

Walk 6

Weavers' Way Brigate/Worstead



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Distance	3.75 miles (6 kilometres). Link from Worstead station 1 mile
Surface	60% unsurfaced, 40% surfaced - steps and gates
Toilets	No
Refreshment facilities	New Inn, Worstead
Seating on route	By Weavers' Way car park

Start point:

Weavers' Way car park, Brigate. OS Grid Reference TG 316 276.

Directions:

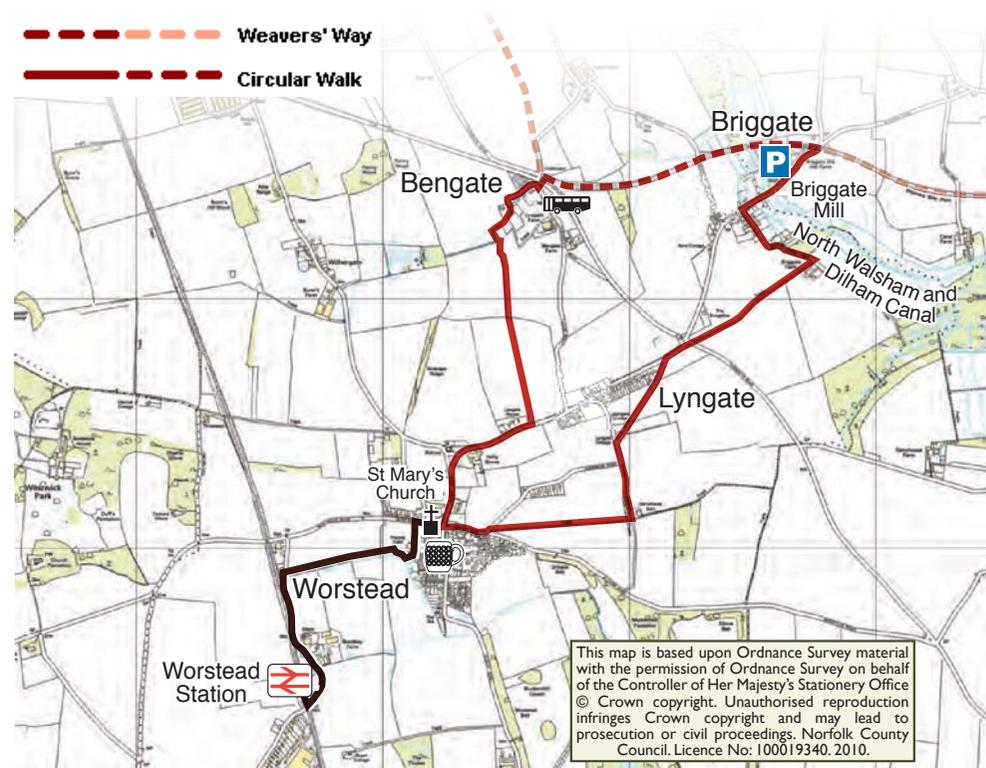
- 1 Leave the car park and turn right onto the road. Continue along the road, crossing the canal (note the old lock on the right) and past the ruin of Brigate Mill on your left hand side.
- 2 Turn left at the next road junction (White Horse Lane) and continue past the bends until you find a signed public bridleway to your right.
- 3 Heading towards Worstead Church, visible from this track, continue until you meet the road.
- 4 Take care when crossing this busy road, continue straight on and after 100 metres take the lane on the left (Barnards Road) and follow the bend round to the left.
- 5 Shortly after this the lane will turn sharply to the right. Continue



Weavers' Way over North Walsham and Dilham Canal

straight on along a track, signed as a restricted byway, which leads to an old farmyard. Just past the buildings and at the edge of the hardstanding, a public footpath is waymarked to the right, heading across a large open field towards the village and church.

- 6 At the road junction, take the road towards the church until you reach the village square. *If joining from the station follow walk instructions from here.* Turn right here (School Road) and follow the road, bearing right past the village school and pond on the left.
- 7 After a further 350 metres take the public footpath on your left. It runs for a short distance along the field-edge and then crosses a large field.



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- 8 Passing through a gap in the hedge at the end of this field, continue along the field-edge path. Pass through the hedge line again just after the ditch and turn right keeping the hedgerow on your right.
- 9 Following the path alongside the hedgerow, the path turns into a track and runs past some houses, turning sharp right and then sharp right again by the main road. Take the underpass to your left under the main road.

View from Weavers' Way at Brigate



- 10 Emerging from the underpass, turn right by the gate onto Weavers' Way. Cross the small meadow and go up the steps onto the embankment.
- 11 Follow this route along the disused railway line until you reach a quiet lane with an old crossing cottage. Cross the road and continue straight on and after crossing two bridges you will find yourself back at the car park where you started.

Points of interest:

- The car park is the site of the former Honing Station. Sadly today little more than the two platforms and the old pumphouse are left;
- St Mary's Church, Worstead;
- North Walsham and Dilham Canal, opened in 1826, links the River Ant near Dilham with Antingham Ponds to the north west of North Walsham, a length of 8.75 miles, with six locks. It provided a trade route link to the Rivers Ant and Bure and from there on to Great Yarmouth.

