NORWICH TO SHERINGHAM 79

'Bittern Line' diesel trains for Sheringham leave Norwich's grand Victorian terminus and head east through Thorpe Junction and Wensum Junction before turning north away from the Yare Valley at Whitlingham Junction. Trains follow a straight and level route to the village of Salhouse before crossing the River Bure on the approach to Hoveton & Wroxham station. This is a popular spot for visitors to the Norfolk Broads and is also the interchange point for the 15-in-gauge Bure Valley Railway to Aylsham. Continuing northwards across flat farmland, trains call at Worstead before arriving at the market town of North Walsham – once an important centre of the Flemish weaving industry, the town also lies on the 56-mile Weavers' Way Long Distance Path, part of which follows the route of the long-closed Midland & Great Northern Joint Railway.

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From North Walsham trains continue northwards, calling at Gunton – once used by royalty visiting Lord Suffield of Gunton Hall – then Roughton Road, before looping around the outskirts of Cromer and arriving at the town's small terminus station. Once named Cromer Beach, the original M&GNJR station building is now a pub. Trains reverse direction here and head west along the coast, calling at West Runton before terminating at Sheringham. The basic single-platform terminus is the smallest in Britain, while just across the road (and linked to the national rail network) is the original M&GNJR station, now used by the North Norfolk Railway at the start of its heritage line to Holt. The town and beach are but a short walk from the station.







DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

steam-operated North Norfolk Railway to Holt; market (Saturdays); Mo Sheringham Museum; Sheringham Park (NT); Norfolk Coast Path to Beeston Bump; locally caught crab and lobster; Blue Flag beach (sandy at low tide)

FREQUENCY OF TRAINS 1 per hour

30½ MILES 1 HOUR

A short distance from the Norfolk coastline, preserved British Railways Class '9F' 2-10-0 No. 92203 hauls a train on the North Norfolk Railway between Sheringham and Holt.

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