

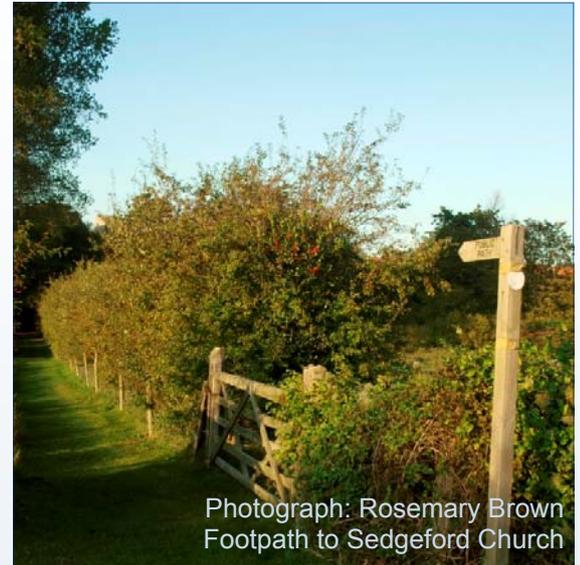


Experience a quiet walk through rolling countryside hidden away from the busy coast

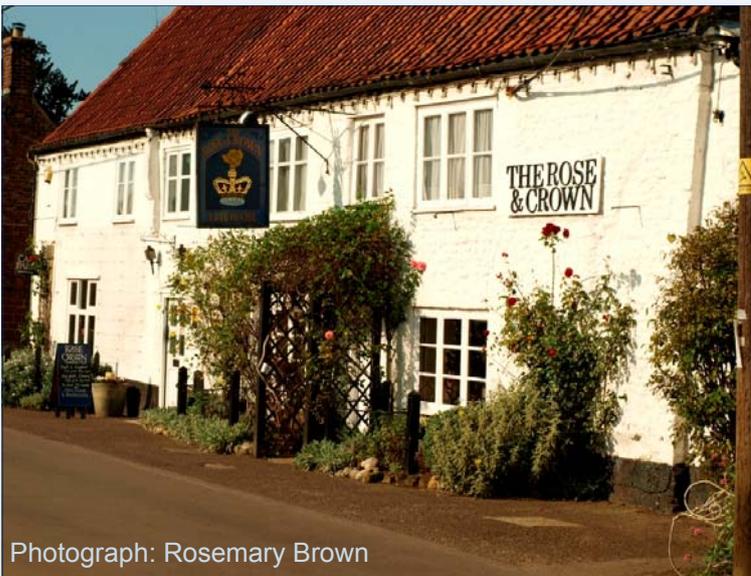
Getting started

Catch Norfolk Green bus services 10 or 11 between King's Lynn and Hunstanton. Timetable information can be found on the *Traveline website* or telephone 0871 200 22 33. Ask to get off the bus at the Snettisham Grapes bus stop on Lynn Road in Snettisham.

Unfamiliar with the area? You might find it helpful to take a map with you. The Ordnance Survey Explorer Series map showing Snettisham is Norfolk Coast West, number 250.



Photograph: Rosemary Brown
Footpath to Sedgeford Church



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Refreshments

The Old Bank Coffee Shop on Lynn Road in Snettisham is close to the War Memorial start and finish point: to check opening hours ring 01485 544080. Just around the corner on Old Church Road is the *Rose and Crown* public house.

Approximately half way into the walk, you will find the *King William IV* public house on Heacham Road in Sedgeford. It is a short walk off this route in Sedgeford and has a garden with good views over the valley.

What to expect

Allow approximately 3 hours for this 6 mile walk. The walk is a mix of rural footpaths on undulating farm tracks and quiet country roads linking the two villages of Snettisham and Sedgeford.

There is a great feeling of space and peace whilst walking through rolling, open farmland. You can't see any houses for much of the walk, just the church spire. From the high ground you will catch an occasional glimpse of the sea in the distance beyond a strikingly flat terrain.



St Mary's, Snettisham



Along the way.....



Photograph: Rosemary Brown
Sedgeford fields

The landscape

The gently rolling landscape is dominated by large open arable fields bordered by hawthorn hedges. These hedges give a distinct sense of enclosure, particularly when walking along straight rural roads and farm tracks where the view becomes channelled.

When you look through the gaps in hedges, you can see several hedgerow trees - typically oak or beech clothed in ivy. This network of hedgerows, hedgerow trees, copses and shelterbelts are valuable corridors for wildlife across areas of intensively farmed arable land.

Along the way.....

A visit to Snettisham is incomplete without knowing that the village is the location of the largest collection of Iron Age torcs found in Western Europe. Between 1948 and 1990 nearly 180 torc fragments were recovered, as well as over 100 rings/bracelets, and 170 coins, ingots and metal objects. These may represent the raw materials and finished pieces of a metal worker, or a religious offering. You can see them on display in the Boudica Gallery at *Norwich Castle Museum*.



Photograph: Rosemary Brown
Snettisham village



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St Mary's Church, Snettisham

Explore more.....

Neighbouring Sedgeford has been the subject of intensive archaeological research by the *Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project (SHARP)* since 1996. SHARP is a long term, multi period, multi disciplinary research project to investigate the entire range of human activity.

Six weeks of summer excavations are complemented by landscape archaeology and historical research work throughout the year. Anyone can visit the dig or attend public lectures during July and August.



Walk instructions

1 Start by walking along Old Church Road beside the War Memorial. Pass the village hall on the left, the playing field on the right and walk to St Mary's Church.

After visiting the church, turn left and walk around the back of the church on the pavement beside the wall and then turn left again immediately after the church onto a farm track, a restricted byway called Eaton Drove. Follow this track for almost 2 miles, ignoring all side turns. The track eventually passes a large house. Towards the end, continue ahead as the track becomes a footpath just after passing an old barn.

2 Turn left onto Sedgeford Road and after approximately 350 metres turn left again onto a public footpath leading to St Mary's Church.

Pass the church and turn right onto the road, ignore all left turns and walk to the T-junction.

Turn right at the T-junction onto Sedgeford Road, cross Heacham River and continue round the corner using the pavement on the right.

3 Immediately after the corner turn left onto the farm track opposite West Hall Farm. Follow this track for over the hill for 1.25 miles, ignoring all side turns.

Turn right at the end onto Fring Road.

Turn left at the T-junction.

4 To return to the start, use the permissive field edge path on the left hand side of the road: this starts just after the junction with St Thomas's Lane, a short distance away. Cross at the end opposite the church and retrace your steps to the start point.

Explore More tip 1..... Visit the *SHARP website* to see when summer archaeological excavations are taking part and spend a little time looking at their work.

Explore More tip 2.....Or if you still have energy left at the end of the walk, you could visit *Snettisham Park*, signposted from the Church in Snettisham. There are farm trails to follow as well as a visitor centre, farm shop and café.



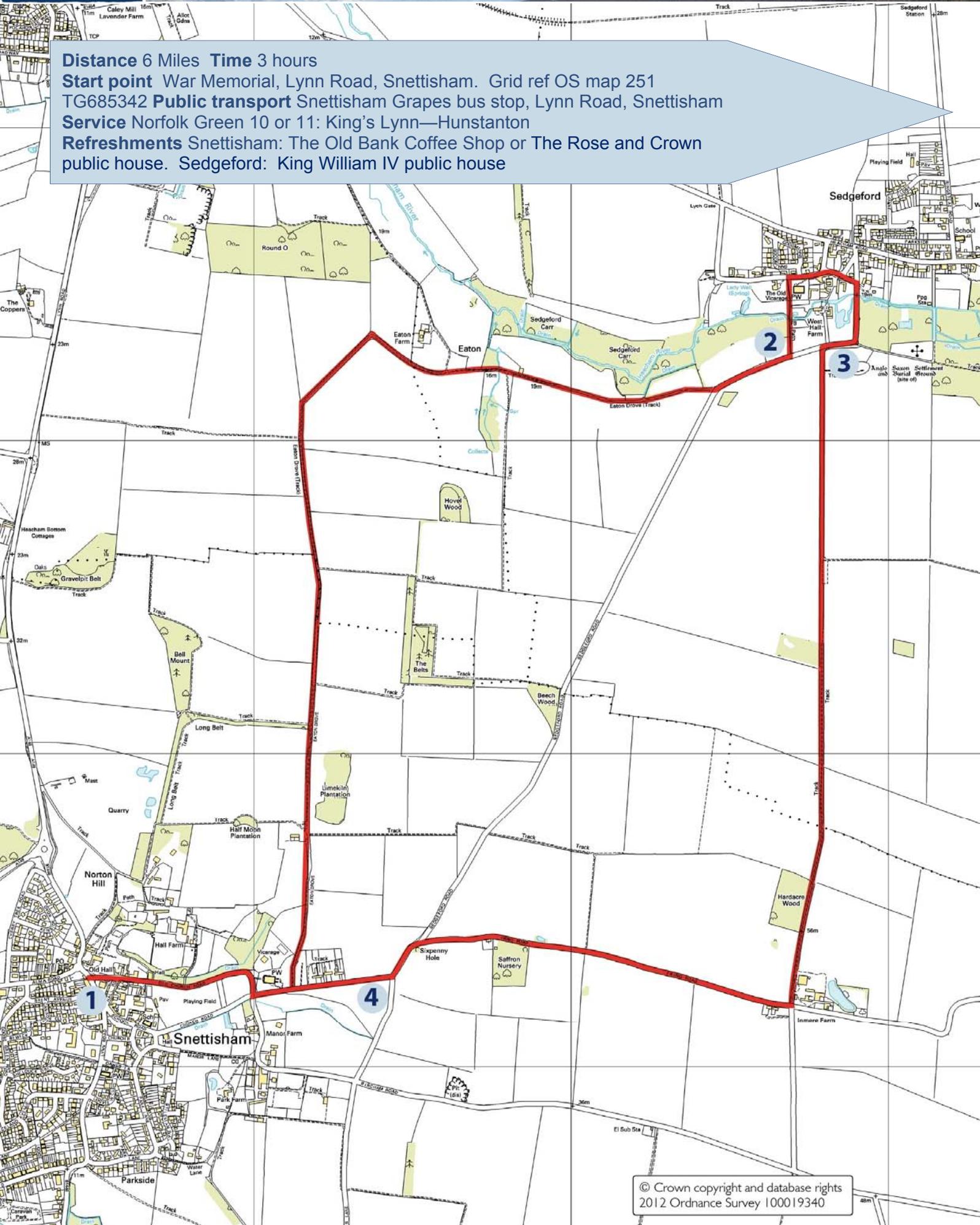
Distance 6 Miles Time 3 hours

Start point War Memorial, Lynn Road, Snettisham. Grid ref OS map 251

TG685342 Public transport Snettisham Grapes bus stop, Lynn Road, Snettisham

Service Norfolk Green 10 or 11: King's Lynn—Hunstanton

Refreshments Snettisham: The Old Bank Coffee Shop or The Rose and Crown public house. Sedgeford: King William IV public house



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