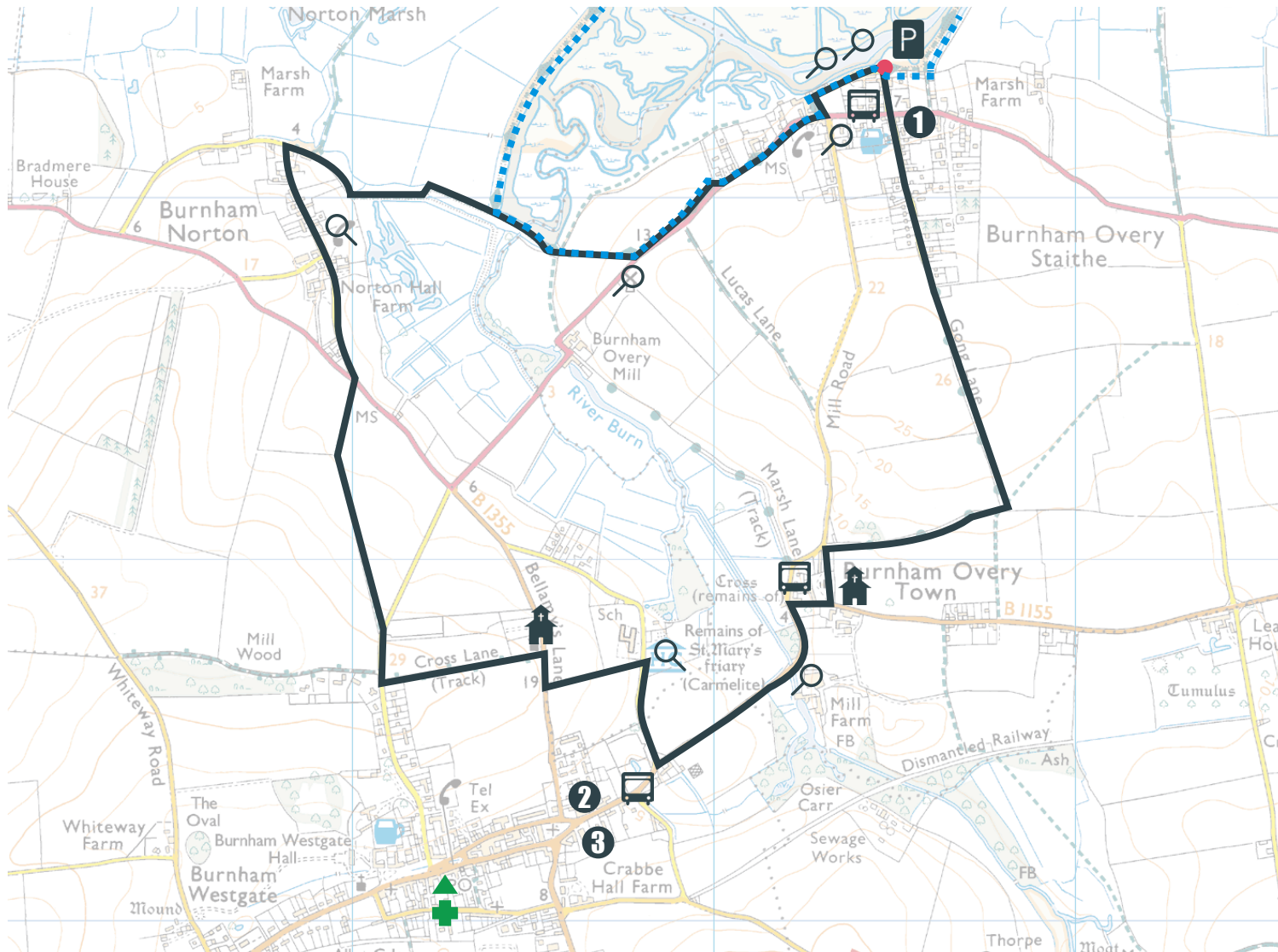



# THE BURNHAMS

4.5 miles / 7.25 km



Defibrillator (AED) map location. 

Business location. 

Route. 

Start point. 

Bus Stop 

Parking 

Point of heritage interest 

Church 

Hero at Burnham Overy 

Burnham Market Stores 

Marble's Paint Pots (Sweet Shop) 

Peddars Way & Norfolk Coast Path 

Business open times may vary.  
Please check with venue if you look to  
use their facilities & services.

Following in the footsteps of two of Norfolk's maritime heroes, this stunning route visits three of the historic 'Seven Burnhams by the sea'. There are numerous opportunities to enjoy north Norfolk's famous hospitality, whether you are visiting for the day or making a longer trip.

The ports of north-west Norfolk were the transport hubs of their day. For most of history it has been quicker, easier and cheaper to transport goods by sea rather than over land. It is therefore no surprise that these ports developed strong coastal communities around them, or that their inhabitants were often inspired to take to the ocean. A few of them made history. Captain Richard Woodget was one.

Born in 1845, Woodget began his maritime career in 1861. By 1881 he had become master of the *Coldstream*, a ship built in the year of his birth. The ship's owner, Jock Willis, was so impressed with the way that Woodget handled that ageing ship that he had no difficulty choosing him as the next captain of the now famous wool clipper, *Cutty Sark*. Between 1885 and 1895 Woodget set several record-breaking times for the journey between the Australian port of Sydney and London.

In spite of his globe-trotting, Woodget was a Burnham man through and through. He was baptised at St. Margaret's Church in Burnham Norton in 1846, married at St. Clement's Church in Burnham Overy Town, retired to Flagstaff House in Burnham Overy Staithe in 1899, and was buried in Burnham Norton after his death in 1928.

Several local features would still be familiar to the sea captain if he were alive today. The remains of St. Mary's (Norfolk's first Carmelite Friary), the Union Mill (which could be operated using both wind and water power), the war memorial (erected during Woodget's retirement) and the historic boathouse on the staithe are all long-time fixtures in the area. He would not have recognised the historic telephone box at Burnham Norton, however: it now operates as a lending library.

The circular walk at The Burnhams follows in Captain Woodget's footsteps, visiting each of the locations mentioned above, and of course, The Hero public house, named in honour of another local maritime celebrity, Admiral Lord Nelson.



### Getting Started

The route's starting point is East Harbour Way car park (TF845443).

### Getting There

There are bus stops near the route's starting point served by Lynx Coastliner service 36. Free car parking at East Harbour Way car park. High tide can flood the car park, but Burnham Overy Boathouse next to the car park can offer advice on tide times.



## FEEDBACK FORM

**How many people are in your party? (including yourself) Please write in number**

Male [ ] Under 18 [ ] 18-35 [ ] 36-60 [ ] Over 60 [ ]  
Female [ ] Under 18 [ ] 18-35 [ ] 36-60 [ ] Over 60 [ ]

**Are you:** Walking [ ] Dog Walking [ ] Cycling [ ] Other .....

**Which ONE of the following BEST describes your visit to this Trail?**

SHORT visit (less than 1 hour) [ ] PART-day visit (1-4 hours) [ ]  
FULL-day visit (5 or more hours) [ ] LONG DISTANCE trip (more than 1 day) [ ]

**Where is your permanent residence?** (This is just to help us monitor where visitors come from) .....

**Did you use a website to find out information about the route before your visit to this Trail?** YES [ ] NO [ ] **if YES which website?** .....

**During your visit to this Trail, approximately how much have you spent on the following, per person, per day and where? Please write in £**

Accommodation [£ ] Food and drink [£ ]  
Where:..... Where:.....

**Is this your first visit to this Trail?** YES [ ] NO [ ]

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