

Burnham Thorpe to Holkham Gap Walk

Distance: 11 miles

Time: 4-5 hours

Type: Linear

Difficulty: Moderate because of the distance

1. Start at Nelson's birthplace, just outside Burnham Thorpe. The Parsonage where Nelson was born no longer exists, but Nelson's Barn, built in its place, has a plaque set into the flintstone wall to mark the spot. You can find the barn on Creake Road, south of the village.
2. From Nelson's Barn, walk half a mile north towards Burnham Thorpe, and turn right at Garner's Row, then next left onto Walsingham Road, and next right onto Lowe's Lane.
3. Take a left into Church Lane and continue to All Saint's Church, where Nelson's father was the Rector. Nelson's parents are buried in the church, and a bust of Nelson is set on the north wall of the chancel above the site of his parent's grave.
4. Exit the church and turn left, and continue until you meet a track. Cross this onto the Public Footpath directly opposite, and follow for around 1 mile, until you reach Wells Road in Burnham Overy.
5. Turn left onto Wells Road and walk for 300m until you reach Mill Road.
6. Turn right into Mill Road and walk for 90m until you see a grassy path forking to the left. Take this path.
7. Follow the path for around 900m until you reach Burnham Road.
8. Cross Burnham Road and pick up the track again and follow it round to the right for 500m.
9. When you reach the first houses, cut right to meet the A149 Tower Road.
10. Take a left on Tower Road, pausing to admire the view of Burnham Overy Windmill behind you.
11. Continue on Tower Road into Burnham Overy Staithe, where Nelson learned to row and sail a dinghy at the age of 10, two years before joining the Navy.
12. Continue for around 200m until you reach West Harbour Way, and take a left.
13. If you're ready for lunch or a cold drink, don't turn left but continue on here for a few minutes until you reach [The Hero](#), a fittingly named and really good pub!
14. Follow West Harbour Way for 500m, passing the pretty river front and boatyards. You will see a sign for the Norfolk Coast Path as you pass the last line of boats. Take this route.
15. Follow the Norfolk Coast Path for 4.5 miles to Holkham Gap.
16. From here you can head up Lady Anne's Drive to the A149 and get the [CoastLiner](#) bus back to pretty much anywhere west along the coast, or the [CoastHopper](#) bus which goes to Cromer. Or continue on to the splendid Palladian Holkham Hall.

