

THE WALK

- 1 Start at Mundesley Beach Road car park opposite the Mundesley Maritime Museum. Turn right out of the car park.
- 2 As the road drops away from the Ship Inn take the footpath on the right up to the mill pond. The path follows the side of the mill pond



Mundesley watermill was built in the first half of the 18th century but was destroyed by fire in 1956. When the mill was working, 8 million gallons of water flowed through per day. It was worked by the Larter family in the 1920s, the deeds stated that anyone interfering with the stream had to pay dues to the millers. The Larter family also used the mill to generate electricity, supplying power to some of the surrounding properties.

Look back for the views over the rooftops out to sea. At the far end of the mill pond take the footpath to the right between the houses. Keep going straight on until you reach the High Street.

- 3 Turn right into the High Street, and left at the thatched shop opposite the greengrocer. Continue up Station Road, passing the Tourist Information office on your left in the shoppers car park. Passing Munhaven Close & Warren Drive, take the next left up Links Road, towards Mundesley Golf Club. Ignoring the left turn to Mundesley Golf Course and driving range,



- 4 Just past the Mundesley "Golf Club Beware" sign, turn right onto the footpath signposted "Footpath to Gimingham" and "Paston Way" on a smaller post sign.



Here you will be able to see the large "golf ball" in the distance for the first time. This protects a large radar installation. As this lane bends sharply to the left, look out for the top of some cold war bunkers protruding from the ground on your right.

Continue to follow the footpath across the fields following signs for the Paston Way. As you walk the village of Gimingham comes into view. The footpath comes out on a lobe between bungalows and cottages.

- 5 Once at the road, a detour to the left for a few minutes will take you to the diesel mill engine, the former corn mill and Gimingham Ponds.

Gimingham watermill stands on the original Domesday site and the last mill to work there was built about 200 years ago of local brick and flint brought in from local beaches. The original waterwheel was supplemented by steam in the 19th century and then later by diesel engines. The mill was built for milling flour and included a bakehouse, and a windmill up the hill. Adapting to changing times, the operation finally milled animal feeds and closed in 1976.

Return up the road to the point where you joined it from the footpath. Keep walking up the road, ignoring the School Road turning on your right. Continue up this road past the "road narrows" traffic sign, and take the next right into Sandpits Lane, signposted 1½ miles to Mundesley. At the top of

On your right you will see some war-time gun emplacements. During the walk you may notice several reminders of the war time fortifications. Next to the Maritime Museum is a memorial to the mine clearance teams. This area was in a restricted zone during the second world war. It took many years to clear the beaches of mines.

- 7 If the tides are high or you do not wish to walk down the steep slope to the beach retrace your steps to the Cromer Road and follow the alternative



route at the end of these directions. Otherwise, follow the steep walkway down to the beach. Turn right when you reach the bottom of the slope. Head along the beach, until you reach the next concrete slope up. Take this to return to the start of the walk.

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the lane turn right, then immediately left, to the left side of the bungalow, heading uphill towards Mundesley.

- 6 Follow this Quiet Lane to its junction with Cromer Road, and turn right onto main road. At the Trafalgar Court building, turn left into Seaview Road and bear right onto some open space. Head for the far right hand corner of this scrubland, towards the dog bin.

Alternative route: Follow the Cromer Road past the old Trafalgar Court, and on past the church and Coronation Hall. Then downhill past the Library to the 20 mph signs. Carry straight on to



ABOUT THE WALK

Mundesley is a cliff top village in North Norfolk with wide sandy beaches, excellent shops and a good choice of eating places. It maintains its maritime tradition with a volunteer lifeboat station, a small fleet of crab boats, and a volunteer coast watch in the tiny Maritime Museum. Set in a rural backdrop of Quiet Lanes and ancient villages, this walk gives you a good introduction to Mundesley and its hinterland.

Maritime Tradition

The tiny museum at the start of the walk is worth a visit. Volunteers man the Coast Watch on the first floor. A few crab boats operate from the end of the beach, near the lifeboat station. The Lobster Pot van in the village centre is a good place to buy crabs.



Millers and their Mills:

Small-scale milling provided a livelihood for centuries. This walk passes two water mills. In the past windmills would also have been prominent features in the local landscape although nowadays Stow Mill at Paston is the only local survivor.

Happy Holidays

Thanks to the railway, which reached the village in the 19th century, Mundesley benefited from some of the early forays into mass tourism. The Continental Hotel, now private apartments and called Trafalgar Court, and the Manor Hotel, still in operation, were grand statements. But the village also became popular for a cheaper form of holiday: the holiday camp. Tourism is still a vital part of the local economy. The handsome station, sadly no longer there, had 3 long platforms. The walk takes you over the old railway bridge by the former station site, now Warren Drive.



Restoring good health

The former sanatorium is in a wooded area away to the left beyond the golf course. It was one of a series built along this coast for Tuberculosis sufferers, before the days of antibiotics when fresh sea air and good diet were the best cures on offer.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Travel to Mundesley

By bus: route 5 links Cromer, Mundesley and North Walsham. This connects to the 55 from Norwich. The 34 bus route links Stalham, Happisburgh, Walcott, Bacton, Mundesley, North Walsham and villages in between. This connects to route 7 from Norwich. Alight at Gold Park Gates in Mundesley centre. Walk through the park, keeping to the left, to the pathway through to the sea front. For routes and timetables phone Traveline **0871 200 22 33** or visit **www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk**.

By car: The nearest car park is a pay and display car park opposite the start of the walk. There is a free shoppers car park in the village centre. The other free car park is on the cliff tops behind Trafalgar Court off the Cromer Road.

Places to Eat

Mundesley offers a choice of food outlets, all within easy reach of the start of the walk - beach café (seasonal), pubs, takeaways, tearooms, and restaurants.

Toilets

Public toilets near the Beach Road car park are open all year during the day. Other public toilets have seasonal opening only: one at beach level by the Beach Cafe and a second off the High Street.

Other Local Walks

This leaflet can be downloaded from www.griffon.org.uk which also lists other Griffon Walks. This walk links into the Paston Way, a 32 kilometer (20 mile) journey from North Walsham to Cromer via 15 churches. A selection of published walks is available in Mundesley Visitor Advice Centre, the Griffon Area Partnership office and Cromer Tourist Information Centre. Also see **www.countrysideaccess.norfolk.gov.uk**

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WALK ONE: MILL TO MILL

A circular walk of 6½ kilometres (4 miles) from Mundesley sea front to Gimingham