

# GRAZING WALKS

## • MID SUFFOLK

EXPLORE OUR UNSPOILT COUNTRYSIDE. TAKE A WALK. GET SOME FRESH AIR AND WORK UP AN APPETITE WHILE YOU ENJOY THE PEACE AND QUIET. CALL IN AT A PUB, CAFÉ OR LOCAL STORE TO BUY SOME FOOD, SAMPLING SUFFOLK'S FINEST INGREDIENTS. THE PERFECT GRAZING WALK.

### KEY

- = TOWNS / VILLAGES
- ★ = PLACES TO VISIT
- ✕ = PLACES OF INTEREST
- = COUNTRY PARKS / WOODLAND

DON'T FORGET TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND TOP TIPS ABOUT THE WALKS ON INSTAGRAM #GRAZINGWALKS

IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT WALKING ON YOUR OWN, OR JUST FANCY SOME COMPANY, TAKE A LOOK AT WELLBEING WALKS, SHORT WALKS IN SMALL GROUPS WITH AN EXPERIENCED LEADER.

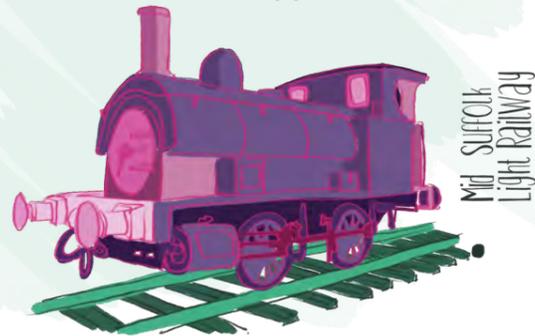


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Take a walk to work up an appetite and enjoy some Suffolk-made food.



## Mendlesham

The heart of the village is a designated conservation area so a perfect place to visit for a walk and a bite to eat. The parish walking group has produced three great walks, you can pick up routes in the local shop or the entrance to the woodland.

### X Grazing

- # The Cedars Pantry Farm Shop, Wetheringsett
- # Mendlesham Fish and Chip Shop

### X Mendlesham Walks Link

## Stowmarket

A thriving market town with a busy train station making it easy to visit and leave the car at home. There are lots of places to eat and drink in and around the town as well as green spaces to explore, including the Food Museum. Visit on the Thursday or Saturday market days and get a taste of the local food to take away on your walk.

### X Walks

A circular walk from the railway station is a good place to start and there are a few routes to choose from depending on how far you want to go. If you take the route that will bring you past Combs Wood, look out for curls of blue smoke that indicate the charcoal burners are working, part of Suffolk Wildlife Trust's woodland management.

### X Stowmarket Walks Link



## Thorndon

### X Grazing

- # The Black Horse Inn
- # Thorndon Community Shop

### X Walks

Thorndon is along the Mid Suffolk route so this is a good place to dip in and explore.

### X Thorndon Walks Link



## Thwaite



### X Walks

A circular walk in peaceful countryside giving you time to relax, enjoy the view and think about lunch.

One of the most remarkable features of Thwaite church is the set of extraordinary 16th century carved stone faces appearing to support the porch roof. You can't help but wonder where the inspiration came from? Thwaite was also home to Orlando Whistlecraft, b.1810, a famous weather prophet and poet.

### X Grazing

- # The Walnut Tree
- # The Walnut Tree Shop

### X Thwaite Walks Link



### X Billingford/Brome/Oakley Walks Link

## Billingford/Brome/Oakley

Brome has one of Suffolk's 38 round tower churches, but take a moment on a walk to compare this with the very simple building in Oakley, set alone with only birds for company, and don't miss the painting of the Last Supper where St John appears to be asleep at the table.

### X Walks

A five mile walk including Hoxne, Oakley and Billingford. In spring look out for the fields of bulbs on the Norfolk side of the valley. You will also pass the Billingford Mill, so you might want to check if it's open for a visit.

### X Grazing

- # The Oaksmere, Brome
- # Brome Grange Hotel
- # Horseshoes Café and Bar, Billingford

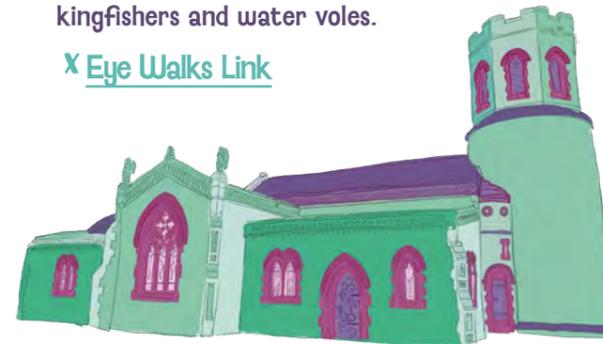
## Eye



### X Walks

If you fancy exploring a bit of Viking history this circular walk from Eye is a great place to start and includes lots of fascinating information to really bring the route to life. Alternatively if you want a more accessible walk, visit Pennings Nature Reserve and look out for kingfishers and water voles.

### X Eye Walks Link



## Thornham Magna

This is a perfect place to take a step back and immerse yourself in nature. Visit Thornham Walks to experience over 12 miles of peace and quiet on well-established walking routes. There is a picnic area and café for refreshments and a couple of pubs in the village, with one said to be the oldest in Suffolk.

Just a half hour walk away is Thornham Parva, and the thatched church is well worth a visit. It has some spectacular 14th century paintings and is the burial place of Architect Sir Basil Spence, famous for designing Coventry Cathedral.



### X Walks

Thornham Estate is a great place to visit with lots on offer and their walks provide plenty of accessibility with surfaced paths and routes suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.

### X Thornham Magna Walks Link

### X Grazing

- # The Four Horseshoes
- # The White Horse Inn, Stoke Ash
- # The Forge Café, Thornham Walks
- # The Bull Auberge, Yaxley

## Hoxne



A picture postcard village with a treasure trove of history, Hoxne is a lovely place to start a walk. This is where the tools of early humans were first recognised, where the largest hoard of Roman treasure in the UK was discovered, and where legend has it that Saint Edmund's martyrdom took place. On your way past the medieval church, look for the moated vicarage, or visit Brakey Wood to see the carved Hoxne man.

### X Walks

### X Grazing

- # The Swan Inn
- # Greengold Café

### X Hoxne Walks Link

## Walking Routes and Pathways

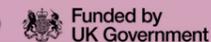
A grazing walk is the perfect get-away-from-it-all. Taking the Mid Suffolk route from Hoxne to Stowmarket as your inspiration, explore tranquil miles of gentle walking through the heart of the Suffolk countryside, so pick places to switch off, unwind and work up an appetite.

Follow the links to find lots of different, long and short walking routes, including access and ability information, pick a location on the map, look at the route and explore new places.

The full list of walking routes is on the Heart of Suffolk website, and if you want to throw two wheels into the mix and bring your bike along, there are cycle routes to explore as well.

This really is idyllic English countryside at its very best!

[Visit the Heart of Suffolk homepage for more information.](#)



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## Travel / Getting Around

You might want to think about leaving the car at home and using public transport to let someone else do the driving for a change, visit Greater Anglia online for train timetables and ticket information.

For all other forms of public transport, Suffolk on Board online brings together all the different options in one place.

