Coast Path Stretch 2 Section 1 (of 7) Sea Palling to Horsey Gap

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Along the way

From the village of Sea Palling, the Coast Path follows the landward side of a dune ridge that characterises much of the stretch north of Great Yarmouth. This section of trail winds through grassland and scrub, as well as shady thickets of trees. The latter are popular with birdwatchers, especially during the winter when these offer birds shelter from the cold wind. In the summer months, visitors might spot a number of reptiles in the area, basking in the sun or skittering away into the grass. Common lizards are numerous, but more rarely there's a chance of seeing an adder. The snake's characteristic zig-zag pattern and vivid colouration are a magnificent sight. Though venomous, the snakes are shy creatures, and people are usually only bitten in attempts to catch or handle them. It goes without saying that one should not attempt to catch or handle them.

Rising briefly from the toe of the dunes at around the halfway point, the route offers farreaching views inland and along the coast where a number of churches can be seen, as well as Happisburgh's famous lighthouse.

For further information please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails





Walk summary

A sheltered and peaceful walk, immersed in nature.

Getting started

The Walk starts from Beach Road, Sea Palling.

Getting there

Sanders bus service 34 stops at the Sea Palling bus terminus on Clink Road, Sea Palling (no busses to or from Horsey Gap). Car parking is available on Clink Road, Sea Palling and at Horsey Gap car park (charges apply in both locations). National Rail enquiries: 08457 484950. www.nationalrail.co.uk/ Traveline enquiries: 0871 200 22 33. www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Maps and guides

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map OL40, The Broads, available from Ordnance Survey shop www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite

What to expect

Mostly flat, with sandy footpaths and rough grass paths.

Facilities

Sea Palling offers a bar, camping and caravan accommodation, shops, cafes and restaurants. There are public toilets at the route's start point.