

OUT & ABOUT BROADLAND

Walk no:



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Halvergate Marshes and Weavers Way

A five-mile scenic walk

Halvergate is 2 miles south of the A47 between Acle and Great Yarmouth. There is no special provision for car parking so please leave your car in a position where it will not cause an obstruction or annoyance to other road users. The whole of the 5 mile walk has panoramic views of the countryside. The route is mainly around the Halvergate marshes that have a bounty of wildlife. You may encounter livestock along the route. Halvergate itself is an attractive village with a mixture of thatched and tiled houses.

Directions

The walk starts from The Street in Halvergate near the village sign. Walk east along The Street and at the T-junction turn right heading for Wickhampton. Along this quiet country lane grow many wild flowers including common mallow, poppies and red dead nettle. Passing Halvergate Hall and the village playing fields on right, continue along this lane with its extensive views across the marshes. On a fine day Great Yarmouth can be seen in the distance. Turn left at the T-junction passing a telephone box on the right, into Church Road, and head for Wickhampton Church. Inside the church the legend of Halvergate and Wickhampton and why their names were Hellfire-gate and Wicked-hampton can be read - the key

holders address is displayed on the church door. Keeping the church on your left, continue along a concrete lane, the approach to Halvergate marshes. After some distance at the junction of the tracks turn left on to a rough track signed Berney Arms Mill. Here the silence is broken by the sound of the skylark that fills the air. Passing a ruined windmill to the left continue along the track eventually going through a gate and turning left. At the 'Weavers' Way' sign, go over a stile on the left into meadow. There is a fine view of the well-known Berney Arms windmill to the right that lies beside Breydon Water. In fact a mill can be seen in nearly every direction.

Heading back towards Wickhampton, cross the meadow and gated bridge and go diagonally across to an iron gate heading towards the right of a clump of trees. Go over the stile and continue along Weavers' Way along side a dyke to a bridge. Climb stiles and cross the bridge.

Turn right and go toward the wind pump and house to the right. This path bears to the left. At the iron gate turn right across concrete bridge and turn left along track.

Continue with ditches to the left and right going over a stile and then over another two stiles at the left of the cattle pen. Turn left and follow track to road. At the road turn left towards Halvergate village passing the thatched Red Lion public house on the right. Turn left along Sandhole Road back to the village sign and start of walk.

