Halvergate is two 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 five-mile walk has panoramic views of the countryside. The route is mainly around the Halvergate Marshes that have a bounty of wildlife. Please be aware that the walk can become very muddy during the winter months and appropriate footwear is advised. 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 village sign on The Street in Halvergate. With the village sign on your left, walk north-east, away from the church and along The Street. 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 the 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 St Andrew’s Church (1). Inside the church, read about the legend of Halvergate and Wickhampton and why their names were once Hellfire-gate and Wickedhampton.

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 Public Bridleway, heading towards 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 for a long distance along the track eventually reaching a right-hand bend, turn left here, passing through a kissing gate.

Veer left across the field and head towards a river crossing where you will pass through two gates. 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. Livestock are regularly found in this field so please be alert.

Heading back towards Wickhampton, go diagonally across the field to an iron gate heading towards the right of a clump of trees. Next, go through large metal gates and a connecting kissing gate and continue right along Weavers’ Way alongside the water, heading towards Mutton’s Mill to the right (2). Again be aware of livestock in this area. This path bears to the left. At an iron gate turn right across a concrete bridge and then turn left along the track.

Continue with the ditches to the left and right going through a kissing gate before reaching a chain gate and wooden gate to the left of the cattle pen. Turn left and follow the track to the road (3).

**And back to the start**

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 the start of the walk.
Halvergate Marshes and Weavers Way
A five-mile scenic walk

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