Overstrand via Northrepps
Stroll along winding rural roads, climb up steep sandy lanes and footpaths in Northrepps before enjoying good views over the coast on the way back down to Overstrand

Getting started
Catch Sanders bus services 5 between Holt, Sheringham, Cromer and North Walsham and ask for the bus stop on the High Street in Overstrand. Timetable information can be found on the Traveline website or telephone 0871 200 22 33 or on Sanders website.

Unfamiliar with the area? You might find it helpful to a map with you. The Ordnance Survey Explorer Series map covering Overstrand is Norfolk Coast East, map number 252.

Refreshments
There are several refreshment opportunities in Overstrand including the Cliff Top Café on Cliff Road (dogs welcome), the White Horse public house on the High Street and the Sea Marge Hotel, also on the High Street (dogs welcome).

Along the way in Northrepps you pass close to the Foundry Arms public house on Church Street (dogs welcome).

What to expect
Allow up to two hours for this four mile rural walk which takes you inland and well away from the busy coast. The walk explores the hilly agricultural landscape via a mix of ‘quiet lanes’, public footpaths and farm tracks as well as through the fascinating village of Overstrand.

Walking in winter or after a period of rain? Don’t forget boots or even wellies: you will be walking through a working agricultural landscape and the farm tracks will be muddy!
The Norfolk Coast area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) is one of 42 AONBs in England and Wales, which together with 13 national parks comprise our finest landscapes, rich in wildlife and cultural heritage.

The Norfolk Coast Partnership is funded by Defra and local authorities to bring local organisations together to conserve and enhance the area’s natural beauty and promote its sustainable use and enjoyment.

Along the way . . .

The landscape
This walk takes you through a rolling landscape of hills and small valleys. Narrow, winding roads link isolated farmsteads, hamlets and cottages. Most of the farmland is arable, with some smaller grazed pastures and fields around the villages. The fields are divided by hedges and also by banked field boundaries.

You can see lots of trees and woodland on this walk. The woods tend to be relatively mature and vary from geometric shelterbelts and shooting copses to more fluid, shaped woodlands and tree belts.

Along the way . . .
Both Overstrand and Northrepps are designated as Conservation Areas. Overstrand is most notable for the impressive buildings that sprang up from the turn of the 20th Century to the start of World War One. Following newspaper articles, books and poems by writer Clement Scott, in which he referred to the area as ‘Poppylands’, the coming of the railway to North Norfolk made the area popular with holidaymakers. The interest of the wealthy was aroused and Overstrand became known as ‘the village of millionaires’.

Explore more . . .
Take time to visit Northrepps Church. The great church tower of St Mary’s Church in Northrepps rises above a village set in gentle valleys.

There is a splendid stained glass window in the south aisle which depicts a host of angels. The 15th Century roodscreen was discovered in a local barn and moved to its present position in 1911.
Walk instructions

1. Start from the High Street bus stop in Overstrand and with the veterinary surgery on your right, walk to the end of the High Street. Keep right at the T-junction. 

Cross the road, turn left at the ‘footpath to Northrepps’ sign and walk up the public footpath over Toll’s Hill: there is a steep climb to the top starting from the corner of the allotments. Walk down the hill into Northrepps, continuing ahead as the track becomes Bull’s Row.

Continue ahead at the junction beside Madam’s Lane. At the end of Bull’s Row cross the road and then turn right onto Church Street.

2. Turn right onto the public footpath through the churchyard, calling in at St Mary’s Church along the way. Climb the stile out of the churchyard and continue around the edge of the field, keeping the hedge on your right.

Turn left at the junction of footpaths, then left again beside Suffield House onto the farm track.

3. Bear right at the end and then almost immediately left into Rectory Road. At the T-junction, cross the road to walk up the public footpath beside the wood.

Keep straight on at the junction of footpaths to leave the woodland edge. Turn left at the next junction of footpaths and walk along the farm track to Hungry Hill, passing Shrieking Pits along the way. Look out for a note explaining how these ponds got their name.

4. Turn left at the road in Hungry Hill, then almost immediately right onto the public footpath along another farm track. As the track bears right to the radar station, continue ahead on the footpath down the hill and under a bridge from the dismantled railway line on the way to Overstrand.

Turn left on reaching Cromer Road, then first right onto Coast Road. Take the slipway leading down to the beach to enjoy a beach or promenade walk before returning up the next slipway to the village.

From the top of the slipway walk up the narrow street, The Londs, to return to the bus stop on the High Street.

Explore more . . . Visit Overstrand Stores on the High Street to pick up a leaflet “A Visitors Guide to Overstrand Past and Present” for a walk exploring the village. This very informative leaflet tells a brief story of the village’s prominent properties. Just after the store in Harbord Road take a look in the former BT telephone box which has been transformed into a local information kiosk.
Distance 4 miles
Time 2 hours
Start point High Street bus stop, Overstrand. Grid ref OS map 252 TG247407
Public transport High Street bus stop, Overstrand
Services Sanders 5 Holt–North Walsham
Refreshments Overstrand: Cliff Top café, White Horse public house, Sea Marge hotel.
Northrepps: The Foundry Arms public house