



Starting Out from Norwich - once said to have “a church for every week of the year and a pub for every day”, the city has pilgrim places of its own - Mother Julian’s cell, Lollards’ Pit, Edith Cavell’s Grave - and two cathedrals. The twin starting points for the Walsingham Way.

The Green Route - From the north door of St. John’s Cathedral the Green Route crosses the Inner Ring Road (Grapes Hill) by a pedestrian bridge into Upper St. Giles, to turn left down Cow Hill beside the churchyard, emerging in St. Benedict’s St. by the Ten Bells. Here a right turn brings pilgrims past St. Margaret’s Church and left down St. Lawrence Little Steps. Where, at the bottom, they cross the road and take a quick right and left turn into Coslany Street and a bridge over the River Wensum - still officially part of the Broads National Park! Over the bridge, the route continues on Coslany St. towards St. Michael’s Church, turning right in front of the church, to meet the Red Route on the corner of Colegate and St. Miles Alley.

The Red Route - From the West Front of Norwich Cathedral, the Red Route passes through the Erpingham Gate and turns right to cross Fye Bridge and continue on Magdalene St. At St. Clement’s Church, a left turn brings pilgrims to the Georgian grandeur of Colegate. Beyond St. Georges Church and the Gatherers in Musploe St., where the Priors of Walsingham had their town house, and beyond Duke St., the two routes meet at St. Miles Alley. From here they head north towards St. Mary’s Church, turning left and right into Oak Street; and, after passing the disused church of St. Mary at Oak and the White Lion pub, turning left into St. Crispin’s Road. Crossing the road at the lights, they arrive at the start of the Marriot’s Way on the far side of the bridge. Walsingham bound pilgrims follow the Marriott’s Way for the next 7 miles.

Waymarks - Both routes are waymarked with stickers on street furniture that lead to the start of the Marriott’s Way. Leaving Norwich pilgrims follow the clearly waymarked Marriott’s Way for 7 miles. From the turn-off beyond Drayton the route is waymarked with its own distinctive WW posts.

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From Norwich to Weston Longville - Leaving Norwich on the Marriott's Way many will stop after 5 miles for a break at Drayton before continuing towards the A270. On the far side of a footbridge over the dual carriageway, pilgrims leave the Marriott's Way. A distinctive Walsingham Way finger post indicates a sharp left turn. Running parallel with the road for a mile, the path swings right uphill, through woods, towards the ridge line. In a further half mile, a waymark indicates a sharp left turn, and the path goes downhill towards Attlebridge Hall and the busy Fakenham Rd.. Across the road and through a farmyard there is marsh and a bridge over the quietly flowing River Wensum. Crossing river and marsh, pilgrims climb over Royal Hill to Ringland Lane, where a fingerpost directs them left towards Ringland Church with an Angel Roof and medieval glass, or right towards Weston Longville a little over a mile away in the direction of Lyng and Swanton Morley.





Weston Longville to Lyng - The route follows quiet roads on the southern slope of the valley. Many pilgrims will opt to take the waymarked detour to visit St. Margaret's Church and pub and shop in Lyng.

Lyng to Swanton Morley - The main route continues south of the village, crossing onto a track at the end of Easthaugh Rd. before cutting across fields and passing through Elsing. St. Mary's Church has a rood screen with St. Anne teaching the Virgin Mary to read. The Mermaid (pub) is across the road from the church. From Elsing, the route crosses fields to join a quiet road and continues west on the southern slope of the valley to arrive in Swanton Morley. Refreshments are available at the village pub, Derbys, and there is a general stores next door. The church, on its own hillock, is a *high place* above the valley.

Swanton Morley to North Elmham - In the village, the route heads towards the church and forks left into Rectory Rd. It soon takes a shortcut, turning right down Primrose Lane to join the Worthing Rd. further on. The route continues towards Worthing on quiet roads, where a detour to the church is waymarked. The main route leads into North Elmham which has pubs and shops and, at the top of the hill (the highest point on the WW so far at 175 ft), St. Mary's Church and the site of the Anglo-Saxon Cathedral (in the care of English Heritage). Another *high place* overlooking the valley!

North Elmham to Great Ryburgh - Beyond the church and cathedral, a left turn into the parkland of Elmham House and a right turn further on, leads pilgrims to the Ryburgh Rd. After 4 miles downhill on a quiet road, pilgrims arrive at Gt. Ryburgh with a pub and shops. Gt. Ryburgh was an important monastic settlement in the 8thC. The present church, St. Andrew's, is a round towered cruciform building dating back to the 11th C.

Great Ryburgh to Gt. Snoring - At Great Ryburgh church the route turns sharp right to cross the River Wensum for the last time and climb out of the valley on a permissive path that runs beside the road. After crossing the A1067 Norwich Rd., it takes the quiet roads towards Fulmodeston, past Stibbard Church (waymarked) eventually turning left down Back Lane to bypass the village of Fulmodeston. A left turn onto Croxton Rd., leads into Snoring Rd. and on to the cross the Holt Rd A148. and arrive at Little Snoring. On the other side the village, the route climbs past St. Andrew's Church - with a detached, round tower and Romanesque architecture - and skirts the 2nd World War U.S. Airforce base, before crossing the River Stiffkey and entering Great Snoring.

In Gt. Snoring a left turn after St. Mary's Church into Barsham Rd. brings pilgrims to the top of the Greenway a track that leads directly into Walsingham. At the waymark, those going straight to Walsingham, turn right. Those bound for the Slipper Chapel, continue on the Barsham Rd.

Food, Drink there are:-

Shops at Lyng, Swanton Morley, North Elmham and Great Ryburgh.

Pubs at Weston Longville, Lyng, Swanton Moreley, North Elmham and Gt. Ryburgh.

Fish and Chip shops at North Elmham and Gt. Ryburgh

From the Slipper Chapel a traffic free “Holy Mile” on the bed of disused rail track brings pilgrims to a right turn into Blind Dick’s Lane, where the two routes meet at the junction with Back Lane. Here, a left turn into Back Lane leads behind the ruined Franciscan friary - Grey Friars - to arrive at Walsingham’s Friday Market Place between the Church of the Annunciation and the Black Lion.

The Red Route turns right at the Greenway, a track that leads downhill through field and wood, arriving at a gate lodge at a bend on Fakenham Rd. where a private estate road winds through parkland to Abbey Farm. The route continues on a permissive path, following the road towards the river and emerging before the bridge onto the busy road. It continues on the same road towards the village, but before the road narrows dangerously between high walls, turns left into Blind Dicks Lane where Red and Blue Routes meet at the junction with Back Lane. A right turn into Back Lane and another right turn further on brings pilgrims to Walsingham’s Friday Market Place.

Slipper Chapel

The Green Route - At the Greenway, the Green Route continues on the Barsham Road and soon forks right onto the Snoring Road. Dropping downhill past Canister Hill Farm, it crosses the Fakenham Road at Houghton St. Giles to arrive at a ford and footbridge. Beyond the ford, a left turn at the T junction brings pilgrims to the Slipper Chapel.