



This gem of a site has woodland paths and heath providing old and young alike a chance to enjoy the countryside. Waymarked trails including arts and cycle, a network of tracks to explore, an adventure play area, picnic areas, pond, sculptures, sensory area along with education and family events.

Holt Country Park has a chequered history that includes horseracing, farming, forestry and a country garden. Now a wonderful country haven with its tranquil mixed woodland setting able to satisfy all ages and interests. Whether you enjoy the distinct woodland aromas and sounds or the abundance of wildlife from insects like the gloriously named Emperor dragonflies and diverse selection of birds and animals that can be seen and heard.

Open all year the park is popular for families and dog walkers. There is a selection of waymarked trails and other paths to explore. In the main visitor area you are met by a massive sculpture and the theme is to be found throughout the park. Adventure play area, sensory area, a range of events are held during holidays along with an educational provision and the picnic area even includes a under cover option.

Note: None of the trails are on surfaced paths so accessibility will vary according to current and recent weather so during winter and after wet periods some areas will become muddy.

## Walks for all Holt Country Park

**Walks for all** are a selection of easy access walks that aim to provide the opportunity to experience the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for everyone including the less able, wheelchair users and families with buggies.

### Suitability checklist

**Distance:** half mile (750m) for Green Access Trail

**Accessibility:** Disabled parking close to visitor centre facilities. Car park is shingle and main visitor area firm and fairly level. Waymarked trails includes an easy access trail. Many other paths are wide, surfaces firm and fairly even. **Note:** accessibility on all paths subject to weather conditions

**Gates and barriers:** None for Green access route. Gates at three points between woods and Holt Lowes if exploring into this area (Blue & Red trails)

**Facilities:** Disabled toilet at main visitor area (dawn to dusk); information room open for events and main holidays

**Seats:** Mostly around visitor area including picnic tables and play area

**Planning your visit:** Holt Country Park about half mile from town centre on foot or a mile by car on the B1149 Norwich Road as you leave Holt. Map Ref: TG082376 (car park)

**Open:** All year. Nominal parking charge

**Public transport:** Bus to town centre (half mile) or request stop at entrance. Poppy Line from Sheringham (1.5 mile)

**By bike:** Norfolk Coast Cycleway passes NE of Holt; **Walking:** A number of public footpaths in the area

**Dogs:** Under control, ample dog waste bins around site

**Site contact:** North Norfolk District Council, Tel. 01263 513811, [www.north-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk). Information boards on-site.

## Walk instructions

### Green trail: half-mile circular route following green arrows

Commencing from the map board by the toilets and parking machine follow the green access trail post markers along past the play area and sensory garden. This section is also used on the return.



Turning left at the track for a short distance before turning right onto 'Trafalgar Avenue' (you will find a sign along this section explaining). Path surface along here is good apart from a small area that becomes muddy after a wet spell. As you approach a right hand bend you may encounter more tree roots protruding but path is wide enough to negotiate them.

Walking through this woodland you do not feel isolated - the tracks are fairly open with signs and sounds of civilisation close but not overpowering the tranquillity. One of the many art sculptures in the park, entitled Gardeners can be seen as you turn right with the distant arch (a relick of the old railway) ahead of you. Easy walking along this wide path over general woodland surface - a few raised roots, stones etc. Past the arch are further sculptures and the green trail now bears right, back towards the centre.

*Explore more . . .* Many of the trails will be suitable for families with children and buggies particularly during the summer and dryer periods so the blue, red and yellow trails can all be considered.

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## Holt Country Park

**Green trail:** a half-mile walk

**Yellow trail:** a third of mile walk to the pond

**Red trail:** one and a quarter mile past the pond, viewing tower, carved style, arch and Trafalgar Avenue

**Blue trail:** one and two third mile tour of the site

Map displayed below has been extracted from Holt Country Park information leaflet — available on-line, from on site leaflet dispenser and displayed on map board by parking ticket machine



The Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is one of 46 AONBs in England and Wales, which together with 15 National Parks comprise our finest landscapes, rich in wildlife and cultural heritage.

Along the way . . .



Entrance to Holt Country Park



Visitor Centre



Parking machine and start of Green trail



Disabled parking is allocated close to main visitor amenities



Although unsurfaced many trail paths are of a good standard (*section on Green trail*)



There are a number of the trails and woodland paths waiting to be explored



The park is very popular for dog walkers with regular bins provided



Triumphal Arch on Green access trail



Other trails and paths can be unsuitable for wheelchairs but useable for walking or buggies