

PWE7 Burgh Castle, Great Yarmouth

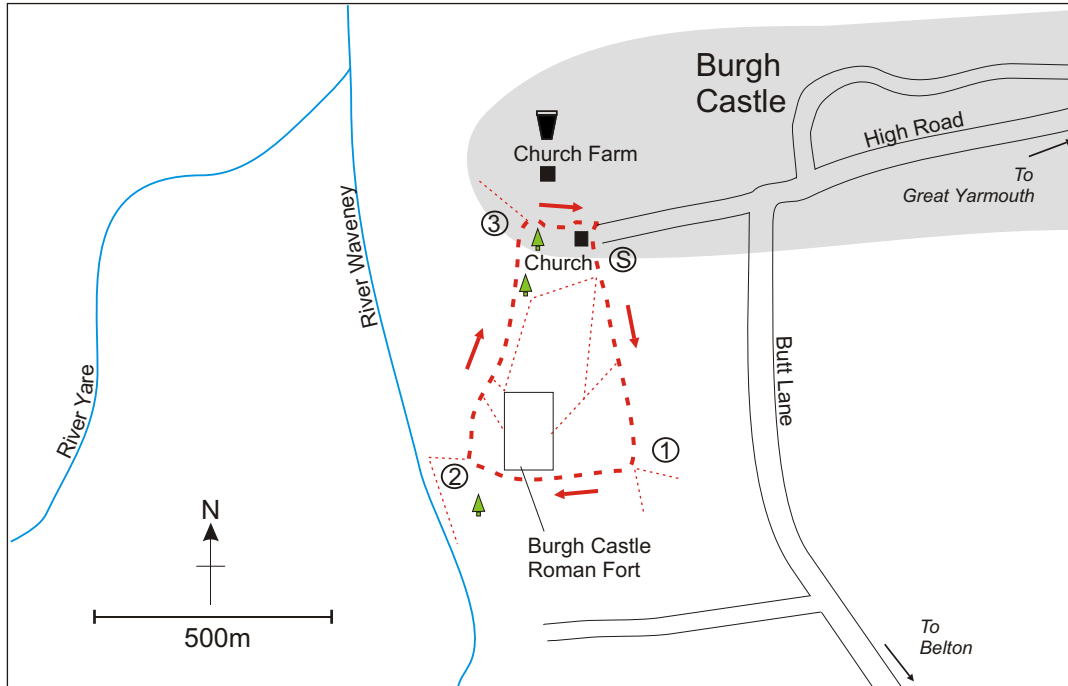


Outline Information

Distance: 1 mile (1.6 km)
Time: 30 minutes
Grade: Easy
Map: OS Explorer OL40
Grid Ref: 476050

This lovely short walk takes you to an impressive Roman Fort with fine views across the Halvergate marshes surrounding the River Waveney. The fort can be reached by all pushchairs but only those with all terrain pushchairs can do the circular route.

The fort was built in the 3rd or 4th Century and was one of a chain of coastal forts between Hampshire and Norfolk. Three of the four flint and mortar outer walls of the fort remain along with some of the large round corner bastions.



Getting there

Drive through the village of Burgh Castle and follow the brown signs to Burgh Castle monument. Park alongside the grass triangle next to the church or follow the road to the right and park near Church Farm Pub.

S. Go through the kissing gate with the church on your right.

Follow the broad lightly gravelled track straight ahead ignoring footpaths to the left and the right. Don't go along the first path on the right to the castle but continue straight ahead to the junction at the end of this broad track.

1. Continue to walk along the main path as it narrows and bends to the right and follow this up to the castle.

The fort, Gariannonum, was built to protect against Saxon raids from the coast.

The path takes you down to the left of the castle and through a gap in the walls.

The rest of the route is for all terrain pushchairs only. All other pushchairs should take one of the paths from the fort (see map) back to the main track and retrace your steps back to the church and your car.

2. Once you have finished exploring take the path at the far left hand corner of the castle. This stepped path takes you down towards the River Waveney. The steps can be avoided by taking the next grass path along to the right (see map).

Once at the bottom of the steps turn right and walk along the Angles Way. This path can be muddy in places.

The reed beds provide a nesting ground for bearded tits and reed warblers and Marsh Harriers are frequently seen in the area in winter.

3. Turn right at the next junction and follow the path back up to the road.

Go through the narrow kissing gate, turn right and walk back to the church.

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