

The logo for Marriott's Way features the word "Marriott's" in a blue, cursive font and "Way" in a green, cursive font. To the left of the text is a stylized green leaf icon.

# Marriott's Way



# MAPS & GUIDE

Take time to enjoy this beautiful, traffic-free 'green corridor' that meanders through the heart of the Norfolk countryside.

The logo for Norfolk County Council, featuring a shield with a castle tower.

**Norfolk** County Council

make tracks  
down  
**marriott's way**

# Map Showing Sections of the Way

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# Welcome to Marriott's Way



**Marriott's Way is a 26 mile footpath, bridleway and cycle route, which follows the routes of two disused railway lines, and runs between the historic market town of Aylsham and the medieval city of Norwich.**

## **Who Can Use Marriott's Way?**

Marriott's Way has something for everyone, from families and casual walkers to ramblers, joggers, cyclists and horse-riders. For those less mobile who use wheelchairs or mobility vehicles, there are suitable surfaces along much of its length. For cyclists and horse-riders, it is one of the best resources in Norfolk. It is available for use all year round and links usefully to the public rights of way network.



## What Will I Find and See?

Wonderful countryside, wildlife, public art and a wealth of local history. Marriott's Way itself is a County Wildlife Site and passes through many interesting landscapes and wildlife-rich habitats, such as the Wensum river valley and Whitwell Common. You may see a variety of birds, animals and plants including kestrels, owls, hares, deer, butterflies, primroses and orchids. If you're very quiet and with a bit of luck, you may even see otters and kingfishers!



## Where Do I Start?

If you are beginning your journey in Norwich, you will find the entrance by the roundabout at Barn Road and Barker Street on the inner ring road.

At Aylsham, you will find the entrance on Norwich Road, opposite the Bure Valley Railway station.

Alternatively, there are many other access points at villages and road junctions. You can even link Marriott's Way with other public rights of way and create your own circular routes! (see page 37).

**Hi, I'm  
Marriott the Fox.**

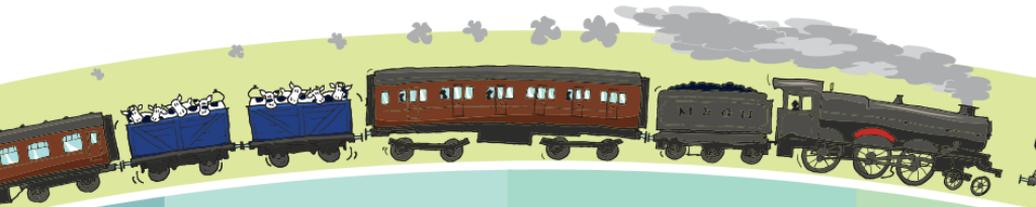
Look out for me as  
you travel along,  
I've got lots of  
interesting facts  
to tell you!



# The History of Marriott's Way



Marriott's Way follows the track bed of two disused railway lines, the Great Eastern (GE) from Aylsham to Themelthorpe and the Midland and Great Northern (MG&N) from Themelthorpe to Norwich. These lines were joined together in 1960 by a piece of track called the Themelthorpe Curve. (For more information see section 3.)



**1882** The final section of the railway opens to Norwich City Station

1900

1920

1940

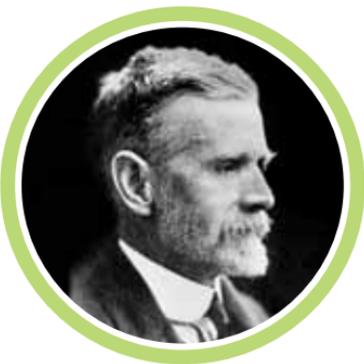
## The Arrival of Rail

Most of the country's rail tracks were laid during the "Railway Mania" years of the mid-nineteenth century, with Norfolk being connected in the 1890s. A close look at Ordnance Survey maps reveals the extent of the old railway network in the locality. For rural people, who rarely visited Norwich, the prospect of being able to get on the train in the morning and be in London by the afternoon was staggering.

## From Boom to Bust

New rural stations had a system of goods sheds, carts and cattle pens for moving freight and livestock on and off the railway network. But by the 1950s and 60s, many branch lines were closed. The railways could not compete with the practicality of transporting freight by road - or the convenience of buses for passengers and the rise in ownership of private cars.

In just seventy years, an extensive transport and communication system was constructed and then, dismantled.



### William Marriott

Marriott's Way is named after William Marriott, who was Chief Engineer and Manager of the Midland and Great Northern Railway (M&GN) for 41 years. The M&GN was a very rural network affectionately known as the "Muddle and Go Nowhere" line.



**1948** The railways are nationalised and branch lines begin to close

**1960** The only traffic is diesel engines pulling loads of concrete from Lenwade

**1960**

**1982** The last train leaves Lenwade and the lines are closed

**1980**

**2000**

# Art Along Marriott's Way

**Marriott's Way  
has a wealth of  
public art**



## **Village Markers**

Other signs made from old rail track show the distances and directions to nearby facilities, towns and villages.

## **School Artwork**

Dedicated areas are used to display artwork created by pupils from neighbouring schools.

## Mile Markers

Rail sculptures every mile can be used to mark your progress or as seats or hitching posts. Each one has a unique, site-specific, metal rubbing plaque showing aspects of the track's past. For more information about the rubbings or for a children's activity sheet based on the mile markers/rubbings go to [www.marriottsway.info](http://www.marriottsway.info)



## Sounds From the Past

Located under three bridges along the route are wind-up boxes playing railway sounds from the past.

## Personal Memorials



## Granite Monolith

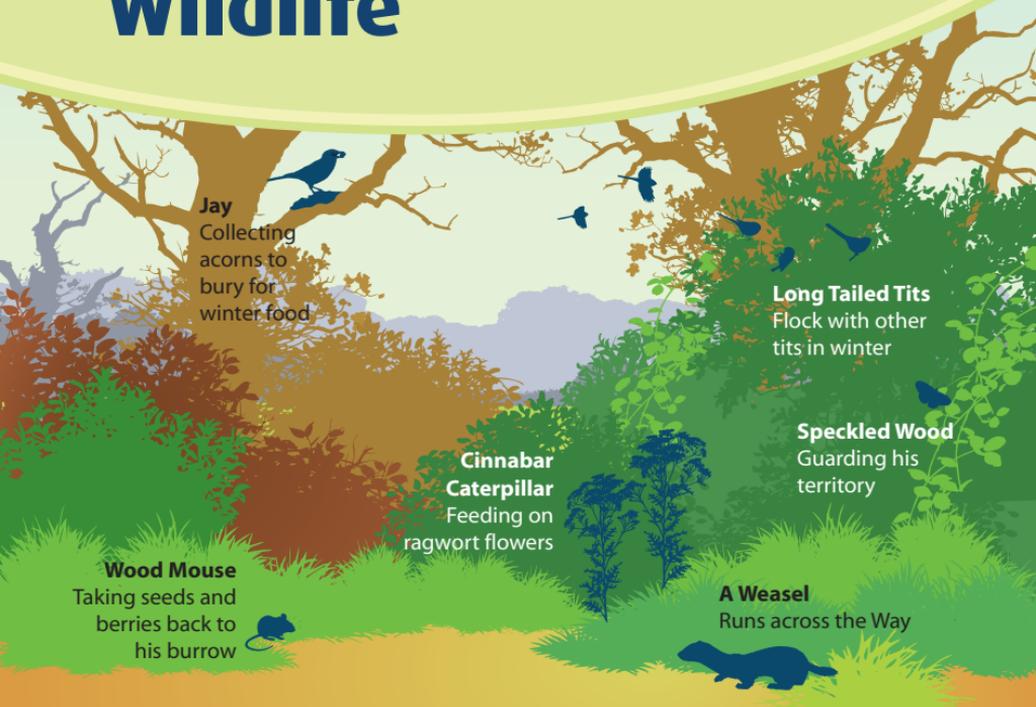
Also benches and bridges inscribed with thoughtful words and verse.

## Concrete Sculptures

Symbolising the railway's concrete heritage.



# Wildlife



## Jay

Collecting acorns to bury for winter food

## Long Tailed Tits

Flock with other tits in winter

## Cinnabar Caterpillar

Feeding on ragwort flowers

## Speckled Wood

Guarding his territory

## Wood Mouse

Taking seeds and berries back to his burrow

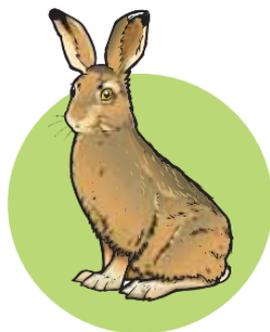
## A Weasel

Runs across the Way

**Marriott's Way is an impressive haven for wildlife, creating a 'green corridor' linking natural habitats. The route is ideal for providing food throughout the seasons to a wide variety of species.**

## Spring

In spring Marriott's Way is alive with colour. You may hear the chatty call of the chiffchaff or the cheery chirrup of the whitethroat, whilst swifts and swallows can be seen swooping and diving overhead. Look around you and you may be fortunate enough to see hares 'boxing' in neighbouring fields or catch a glimpse of secretive animals such as foxes and roe or Chinese water deer.



## Summer

In summer Marriott's Way becomes lush, green and almost tunnel-like in places due to the thick overhanging canopy of

mature trees. Butterflies flit among their branches and dragonflies hover and dart. Geese can be seen grazing in nearby fields, whilst kestrels and owls fly for food. Walk quietly and with luck you may see a grass snake basking in the sunshine or the electric blue kingfisher flash by looking for minnows on the River Wensum.



## Autumn



The changing colours of autumn bring a new, remarkable beauty to the landscape. Paths are awash with the reds and browns of falling leaves and squirrels and hedgehogs busy themselves in preparation for winter.

Look out for weasels and stoats as they dash across the track and small birds, (such as tits and finches) attracted by the abundance of berries and wild grass seeds. It's a good time to see other birds too, including tree creepers as they search the trees for grubs and insects.

## Winter

By contrast follows the austere beauty of the winter months. In the leafless skeletons of trees and hedgerows, you can see and hear noisy gatherings of fieldfares and other thrushes. In the fields, lapwings feed whilst flocks of geese fly overhead. In the winter



sunshine, hawthorn berries and rosehips glisten and rabbits scamper back to the safety of their burrows.

YOU  
MIGHT  
SEE ME!



# Valuable Habitats



The whole of **Marriott's Way** has been designated as a **County Wildlife Site** recognising its importance as a **valuable habitat**. For more information on **County Wildlife Sites** see [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/protectingwildlife/cws](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/protectingwildlife/cws)

## Wensum Valley

The Wensum River Valley (Section 1 and 2) is recognised at European level as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

## Whitwell Common

Whitwell Common is a spring-fed valley fen and is designated as a SSSI (Section2).



## Habitat Management

Periodically trees and undergrowth are cut back enhancing the biodiversity. Newly cut areas encourage primrose orchids, cowslips and wild strawberry to flourish.



For children's activity sheets based on the wildlife on Marriott's Way go to

[www.marriottsway.info](http://www.marriottsway.info)



## Walking

Marriott's Way is a great place to walk, no matter how energetic you feel. You can set out early and attempt the entire route, park up and have a leisurely stroll, or link in with a whole network of local footpaths to create your own circular routes (see page 36 for more information).

### Dog Walkers

Dogs are welcome on Marriott's Way and dog bins are provided by the major car parks. Please keep your dog under control to be sensitive to other users, farm animals and wildlife.



**Please note:** The surface conditions can vary according to weather conditions and some sections may not always be suitable for pushchairs, mobility vehicles or buggies.



# Riding

**Marriott's Way forms part of the British Horse Society's National Bridle Route Network and is a great place to get out on your horse away from the traffic.**

## Horse Box Parking

There are places to park horse boxes with access to Marriott's Way. Ring first for prices and booking.

**Brick Kiln Farm**, Reepham NR10 4RR  
Tel: 01603 879709 and 01603 879672  
[jane.andrewbentley@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.andrewbentley@btinternet.com)

**Blackwater Farm**, Great Witchingham, NR9 5PH  
Tel: 01603 873167 and 01362 688227  
[greatwitchingham@googlemail.com](mailto:greatwitchingham@googlemail.com)

There is roadside horse box parking for **one** box at:  
**Themelthorpe** - TG 060240  
**Cawston** - TG 136243  
**Woodgate** nr Aylsham - TG 176265  
or for map links refer to [www.marriottsaway.info](http://www.marriottsaway.info)

We ask you to show regard for other users and take care not to damage the surface of the track in soft sandy areas or by riding on the cycleway sections. Limit groups of horses to small numbers and when meeting other users please pass by at walking pace. See [www.ride-uk.org.uk](http://www.ride-uk.org.uk) for more information.





## Cycling

### A Range of Rides

Whilst you can cycle all of Marriott's Way, the surface does vary giving a good range of rides.



### Hard Surface

Between Norwich and Whitwell Station (Section 1 and 2) the path is part of Sustrans National Cycle Route 1 and for the most part is a hard, well maintained surface suitable for all cycles and great for family days out.

### Serious Thrills

If you want to add a bit of an edge to your Marriott's Way cycling you can always call into the BMX track at Slough Bottom Park in Norwich (see pages 18 & 19). It's open all year and free to use, but not for the faint hearted.



## Muddy But Fun

The Themelthorpe Loop (Section 3) is generally softer, wet and muddy making it fun for scrambling round on mountain bikes. Park in Reepham or at Reepham station and give your cycle a workout!!

## Open Skies

From Reepham to Aylsham Section 4 links the two historic market towns of Reepham and Aylsham, is generally quieter and has wide open Norfolk skies. It is suitable for all cyclists and you can always make the ride longer by continuing on the Bure Valley Railway Path to Wroxham (see page 37).

## When Cycling on Marriott's Way, Please:

- Give way to pedestrians, mobility vehicles and horse riders, leaving them plenty of room
- Be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary
- Don't expect to cycle at high speeds
- Be careful at junctions, bends and entrances
- Many people are hard of hearing or visually impaired – don't assume everyone can see or hear you!
- Carry a bell and use it, but not when approaching horses.
- Don't surprise people, particularly those on horseback. It's a good idea to shout a greeting when approaching horses from behind, so they aren't startled.





## Fishing

Sections 1 and 2 of the Marriott's Way are entwined with the River Wensum, a mature, meandering river with Chub, Dace, Pike, Roach and even trout. There is casual fishing close to Marriott's Way in Norwich and Costessy both on the Wensum and its tributary, the Tud.



At Lenwade there are a mixture of private and public fishing lakes. One place to start is The Bridge Inn. You can pay to fish in their lakes for a range of fish including Carp and Barbel. They also have access to a 300 yard stretch of the Wensum.

Tel: 01603 872248

or visit

[www.bridgeinnlenwade.co.uk](http://www.bridgeinnlenwade.co.uk)

for details.



# Festivals and Fun Days

Broadland District Council hold an annual **Marriott's Way Fun Day** each autumn including a fun run, see [www.visitbroadland.co.uk](http://www.visitbroadland.co.uk) for more information.

**The Reepham Festival** in August, is a festival of music, comedy, food and beer in the town of Reepham. For more information see [www.reephamfestival.co.uk](http://www.reephamfestival.co.uk)



# Steam Trains



**The Bure Valley Railway** runs all kinds of special events and theme days, see [www.bvrw.co.uk](http://www.bvrw.co.uk)

**Whitwell Station** have a programme of Steam days and events.

See [www.whitwellstation.com](http://www.whitwellstation.com)

# Camping

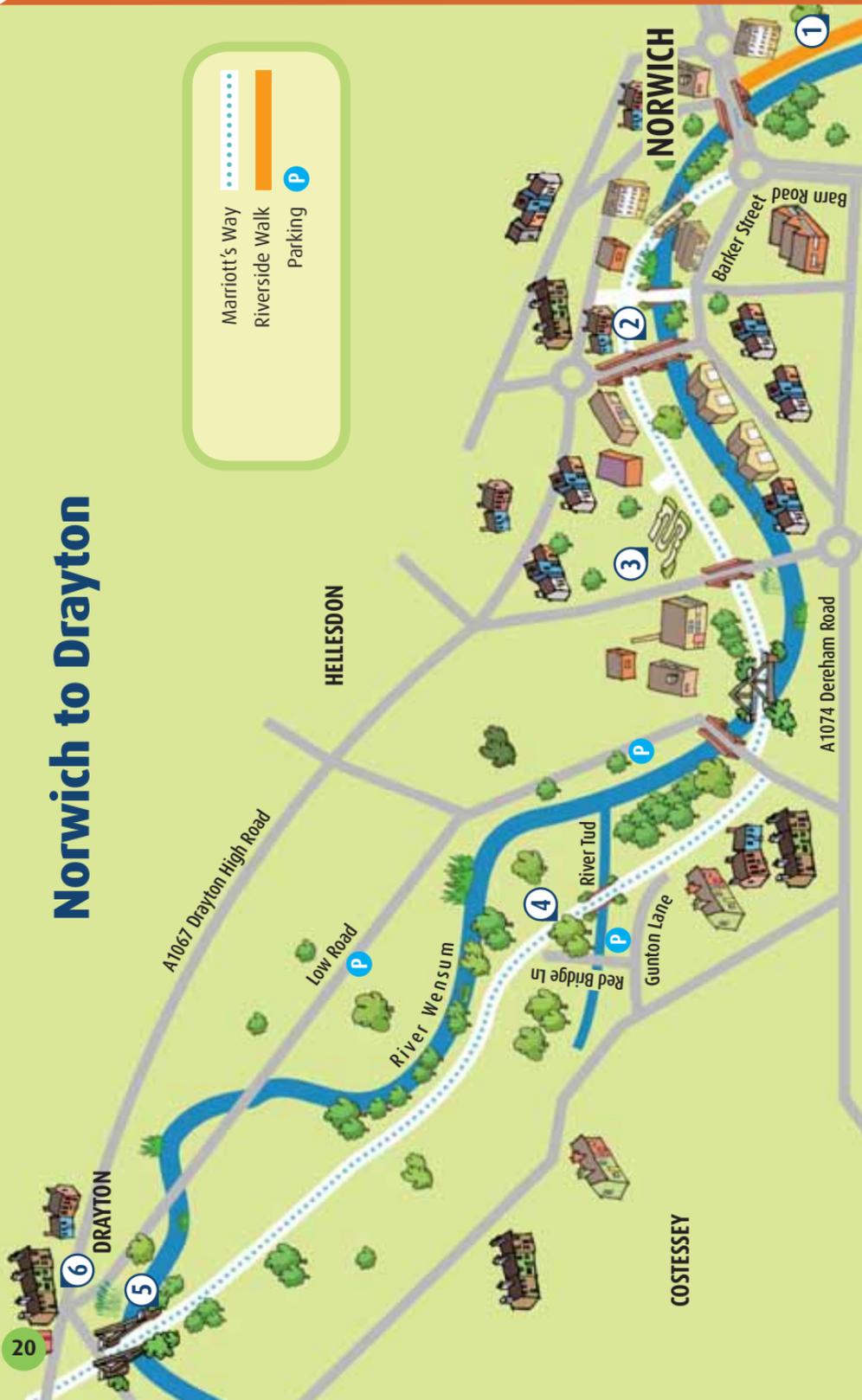
**Whitwell Hall** is a group holiday and activity centre offering camping and accommodation for groups large and small. Contact 01603 870875 or see [www.whitwellhallcountrycentre.co.uk](http://www.whitwellhallcountrycentre.co.uk)



Members of the **Caravan Club** can park at Attlebridge Old Station for a holiday right on Marriott's Way. Call 01603 261510 for more details.



# Norwich to Drayton



Marriott's Way

Riverside Walk

Parking P



## Distance

5 miles.

## Surface

Mostly hard and smooth, gets a bit muddy under trees.

## Suitable For

All users.

## Landscape

City / industrial, parks, countryside, River Wensum Valley

## Places of Interest

1. The City of Norwich - eat, drink, accommodation, parking, cathedral, historic architecture.
2. Anderson's Meadow for picnics.
3. Slough Bottom Park BMX Track (for brave cyclists!)
4. Gunton Lane Recreation Area. Hard surfaced paths, paddling in the River Tud and benches. Great for woodland trails and picnics (pack insect repellent).

## Places of Interest

5. The 'A' frame bridge at Drayton for Wensum Valley views.
6. Drayton - Eat, Drink, Take Away Food, Pubs.

## Car Parking & Access

- Norwich - street parking and access from most road crossing and bridges.
- Hellesdon - by the river only a short walk from The Way.
- Gunton Lane Recreational Area.
- Drayton - plenty of street parking with access from all road crossings.

## Notes

- This section is part of Sustrans National Cycle Route 1 which heads North along Marriott's Way and South through Norwich.
- Norwich Tourist Information 01603 727927.



# Norwich to Drayton



**This is a well surfaced section that runs from Barn Road roundabout in the City of Norwich out through the suburbs and into the countryside. It takes you through the lush valley of the River Wensum before crossing the high 'A' frame bridge, with its stunning views, before entering the village of Drayton.**

## Wildlife

The River Wensum is one of the most important lowland chalk rivers in the UK. It is officially classified as a European Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). More than 100 species of plants, numerous insects, abundant fish stocks, varied bird life and rare mammals including otters and water voles, can be found along the river and its floodplain.



## Common Sightings

Mallard ducks, moorhens, magpies, woodpigeons, chaffinches, blue tits, great tits, hares and brimstone butterfly in the spring.

## If You're Lucky

Kingfishers, otters, deer.

## History

In 1882 the Midland and Great Northern Railway opened this line to take passengers and goods between the towns and villages of North Norfolk and the City of Norwich.



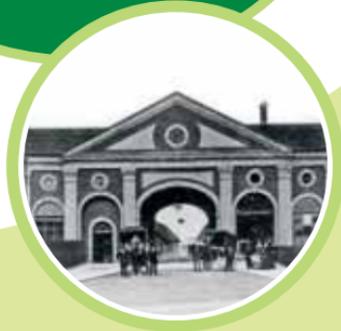
Norwich City Station was a very grand building that served a very rural branch line. In its day it was bigger and more impressive than Norwich's Thorpe Station. After it was bombed during the Second World War the station continued to run from prefabs until the last freight train left in 1969.

There was also a small station at Hellesdon and by walking into the woodland it is still possible to see the remains of one of the platforms. Drayton Station is long gone, and like Norwich City Station is now the site of an industrial estate.

This section of Marriott's Way was the first part to be opened to the public in 1979.

### City Station.

the site of the old Norwich City Station covered a huge area from Heigham Street to the river Wensum!



# Drayton to Whitwell



Marriott's Way .....  
Parking P

## Distance

9.5 miles.

## Surface

Mostly hard and smooth, gets a bit muddy under trees.

## Suitable For

All users.

## Landscape

Mostly - open countryside, River Wensum Valley. Some - woodland, lakes, industrial.

## Places of Interest

1. Drayton - eat, drink, take away food, pub, toilets.
2. Sound box - hear the sounds of trains in the countryside.
3. The bridge at Attlebridge for river views.
4. Earthwork with circle of benches at lenwade for picnics and pit stops.
5. The girder bridge at Lenwade for river views.



## Places of Interest

6. Lenwade - eat, drink, take away food, pub, toilets.
7. Whitwell Common for walking and wildlife (no direct access).
8. Whitwell Station - eat, drink, toilets, railway history, steam trains.

## Car Parking & Access

- Car Parks - Freeland Corner, Attlebridge, Lenwade & Whitwell Station.
- Roadside parking bay on Reepham Road near Marriott's Way.
- Access from most roads and paths.
- Roadside parking and access in Drayton, Thorpe Marriott, Attlebridge & Lenwade.

## Notes

- This section of The Way is part of Sustrans Cycle Route 1 which then heads North through Reepham and south along Marriott's Way to Norwich.



# Drayton to Whitwell



This section takes you through the urban areas of Drayton, Taverham and Thorpe Marriott continuing into open countryside, passing by the old stations at Attlebridge and Lenwade. The track runs through woodland and over bridges crossing the River Wensum, past the protected site of Whitwell Common before arriving at Whitwell Station, home of the Whitwell & Reepham Railway and Museum.

## Wildlife

### Common Sightings

Jay, great-spotted and green woodpeckers, tufted ducks, cormorants, grey herons, owls.

### If You're Lucky

Goldcrests – the UK's smallest resident bird, otters, kingfishers.



## Whitwell Common

Just south of Whitwell Station is Whitwell Common a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The prehistoric plant, giant horsetail, grows at the side of Marriott's Way and numerous wild flower species, including orchids grow on the common.

Note: there is no direct access to Whitwell Common from Marriott's Way. Visitors are welcome to walk around the southwest corner with access from Whitwell Road.



## History Local Industries

This section of railway was operating until 1982 solely to service the aggregate and concrete industry that is still part of this area today.



Concrete bridge beams and prefabricated houses were loaded onto trains from the concrete works at Lenwade, now the industrial estate just south of Lenwade station.

## The Former Railway Buildings

Most of the railway buildings, like the former stations at Lenwade and Attlebridge and various level crossing keepers cottages, are now private houses. Whitwell Station, however, is open to the public and even has steam trains!



### Otter Spotter.

These animals are most active at night, when they hunt mainly for fish, frogs, insects - and even birds! However, if you are quiet, it is still worth taking a look. You never know, you might be lucky!



## Whitwell, Reepham & The Themelthorpe Loop



Marriott's Way

Reepham Link Path

Alley Way from Market Place

Sustrans Route 1

Careful when crossing road

Horse Box Parking

## Distance

5.5 miles round the loop.  
1.5 miles along the link path.

## Surface

Muddy.

## Suitable For

Mountain bikes, rambblers, horses.

## Landscape

Open countryside and woodland.

## Places of Interest

1. Whitwell Station - eat, drink, toilets, parking, railway history, steam engines.
2. The Themelthorpe Curve - railway history - you can still see the old embankments where the two railway lines used to cross.
3. Sound box - hear the sounds of trains in the countryside!
4. Reepham Station - eat, drink, toilets, parking, railway history.



## Places of Interest

5. Reepham - eat, drink, toilets, parking, pubs, shopping, accommodation.

## Car

- Whitwell Station - during opening hrs.
- Reepham Station - during opening hrs.
- Reepham Town - parking and access.
- Road parking - Themelthorpe.
- Access from all road crossings.

## Parking & Access

## Notes

- Links with Sustrans National Cycle Route 1 which heads north through Reepham down Marriott's Way to Norwich.



# Whitwell, Reepham & The Themelthorpe Loop



**This is the wildest and muddiest section of Marriott's Way, running through open farmland rich with a variety of plant and animal life. For the railway history enthusiast of special interest is the Themelthorpe Curve, the point where the two former railway lines were joined by "the sharpest bend on the whole of the British railway network!"**

**The Themelthorpe Loop can be enjoyed as a seven mile circular route by taking the quiet lanes through the market town of Reepham.**

## **Wildlife**

### **Common Sightings**

Rooks, stock doves, red-legged partridges, linnets, yellowhammers and hovering kestrels. In the winter large flocks of woodpigeons, redwings, fieldfares and lapwings.

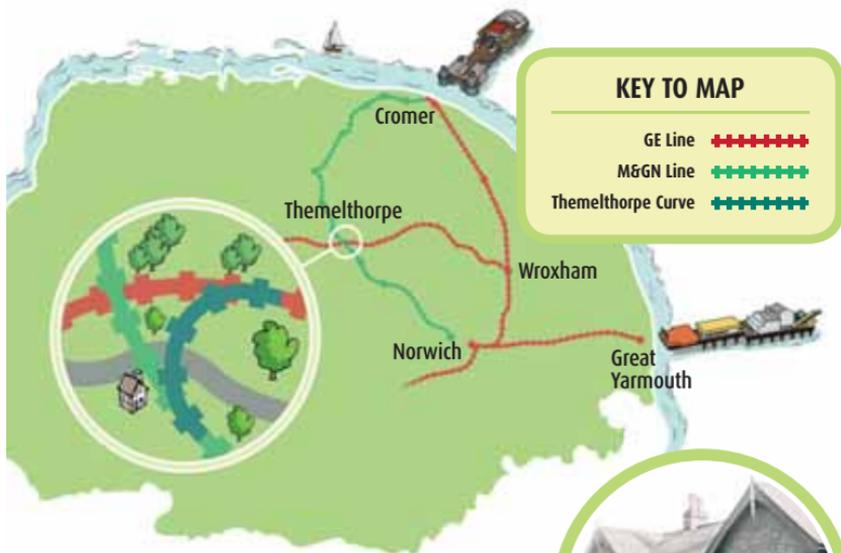
### **If You're Lucky**

Brown hares, roe deer, stoats.

## History

### The Themelthorpe Curve

In 1960 two different branch lines were joined together at Themelthorpe by a new piece of railway line called **The Themelthorpe Curve**. This created a new short-cut for taking goods from Norwich City Station to Norwich Thorpe Station. These trains had previously gone via Cromer!



### Reepham's Two Stations

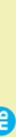
Within the space of two years in the early 1880s, Reepham joined the railway age with not one, but two stations on two different lines. Reepham Station was closer to town whilst Whitwell Station was the most direct route to Norwich.



The old Reepham Station buildings are currently open as a shop and Cafe Open 9-4 Mon-Fri, 10-4 Sat-Sun. Closed for one week at Christmas.

Whitwell Station is being restored as a working museum and is open to the public at weekends 10am to 5pm, refreshments are available. The railway history is further kept alive with rides on the working steam locomotive "Annie" on the first Sunday of each month and Sundays after bank holidays: [www.whitwellstation.com](http://www.whitwellstation.com)

## Reepham to Aylsham

-  Marriott's Way
-  Weavers Way Link Path
-  Weavers Way
-  Bure Valley Railway
-  Horse Box Parking



## Distance

6 miles.

## Surface

Mostly firm surface.

## Suitable For

All cycles, horses, walkers, buggies and mobility vehicles.

## Landscape

Open farmland.

## Places of Interest

1. Reepham - eat, drink, take away food, pubs, toilets, accommodation and shopping.
2. Reepham Station - eat, drink, toilets, shopping, railway history.
3. Cawston - eat, drink, take away food, pub, toilets, accommodation.
4. Sound box - hear the sounds of trains in the countryside!
5. Aylsham - eat, drink, take away food, pub, toilets, accommodation and shopping.



## Places of Interest

6. Bure Valley Railway - shop, food, drink, steam trains.
7. Weaver's Way.

## Car Parking & Access

- Reepham Station.
- Roadside parking and access in. Reepham, Cawston and Aylsham.
- Access from most road crossings.

## Notes

- At Aylsham continue your journey by foot, bike or train on the Bure Valley Railway.
- Aylsham Tourist Information 01263 733903 (at Bure Valley Railway station).
- Join Weavers' Way at Aylsham for more cycling or walking.



# Reepham to Aylsham



This section follows the old Great Eastern line from Reepham Station to Aylsham. A predominately arable landscape, it is a great place for seeing wildlife and experiencing the big Norfolk skies.

## Wildlife Common Sightings

The yellowhammer with its distinctive “little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheese” song, linnets, pheasants, rooks, crows, red-legged partridges, barn owls and hovering kestrels.

## If You're Lucky

In spring and early summer, the beautiful song of the skylark may be heard. Hares can be spotted in the fields, particularly in spring.

## Barn Owl

Although we often think of owls as secretive and nocturnal birds, the barn owl is often seen



during daylight hours, particularly during the summer when it is hunting to feed its young. It has beautiful, pale colouration making the bird surprisingly easy to spot. The barn owl has declined considerably across the UK but numbers remain relatively healthy in Norfolk, making it one of the better places in the country to observe this wonderful bird.

## History

The branch line that ran from Wroxham, through Aylsham and Reepham, to County School near Dereham was never really profitable. It was closed to passengers in 1952.



## Ghost Trains

From the 1960's to the early 1980's the only traffic on the line was made up of diesel engines pulling flatbed carriages. Loaded with large, grey, concrete blocks and beams they trundled through the abandoned stations as the weeds slowly took over the platforms.

## Railway Buildings

The Station buildings at Cawston are private houses. Reepham Station and goods shed are open to the public as a cafe and shop.

Aylsham Station is long since gone, but the Bure Valley Railway Station opposite the end of Marriott's Way, occupies the former site.



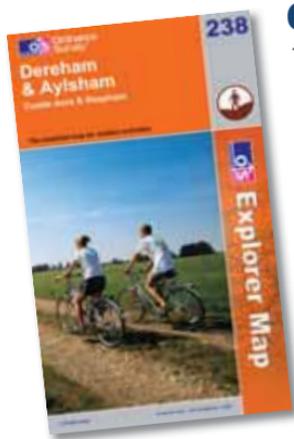
### Cows on Trains

Did you know that cows used to BE taken by train from Reepham STATION to market in NORWICH?



# Circular Routes and Links

**Marriott's Way links with a network of public rights of way, roads and railways with the possibility of creating longer treks and circular routes. Here are a few suggestions.**



## Get the Right Map

To make the most of this part of the Norfolk countryside use Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 238 - Dereham and Aylsham. This will help you to find:

- Public rights of way connecting with Marriott's Way.
- Other routes with public access.
- Nearby woods and wildlife sites with public access.

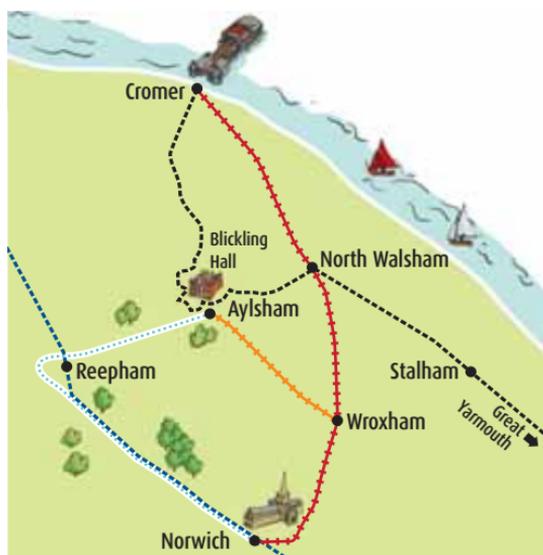
## 35 Mile Circular Route

The Bure Valley Railway runs from Aylsham to Wroxham for nine miles along part of the same old branch line as Marriott's Way. You can walk or cycle along the Bure Valley Railway Path or catch a steam train (cycles have an additional charge). For more information see [www.bvrw.co.uk](http://www.bvrw.co.uk)



At Wroxham it is just a short walk to the railway station where you can catch a train - with your cycle - to Norwich. For more information see [www.bitternline.com](http://www.bitternline.com)

This makes a circular route of 35 miles in either direction.



**KEY TO MAP**

- National Rail Bittern Line - - - - -
- Weavers' Way - - - - -
- Bure Valley Railway & Path - - - - -
- Marriotts Way . . . . .
- Sustrans Route 1 - - - - -

## Link Up With Weavers' Way

Marriott's Way and Weavers' Way can be accessed from Aylsham. A short walk or ride through the town can link the two.



Leaving Aylsham, Weavers' Way passes the stunning Blickling Hall before continuing to Cromer. Heading east the route is open to cycles and horses and follows another disused railway to North Walsham and further still to Stalham. From Stalham the route follows public rights of way to

Yarmouth. For more information see

[www.countrysideaccess.norfolk.gov.uk/walk.aspx?id=71](http://www.countrysideaccess.norfolk.gov.uk/walk.aspx?id=71)

for public transport links see page 39.

## Sustrans Route 1

Sections 1 and 2 of Marriott's Way are part of Sustrans Route 1 which runs from Dover to the Shetland Islands! For more information see [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

Don't forget to wear appropriate walking shoes and weatherproof clothing



# User Information



## All Users

Marriott's Way is not a public right of way. However, members of the public are invited to use it as a footpath, bridleway, cycle path and with mobility vehicles. **Motor vehicles, motorcycles, shooting and camping are not allowed.**

Be aware that the surface varies and damage and holes may occur at any time.

## Families

To help with your enjoyment fun activity sheets for children are available to download at [www.marriotts-way.info](http://www.marriotts-way.info)

## Public Transport

The towns and villages along Marriott's Way are served by a number of local bus services. For the latest up-to-date information please contact Traveline East Anglia on [www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk](http://www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk) or on 0871 200 22 33.

For trains see [www.bitternline.com](http://www.bitternline.com) or call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50.

## Railway History

### M&GN Circle

[www.mgncircle.org.uk](http://www.mgncircle.org.uk)

### Whitwell Station

[www.whitwellstation.com](http://www.whitwellstation.com)

## Visitor Information

### Norfolk County Council

[www.countysideaccess.norfolk.gov](http://www.countysideaccess.norfolk.gov)

### Broadland District Council

[www.visitbroadland.co.uk](http://www.visitbroadland.co.uk)

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More information about  
Marriott's Way, useful links and free  
activity sheets can be found online at:  
[www.marriottsway.info](http://www.marriottsway.info)

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