

**The Broads** form Britain's only 'waterland' with the status of a National Park, a protected area that attracts around two million visitors a year to enjoy over 200 kilometres (125 miles) of broads (shallow lakes) and rivers open to boating. The waterways, watersides and hinterland of fen and marsh are rich in historic interest and wildlife, with lots of opportunity for bird watching at several RSPB and other Nature Reserves. As well as boating activities and canoeing, the Broads also offers a choice of well marked footpaths, trails and quiet lanes to walk or

cycle along to discover this very special environment.

Much of the Broads were created by centuries of human activity, yet are now home to many rare and nationally important species of plants, birds, insects and other wildlife.



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*The Broads; enjoy a walk on a beautiful sunny day*

### Travel information

**Traveline** 0871 200 22 33, [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

**Transport Direct** [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info)

**National Rail Enquiries** 08457 48 49 50, [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**National Express East Anglia (Rail)**

0845 600 7245, [www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com](http://www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com)

**Main bus operators in and around the Broads area**

First Eastern Counties 08456 020121

Anglian Bus 01502 711109

Acle Flexibus (serves villages from Acle station weekdays)

01493 752 223

### Visitor information

**Broads Authority**

[www.broads-authority.gov.uk](http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk) 01603 610734

**Tourism in the Broads area**

[www.enjoythebroads.com](http://www.enjoythebroads.com)

[www.visitnorfolk.co.uk](http://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk)

[www.visitsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.visitsuffolk.co.uk)

[www.visitsuffolk.com](http://www.visitsuffolk.com)

[www.visitnorwich.co.uk](http://www.visitnorwich.co.uk)

[www.mosaicnationalparks.org](http://www.mosaicnationalparks.org)

## Tickets to ride

**Anglia Plus Ticket** This is a rail rover ticket offering unlimited travel on National Rail between Norwich and Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, all services in Norfolk and Suffolk, plus linking services from Ely or Cambridge, valid any time after 0845 Mondays to Fridays, all day Saturdays and Sundays. Anglia Plus Day Ticket - adult £15, concessions £9.90, child £7.50. Anglia Plus Three Day Ticket (valid any 3 days in a seven day period) adult £30, concessions £19.80, child £15. Up to four children can travel with any adult ticket holder for just £2 each.

### Wherry Lines Day Ranger

Norwich - Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft. Adult £7.80, family £17.60, child £3.90. Discounts available at local attractions. [www.wherrylines.org.uk](http://www.wherrylines.org.uk)

### Bittern Line Day Ranger

Norwich - Sheringham. Adult £7.80, family £17.60 (2 adults, 2 children), child £3.90.

Discounts available at local attractions. [www.bitternline.com](http://www.bitternline.com)

**Suffolk Sunday Rover Bus Ticket** Valid on any bus service in the county of Suffolk - buy on the bus (also valid on the East Suffolk line between Halesworth, Beccles and Lowestoft). Adult £6, child £4, family £12.

**First Eastern Counties Day Ticket** valid on First Eastern Counties bus services. Adult £13, child £9.

*Cover photo: A classic 'Hunter' Boat on the Broads*

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This leaflet was created as part of Mosaic, a project led by the Campaign for National Parks that aims to build links between ethnic minority communities in a selection of 20 cities across England, and the National Parks. As such this leaflet is not intended as a comprehensive resource of public transport options from all cities to the National Parks; it focuses on a selection of towns and cities that are part of the Mosaic project. The leaflet also does not include an exhaustive list of all public transport options available within the National Park, but rather provides a selection of public transport options for places that are easy to visit.

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*Buckenham Station*

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# Explore The Broads



**Broads Authority**  
The Broads - a member of the National Park family

Discover Britain's magical waterland from Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft the greener way - by bus and train

# Mosaic

Building links between Ethnic Communities & National Parks

# The Broads

The easiest way to reach the Broads from Norwich and Lowestoft is to catch a train along either the Wherry Lines that link Norwich with Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth, or the Bittern Line, between Norwich, Sheringham and Cromer. The Ipswich - Lowestoft East Suffolk Line also provides a valuable link from Lowestoft to Oulton Broad South and Beccles.

Almost all the local Wherry Lines stations give access to interesting areas of the Broads. These include lonely **Berney Arms** (Britain's only railway station below sea level!) for a visit to Berney Marshes RSPB Reserve or a walk along the River Yare to **Reedham** or the seaside resort of Great Yarmouth. Leave the train at **Brundall**, **Acle**, **Reedham**, **Cantley** or **Somerleyton** for good walking and sightseeing through typical Broads countryside and villages. Alight at **Buckenham** (weekends only) for RSPB Reserves at Strumpshaw Fen and Buckenham Marshes.

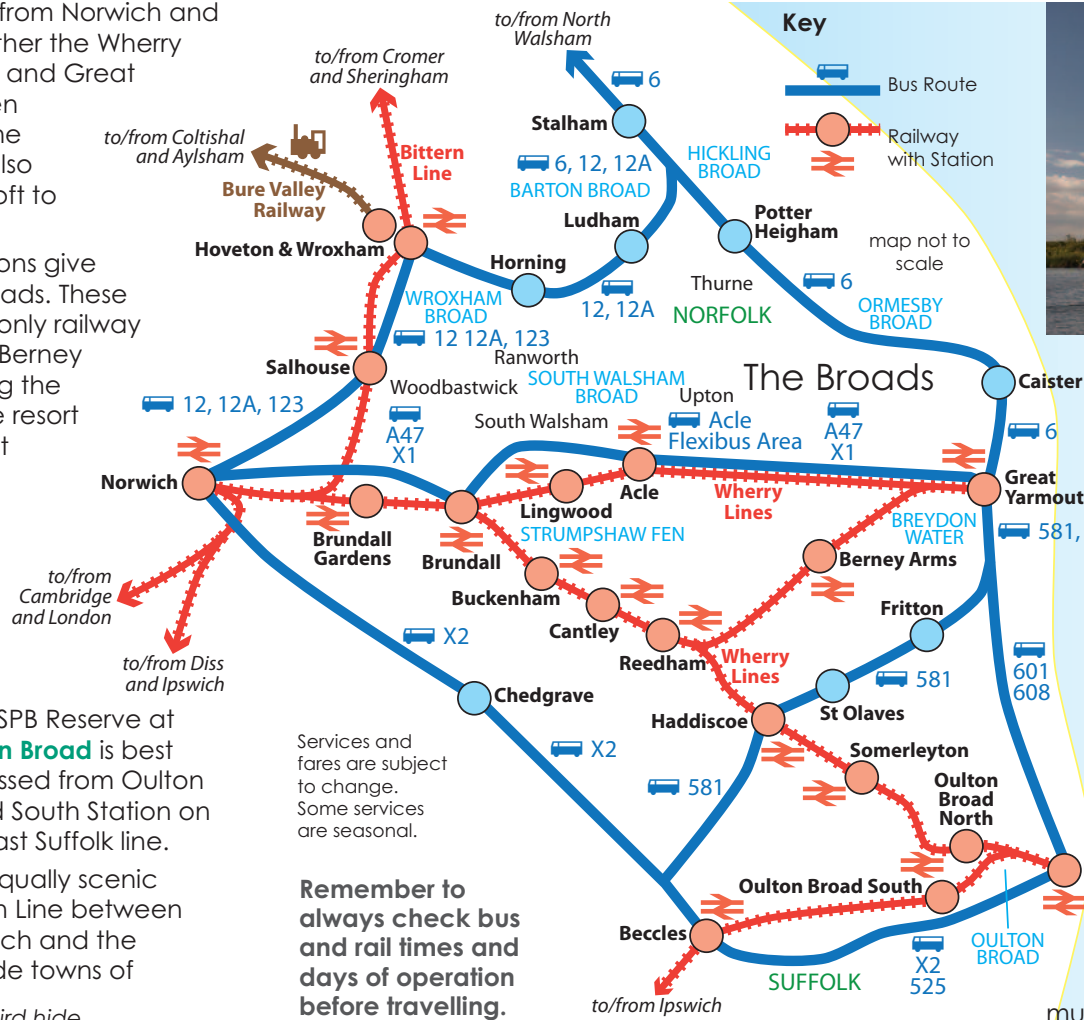


The RSPB Reserve at **Oulton Broad** is best accessed from Oulton Broad South Station on the East Suffolk line. The equally scenic Bittern Line between Norwich and the seaside towns of

View some rare wildlife close-up from a bird hide



Norfolk's elusive Bittern can sometimes be seen



**Remember to always check bus and rail times and days of operation before travelling.**

Cromer and Sheringham has stations at **Salhouse** and **Hoveton & Wroxham** that conveniently serve key areas of the Broads. Wroxham, the Gateway to the Broads, has a popular riverside park with boat trips on the River Bure to Wroxham Broad, as well as the nearby Bure Valley Railway, a narrow-gauge steam railway - see [www.bvrw.co.uk](http://www.bvrw.co.uk) for details and train times.

For details of guided and self guided walks from stations on the Norwich - Lowestoft/Great Yarmouth and Norwich - Sheringham rail lines as well as downloadable detailed line and attraction guides, log onto [www.bitternline.com](http://www.bitternline.com) and [www.wherrylines.org.uk](http://www.wherrylines.org.uk)



Iconic 'Wherries' and other craft on Barton Broad

Useful bus services to access the Broads include First East Anglia's X1 which runs every half hour from Peterborough to Norwich, calling at Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Acle, and X2 from Lowestoft to Norwich via **Chedgrave** and Beccles. There's also (Mondays to Saturdays only) First 12/12A which links Norwich with Wroxham, **Horning**, **Ludham** and **Stalham** and Sanders bus 6 between Great Yarmouth, **Potter Heigham** (for **Hickling Broad**) and **Stalham**, home of the Museum of the Broads.

Anglian's bus 581 also provides a useful service for walkers between Beccles and Great Yarmouth via **St Olaves** and **Fritton** (for Country Park)

Of special value to visitors is the Acle Area Flexibus which meets service X1 at Acle, to take passengers (weekdays only) to villages such as **Upton**, **South Walsham**, **Ranworth**, **Woodbastwick** and **Salhouse**. Holders of Wherry Line tickets travel free on this bus which must be booked by 5pm on the day prior to travel.



Thurne Mill, south of Potter Heigham

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