

Key Information

Paddle to the centre of a rebellion and mass trespass in 1949 that parallels that on Kinder Scout by ramblers earlier in the 20th century. Note: You may only access this Broad for a week in Easter and from Whitsun to October

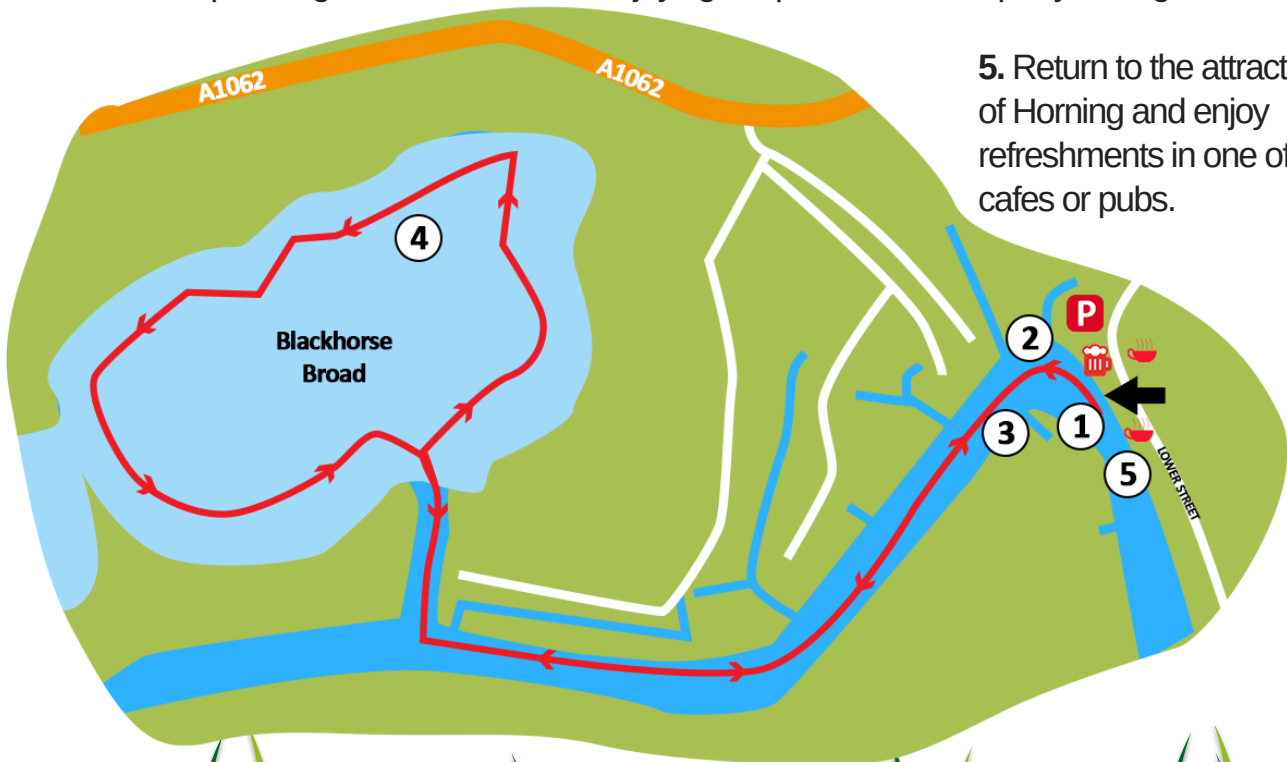
Start/Finish: The Village Staithe, Horning, NR12 8AA
Portages: 0
Time: 1 - 1.5 hours
Distance: 2.5 miles
OS Map: Explorer 40 The Broads



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1. There is limited free parking at the staithe (maximum 2 hours), but free long stay parking at the Village Hall. Unload and move your car across to the village hall. Launch from the staithe and turn right on the River Bure.
2. You are paddling upstream but there is usually no noticeable flow. Ignore the first couple of turnings off to the right. Your right turn comes just after the last of the riverside bungalows, into Hoveton Little Broad (aka Blackhorse Broad).
3. In the 19th century several landowners prevented access to broads in their ownership from the main river network. Boat builder Herbert Woods led a campaign against the landowners' action, culminating in the invasion of Blackhorse Broad in 1949. This resulted in an agreement with the broad's owner to open the broad to the public each year between Easter and mid-September.
4. Spend some time paddling around the Broad, enjoying the peace and tranquillity it brings.



5. Return to the attractive village of Horning and enjoy refreshments in one of the local cafes or pubs.

Find out more information at: gopaddling.info

The beautiful Broads landscape of reed beds, grazing marshes and wet woodland make it perfect for a peaceful day out paddling.

For many years the broads were regarded as natural features of the landscape. It was only in the 1960s that it was proved that they were in fact flooded medieval peat excavations. Despite the construction of wind pumps and dykes, the flooding continued and resulted in the Broads of today.

The broads are connected by a number of navigable rivers and the whole area is managed as a national park by the Broads Authority who levy a licence on allcraft using the waterways. On the broads the main navigation areas are often marked by stakes. If you keep outside of these areas (in the shallower water) you will not be troubled by larger craft.

In the 19th century, several Norfolk landowners prevented access to broads in their ownership from the main river network, even though all Broadland waters had been considered part of the King's River and thus freely accessible to all. Boat builder Herbert Woods led a public campaign against the landowners' action, culminating in the 'invasion of Black Horse Broad' in March 1949.

This direct action resulted in an agreement with the broad's owner, who agreed to open the broad to the public each year between Easter and mid-September. Sadly, unlike the Kinder trespass, this campaign did not lead to the re-opening of other closed broads which remain 'private' to this day.

Licence

We want you to enjoy a safe trip, so here are a few tips for staying safe and paddling responsibly.

Paddle Safe. Be prepared and take the right kit:

- Wear a correctly sized buoyancy aid
- Mobile phone – in a waterproof case
- Whistle – to attract attention in case of emergency
- Map and / or route description
- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions + spares in a dry bag
- Food, drink & suncream!

Paddle Responsibly. Respect the natural environment and other users:

- Respect other waterway users #sharethespace
- Be environmentally aware, minimise your impact
- Ensure you have the correct licence if required
- Observe navigational rules – keep right and give other users space
- Check, Clean, Dry after every trip!

Licences: The waterways in this trail are managed by the Broads Authority and require paddlers to hold a licence. If you are an existing British Canoeing member your membership includes an annual licence for the waterways covered within this trail – please ensure you take your membership card with you on the water as this acts as your licence, if stopped with no licence, you will be at risk of being fined.

You can also buy a licence directly from the Tolls Office, Broads Authority Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RY, from Broads Authority Information Centres (open April - October) and some yacht stations and boatyards (from April – October)

