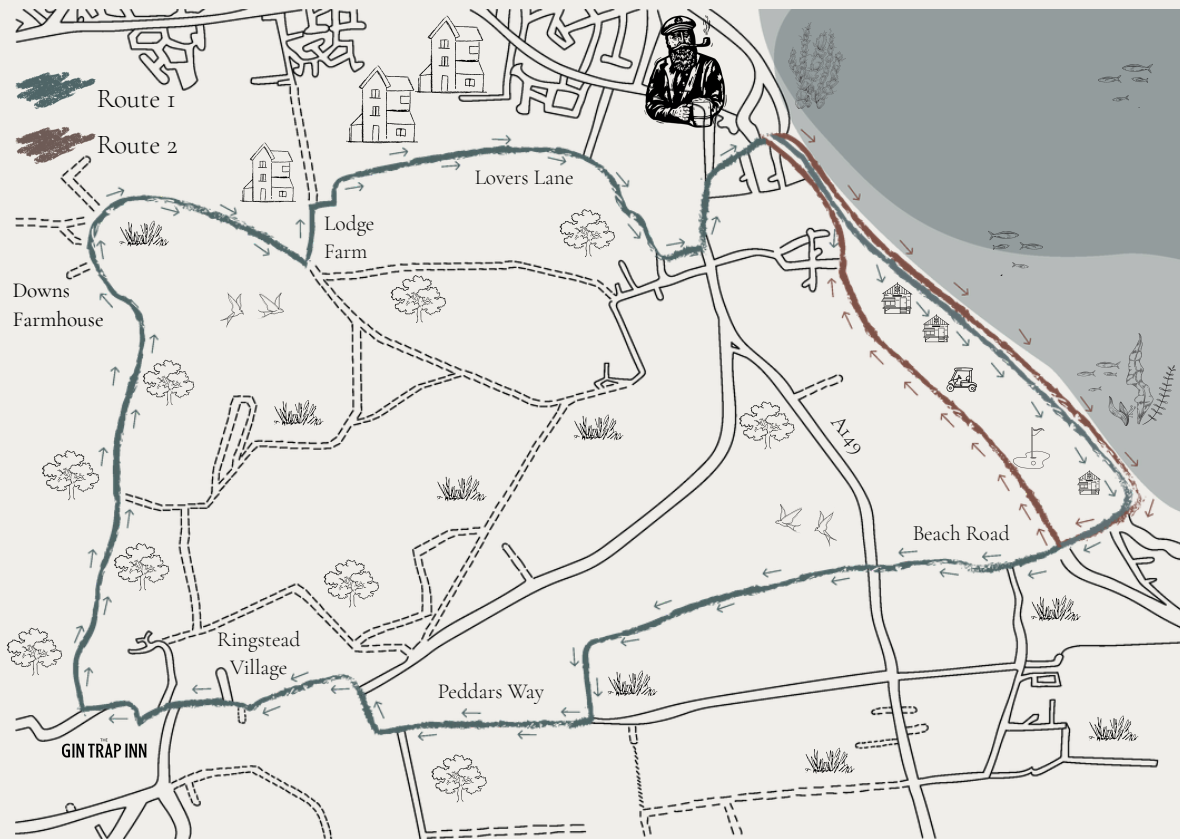


Old Hunstanton Hikes



Route 1 | Old Hunstanton Circular Walking Route | 9.5 Miles | 4 Hour
(Route 2 on reverse)

Start at The Ancient Mariner Inn.

Head out of the back of the pub towards the beach. Cross the grass and walk through the Le Strange Arms car park towards the public toilets in the far corner.

Take the small path on the left-hand side of the toilets, passing behind the beach huts until you reach Sea Lane, beside the RNLI building. Cross the sand and take the path directly ahead. Continue along the Norfolk Coastal Path.

Once past the beach huts you can either walk along the back of the dunes or, if you prefer to see the sea, walk up along the well trodden sea wall or even drop down to be on the same level as the sea. If you do drop down, just be aware that you will need to come slightly inland after a large wooden hut which is on your right-hand side and head towards Holme.

Further along you'll pass a single wooden hut beside the path. Shortly veer left off the beach, following signs for the Norfolk Coastal Path and Peddars Way (towards Knettishall Heath).

Carefully cross the golf course and exit onto a small residential road.

Continue straight through the village and cross a brick-walled bridge over the River Hun. (For a shorter walk follow route two from here.)

Continue along Beach Road, following signs for Peddars Way.

When you reach a junction with another road, follow the wooden signpost for Peddars Way, heading straight across the main road onto a narrow track lined with bushes. This track leads towards Ringstead.

When you reach a hedgerow directly ahead, turn left and continue around the field with the hedgerow now on your right. Continue until you exit the field near a white house on Peddars Way.

Turn right, following the signpost towards Ringstead.

Follow the road as it bends right onto Holme Road, with houses on your right. Continue along Holme Road and follow the bend left onto the High Street, heading into the centre of Ringstead. Here you'll find The Gin Trap Inn, which makes a perfect halfway stop for a drink or something to eat.

At the end of the High Street, follow the road as it bends right towards Heacham/Sedgeford.

Continue around the bend to the left, passing Sedgeford Road Farm on your right, and continue out of Ringstead.

About 100 yards before the white fences marking the edge of the village, turn right at the red dog waste bin, leaving the road.

Follow the lane through a kissing gate and continue along a tree-lined path. This opens out into a field. Walk straight towards the next line of trees and continue on the grassy path.

Follow this path until you exit the trees near Downs Farmhouse and Downs Road. Continue along the dusty road as it bends right.

At the triangular junction, turn left, again following Downs Road. Just before Lodge Farm, turn right around the farm, following the edge of the field along Lovers Lane.

This leads to Chapel Bank Road. Turn right and continue along the road.

Partway along, look for a small wooden public footpath sign on the left. Follow this path running parallel to the playing field until you reach a small car park. Exit through the gate onto Old Hunstanton Road and turn left.

Walk along the road until you reach Sea Lane, then turn right and continue until you arrive back at Le Strange Arms Hotel and The Ancient Mariner Inn. Settle in for good food and good company.

Route 2 | Old Hunstanton Circular Walking Route | 3 Miles | 1 Hour

Start at The Ancient Mariner Inn.

Leave the pub through the back, heading towards the beach. Cross the grass and continue through Le Strange Arms car park, making your way to the public toilets in the far corner.

Take the narrow path to the left of the toilets, passing behind the beach huts until you reach Sea Lane, beside the RNLI building.

Cross the sand and take the path directly ahead. Once past the beach huts you can either walk along the back of the dunes or, if you prefer to see the sea, walk up along the well trodden sea wall or even drop down to be on the same level as the sea. If you do drop down, just be aware that you will need to come slightly inland after a large wooden hut which is on your right-hand side and head towards Holme.

Further along, you'll pass a single wooden hut beside the path. Shortly after this, veer left away from the beach, following the signs for the Norfolk Coast Path and Peddars Way (towards Knettishall Heath).

Carefully cross the golf course and exit onto a small residential road.

Continue straight through the village and cross the brick-walled bridge over the River Hun. Immediately after the bridge, take the small grassy footpath on the right-hand side. Follow this path alongside the River Hun, keeping the golf course to your right, until you reach Waterworks Road at the far end.

Turn left onto Waterworks Road and walk up the road. Pass Smugglers Close on your left and continue straight as the road bends. Then turn onto Wodehouse Road, heading back towards The Ancient Mariner Inn.

Points of Interest

The River Hun (Route 2)

The River Hun may look like a small rural stream when you cross it on the walk, but it's actually part of a rare and ecologically important landscape. It is one of England's chalk streams, a globally scarce type of river that flows through chalk bedrock. Around 85% of the world's chalk streams are found in England, making rivers like the Hun unusually valuable.

Ringstead Village (Route 1 and 2)

Ringstead sits close to Peddars Way, a long-distance trail that follows the line of a Roman road built nearly 2,000 years ago. The road once connected Roman settlements in the Norfolk countryside to the coast near Hunstanton, likely used by soldiers, traders, and messengers. When you join Peddars Way on the walk, you are essentially walking along a route that has been used continuously since the Roman era.

Lovers Lane (Route 1 and 2)

Leaving Ringstead, the route returns toward Old Hunstanton along quiet agricultural paths and leafy tracks. Lovers Lane follows the edge of open farmland with wide views across gently rolling fields typical of inland Norfolk. The name Lovers Lane appears in villages across Britain. It was commonly given to quiet, secluded paths where couples could walk away from busy streets and farmland activity. In small rural communities where privacy was scarce, these tree-lined paths provided one of the few places for young people to stroll together.



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