

**Parking:**

Hemblington Church

**To walk this route in stages park at:**

Burlingham Church.  
 NWT Low Road, South Walsham  
 South Walsham Village Hall  
 Boat Dyke Lane Upton,  
 Upton Village Hall  
 Bridewell Lane, Acle

**Toilets:**

All Saints Church, Hemblington  
 St Lawrence's Church, South Walsham  
 St Margaret's Church, Upton  
 The Street, Acle

**Refreshments:**

DIY tea and coffee, Hemblington Church  
 The Ship, South Walsham  
 Fairhaven Gardens, South Walsham  
 The White Horse, Upton  
 White Horse Community Shop, Upton  
 Scooters Café, Acle  
 The King's Head, Acle

For more information see :-

[www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk)  
[www.broadsideparishes.org.uk](http://www.broadsideparishes.org.uk)  
[www.fishley.churchnorfolk.com](http://www.fishley.churchnorfolk.com)  
[www.acle.churchnorfolk.com](http://www.acle.churchnorfolk.com)  
[www.norfolkchurches.co.uk/](http://www.norfolkchurches.co.uk/)  
[www.northburlingham.churchnorfolk.com](http://www.northburlingham.churchnorfolk.com)

For information on Burlingham Woodland walks, please visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

Information on Burlingham Walks sundials  
[www.sundialtrailsoftheburlinghamwalks.wordpress.com](http://www.sundialtrailsoftheburlinghamwalks.wordpress.com)



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**Heritage Walk 2**

**A circular walk visiting Hemblington, North Burlingham, South Walsham, Upton, Fishley and Acle Churches**

**Approximate distance: 12 miles/18 Km**

Start at **All Saints Church, Hemblington** Open every day. A round towered church with a unique wall painting depicting the life of St Christopher and a 15th century octagonal font with 16 saints and martyrs.

From Hemblington Church turn left out of the churchyard. Turn left at the "T" junction. Take the footpath on the right to Burlingham Wood Walks just past Hall Farm. Follow the path through the new woodland following the field boundary, turning left through Jary's Wood. Continue along the track towards Millennium Wood, passing between barns. There is a pond to the left, often dry.

When you reach the road go forward onto Dell Corner Lane and into The Green, North Burlingham. After the cottage on the right and Thatch Barn on the left take the footpath to the right across the fields. Where the path ends take the left turn into the woods then turn to the right and walk along the woodland edge. This leads you to

**St Andrew's Church, North Burlingham.** Open daily. Noted for its two rood screens (one dated 1536 and painted with saints) and arch braced hammer beam roof with angel carvings.

Turn right out of the churchyard and take the right hand track through the woods. Ignore Church Plantation. At the end of the woods cross the track and take the path straight ahead which bends right to follow a hedge on the left. At the end of the hedge take the left hand path towards Long Plantation.

Just before the road, a path leads left towards a crossing point and Austin's Wood. Cross the road with care and follow the path on the other side first to the right alongside the road. Follow the path around to the left through a clearing in the woodland where you will find an impressive cube sundial. The path leads on eventually to the field boundary.

Go through the path in the hedge and follow the field edge to the left. At the end of this field turn right and walk down the field, signed Hare Fen Wood.

Continue along the track at the end of the field and turn left into Hare Fen Wood, keep to its edge. Turn left onto the road and then left at the crossroads to shortly reach

### **St. Mary's and St. Lawrence Churches, South Walsham** (open daily)

[St Mary's has a rood screen with an inscription asking for prayers for a freed serf, John Galt, and his wives. Some of the stained glass is from the studios of William Morris.](#)

[St Lawrence's was damaged by fire in 1827 and the tower collapsed in 1971. It was refurbished in the 1980s as a centre for art and education. Concerts are regularly held. Also see the collection of medicinal herbs and plants in the Sacristan's garden.](#)

Retrace your steps back to the crossroads and turn left into School Road. Follow past Fairhaven Gardens. Use the elevated footpath parallel with the road to the pond. Follow road round to the right before taking a left turn into Upton Road. At Low Road turn left and then immediately right along a farm track to Holly Farm Lakes. Turn left between the hedge and bank just before the car park for the lakes. Turn right at the gate before Upton Fen.

The path takes you around the woodland, at times on raised boarding. Cross the bridge on the edge of a field and continue around the wood (views to mill on the right) and out into Cargate Green. Turn right and then left at the cross roads. Walk into the village past the village hall and turn right at the next crossroads into Church Road. On the right, just beyond a tall brick wall at Hall Farm is

### **St. Margaret's Upton.**

[A fine font and painted rood screen. Two consecration crosses can be found behind the pulpit and by the organ.](#)

Returning to the road, Fishley Church can be seen across the fields, but you need to turn left and walk back into the village and turn right at the crossroads into The Green.

Just after Number 45 and before 43 a footpath goes off to the right. Take this past the wildlife area on the right (with picnic benches if you wish to pause) and across open fields to

### **St. Mary Church, Fishley**

[Open Fridays 10am to 4pm. An ancient round towered church in an isolated setting.](#)

Leaving the Church, turn left and walk across the field towards Acle. By the cemetery, the path veers to the right into Pyebush Lane. At its end cross the South Walsham Road and continue into The Street. Turn right onto the main road by the village sign. Follow past shops to reach

### **St. Edmund Church, Acle**

[Open every day. Contains a fine font dating from 1410, a 15th century screen and a heart rending 15th century inscription about the Black Death. At the left hand side of the porch is a medieval scratch dial, where a stick would have been inserted to cast a shadow.](#)

Retrace your steps past the Kings Head and turn left into Mill Lane, which turns into a track by the school playing fields. On the way up the hill there is a path to the left (no signpost) leading to a human sundial in Jubilee wood, a diversion worth making on a sunny day.

Back on the track, follow to the road and turn left and then right into Farrow's wood (no signpost). In a clearing you can find a Polar Sundial. Continue on the path past Burlingham Lodge Farm. Just before the road to the east of a barn conversion, a path (signed Belt Plantation) takes you around the barn and beside the road to a crossing point just over a wooden bridge.

Cross the road and turn left and then right into the woods. Take either path through the woodland. On reaching a 3 way fingerpost, follow the sign for Millenium Wood and then take the left fork to reach a clearing to see "Burlingham Henge", a project by local schoolchildren. At the road turn right and walk back through Jary's and Adam's Woods, turning left onto the road and right into Church Lane to complete your walk.