 60,000 people reportedly visited the gardens. Today, visitors are welcome by arrangement (January to October), refreshments by arrangement and admission costs £5 per adult.

STRUMPSHAW FEN RSPB RESERVE

Nearest station: Brundall

www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/strumpshaw-fen | 01603715191

Details: Located approximately 6 miles east of Norwich on the River Yare, the reserve offers visitors a chance to walk around the reedbeds, woodlands and orchid-rich meadows. There is a Reception Hide and information centre and a picnic area. On the nature trails, visitors have the chance to spot marsh harriers, bitterns and kingfishers.

PETTITTS ANIMAL ADVENTURE PARK

Nearest station: Reedham

Location: Coming out of Station Drive, turn left and walk along Freethorpe Road and turn right to walk down Pottle's Lane. Continue along Church Road where you will find Pettitts Animal Adventure Park after a right turn further down the road.

www.pettittsadventurepark.co.uk | 01493 700094

Details: Open from April to October and approximately a 20-minute walk away from the station, Pettitts Animal Adventure Park offers family rides, an adventure playground, crazy golf, a miniature railway, a theatre with daily live shows, a reptile house, and animals to feed and pet. There is a café and a picnic area for visitors.

BERNEY ARMS WINDMILL

Nearest station: Berney Arms

Location: The windmill is a ¼ mile walk from the station.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/berney-arms-windmill | 01493 700645

Details: One of the Norfolk Broads' tallest marsh mills, the Berney Arms Windmill stands at over 70 feet high and can be seen for miles around. It was built around the 1870s to grind materials for cement and was in use until 1948. The mill is maintained by English Heritage and access to the mill is by pre-booked tours only.

Note: Please remember to check opening times and ticket prices (where applicable) before your visit

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PLEASURE BEACH

Nearest station: Great Yarmouth

Location: The Pleasure Beach is approximately half an hour away by foot through the town centre.

www.pleasure-beach.co.uk | 01493 844585

Details: The Pleasure Beach is a highly popular amusement park spread across nine acres by the beach with plenty of rides, traditional attractions and a roller coaster which has been its star attraction since 1932.

SOMERLEYTON HALL

Nearest station: Somerleyton

Location: Somerleyton Hall, Lovingland, Suffolk NR32 5GQ

www.somerleyton.co.uk/somerleyton-hall | 0871 222 4244

Details: Somerleyton Hall is widely acclaimed as one of the finest stately homes in the UK. The magnificent Tudor mansion is set in beautiful gardens on a 5000-acre estate and its stunning interiors include an impressive carved oak entrance hall, a stately ballroom, an elegant library and a sumptuous dining room. Entrance to the hall is by tour only; check opening times and ticket prices before you visit.

EAST ANGLIA TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Nearest station: Oulton Broad North

Location: Chapel Road, Carlton Colville, Suffolk NR33 8BL

www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk | 01502 518459

Details: This fascinating museum lets visitors see history in motion as they learn about the development of mechanical transport. Featuring one of the widest ranges of preserved vehicles in the country, the museum offers visitors a chance to ride on trams, trolleybuses and a light railway. It runs various events throughout the year including a 1940s Weekend, its popular Trolleybus Weekend and a Halloween event.

PLEASUREWOOD HILLS

Nearest station: Lowestoft

Location: Pleasurewood Hills, Leisure Way, Lowestoft NR32 5DZ

pleasurewoodhills.com | 01502 586000

Details: Pleasurewood Hills Family Theme Park is set within 52 acres of enclosed parkland and offers an exciting fun-packed day out – ride the Marble Madness rollercoaster or jump on board Wipeout, the tallest, fastest and most extreme rollercoaster in the East of England. Ask for Plus Bus with your rail ticket for cheaper travel to the theme park from Lowestoft Station.

AFRICA ALIVE!

Nearest station: Lowestoft

Location: Kessingland, Lowestoft NR33 7TF

www.africa-alive.co.uk | 01502 740291

Details: Africa Alive! is set in 100 acres of beautiful Suffolk countryside and offers visitors a chance to spot a wide range of British wildlife as well as lions, rhinos, giraffes, lemurs, meerkats, monkeys and many more animals from the African continent. During the summer, there is an opportunity to get up close to some animals in the "Plains of Africa" centrepiece of the park. Ask for Plus Bus with your rail ticket for cheaper travel to the wildlife park from Lowestoft Station.



EXPLORE
NORFOLK AND
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WHERRY LINES

Events Listing

GREAT YARMOUTH AIR SHOW

Date: 16 & 17 June 2018

Nearest station: Great Yarmouth

www.great-yarmouth.co.uk/air-show

Details: The Great Yarmouth Air Show is set to be one of the biggest events of the year in East Anglia, and aims to feature military and civilian displays. Crowds will be able to watch the aerial displays from along the Golden Mile Seafront, within easy access of local attractions, amusements, tea rooms, cafes and shops.

REEDHAM BEER FESTIVAL (11TH EDITION)

Date: 20 – 22 July 2018

Nearest station: Reedham

Location: Reedham Village Hall & Playing Fields, NR13 3HL

www.humptydumptybrewery.co.uk

Details: The popular Reedham Beer Festival is a family-friendly event celebrating real ale and cider, with live music and delicious food. The festival is organised by Humpty Dumpty Brewery, which has called the village its home for 20 years. The brewery takes its name from the GER T-19R steam locomotives that operated on the Norwich-Lowestoft line during the early 20th century.

FERRYFEST (8TH EDITION)

Date: 7 – 9 September 2018

Nearest station: Reedham

Location: Reedham Ferry Touring Park, Ferry Lane, NR13 3HA

www.facebook.com/ferryfest

Details: Ferryfest is a non-profit music festival that aims to engage local communities with local musical talent at the beautiful riverside setting of the Reedham Ferry. The festival organisers aim to bring people of all age groups and backgrounds together for a weekend of celebration and showcasing of local musicians and bands from the region. Ferryfest features all genres of music from folk, pop, indie, beat boxing, country, rock to rap – there is something for everyone. There will be market stalls, a large marquee with a big stage and a full bar featuring ales from Humpty Dumpty Brewery including the renowned FerryFest Special. All profit made is distributed and donated to local charities in the region. The event is ticketed and there is an opportunity to camp over the weekend; all tickets and camping must be booked in advance at www.ticketsource.co.uk/ferryfest

GREAT YARMOUTH MARITIME FESTIVAL

Date: 8 & 9 September 2018

Nearest station: Great Yarmouth

Location: South Quay is approximately 10-15 minutes walk from the station

www.great-yarmouth.co.uk/maritime-festival

Details: This popular annual maritime festival offers visitors two fantastic days of free activities and events including ships to go aboard, live shanty music performances, street theatre and exhibitions.

TROLLEYBUS WEEKEND

Date: 22 & 23 September 2018

Nearest station: Lowestoft

Location: Chapel Road, Carlton Colville, Suffolk NR33 8BL

www.eatransportmuseum.co.uk

Details: This highly popular annual event sees all available vehicles from the museum's trolleybus fleet running. As the autumnal nights begin to draw in, the museum will take on a very special atmosphere after dark on Saturday under the period streetlights. Free vintage bus services will operate between Lowestoft and the museum, and there will be a BBQ in the park.

41ST NORWICH BEER FESTIVAL

Date: 22 – 27 October 2018

Nearest station: Norwich

Location: St Andrew's & Blackfriars' Hall

norwichcamra.blogspot.co.uk

Details: The annual Norwich Beer Festival draws crowds from all over the country. Its 41st edition will feature more than 200 cask-conditioned real ales from independent brewers, along with draught and bottled beers from Continental Europe. More than 70 varieties of traditional ciders and perries will also be available.

