

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ROUTE OVERVIEW

This final short stage leaves plenty of time to immerse yourself in all that Walsingham has to offer the 21st century pilgrim, with plenty of facilities at the start and end of the walk.

It's a steady climb on pavements, and a final footpath stretch, from St Peter and St Paul church in Fakenham to reach the edge of town where, after **1.1 miles**, you cross the A148. A quiet lane takes you to a stretch on the B1105, followed by further lanes, dropping gently down to the village of East Barsham, reached in a further **2.3 miles**. Just beyond East Barsham, a steady climb along the verge is followed by a descent on a footpath over fields to North Barsham (**0.9 miles**).

Another quiet lane leads to the Slipper Chapel, the Catholic Shrine, in Houghton St Giles (**0.4 miles**). A footpath on an old railway track takes you on a gently rising, then falling, gradient for **0.9 miles** to the edge of Walsingham. Here a farm lane drops down to the B1105, High St, running through the village to reach the Anglican Shrine in **0.6 miles**.

Public transport options

This final stage is short but if you need a **bus** between Fakenham and Walsingham there's the hourly No 36 Coastliner. For your journey home from Walsingham, the nearest **train** stations are in King's Lynn or Norwich. To reach King's Lynn from Walsingham, take the northbound No 36 bus which travels there on a scenic route (approx 2hrs) round the North Norfolk coast. Alternatively, take the southbound No 36 back to Fakenham (15 mins) to pick up the X29 bus to Norwich (approx 1hr 30mins). See also public transport map and table pp29-31.

For a **taxi** try *Tiny's Taxis* (☎ 01328-888888, 🌐 www.tinys.org.uk) and *Jak's Taxis* (☎ 01328-887488, 🌐 jaktaxis.co.uk).

6.2 miles (10km)

- **Terrain** Mainly quiet country lanes over gently undulating countryside
- **Difficulty** Easy ● **Cumulative distance from London** 177.9 miles (286.7km)
- **Time** 2hrs 15 mins actual walking time ● **Total ascent** 115m/378ft
- **Map** OS Explorer 251 *Norfolk Coast Central*
- **GPX route file & directions*** 513.pdf, 513.gpx, 513.kml at 🌐 <https://trailblazer-guides.com/press> * See pp27-8 for more information on downloads

Where to eat or stay along the way

- **Fakenham** (see Stage 12, p167)
- **East Barsham** (after 3.5 miles, 5.6km)

Stay and eat at Barsham Arms (☎ 01328-820729, 🌐 thebarshamarms.co.uk, Fakenham Rd; Tue-Sat noon-11pm, Sun noon-5pm, food Tue-Sat noon-2.30pm & 5-8.30pm, Sun 9am-5pm), a pub with rooms.

● **Walsingham Catholic Shrine accommodation** (☎ 01328 820 495, 🌐 walsingham.org.uk) Two complexes, Elmham House and Dowry House in Walsingham, plus shepherds' huts.

● **Walsingham Anglican Shrine accommodation** (☎ 01328-820239, 🌐 walsingham.anglican.org.uk) A mix of accommodation within the shrine grounds, plus nearby cottages.

- **Walsingham Stay** at the very pleasant

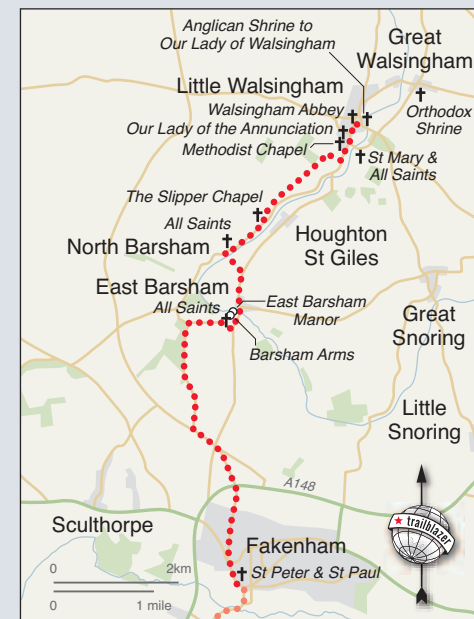
Black Lion Hotel (☎ 01328-820235, 🌐 blacklionhotelnorfolk.co.uk, Friday Market Pl; open Sun-Thur 11am-10.30pm, Fri & Sat to 11pm; food: Mon-Sat noon-3pm & 6-9pm, Sun noon-8pm), with impressive restaurant and six rooms on a quiet square; or **The Bull** (☎ 01328-820333, 🌐 thebullwalsingham.co.uk, 8 Common Pl; open Mon-Sat 8am-10.30pm, Sun to 10pm, food noon-9pm), a lively pub with six rooms. For B&B, **The Old Bakehouse B&B** (☎ 01328-820377; 33 High St) has three en-suite double or twin rooms. For more options: see 🌐 walsinghamvillage.org.

● **Walsingham Eat and drink** at the Anglican Shrine's **Norton Café Bar** (🌐 walsingham.anglican.org.uk/visit/the-refectory; open Feb-Nov Mon-Sat 9am-11pm, Sun to 10.30pm, Dec-early Feb 9am-4.40pm), open all day for everything from a full English breakfast to lunch or supper. Or there's quirky **Read and Digest** (☎ 01328-821332, 54 High St; open Thur-Tue 10.30am-4pm), a café and second-hand bookshop; and **Victorious Bistro** (☎ 01328-820921, 🌐 victoriouswalsingham.com, 2 Wells Rd; Tue-Sat 9am-8pm).

Services

- **Fakenham** (see Stage 12, p167)

● **Walsingham** For the essentials there's useful **convenience store Walsingham Village Stores** (☎ 01328-820543, 🌐 walsinghamvillage.org, 25 High St; daily 7am-7pm), while **Walsingham Farm Shop** (☎ 01328-821877, 🌐 walsingham.co/our-farm-shops, Guild St; Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm) sells local produce, some from Walsingham Estate.



		LONDON TO WALSINGHAM CAMINO
		Stage 13: Fakenham to Walsingham
Distance from start	Distance from last direction	Direction
0	0	From St Peter and St Paul , Fakenham, turn right out of the church and follow Oak St uphill until it ends, and Nelson Rd branches left and Wells Rd continues straight on
330yds/300m	330yds/300m	Continue straight on up Wells Rd, following it round to the left when Highfield Rd branches right, and continue until the junction with Field Ln.
440yds/400m	110yds/100m	Turn right on Field Ln and continue until you pass Fakenham Academy on your left.
0.7mile/1.2km	880yds/800m	After the school, continue straight on along a track (Trap Ln) that takes you to the A148.
1.1miles/1.7km	550yds/500m	Cross over the A148, then continue along Trap Ln until you reach a wider lane.
1.4miles/2.2km	550yds/500m	Turn left into this lane and continue until you reach a staggered crossroads, where Fakenham Rd crosses left to right.
1.5miles/2.4km	220yds/200m	Go diagonally right over the staggered crossroads, joining the B1105, and continue until you reach Breck Ln.
1.7miles/2.8km	440yds/400m	Turn right onto Breck Ln towards West Barsham.
2.8miles/4.5km	1.1miles/1.7km	At the T-junction just after West Barsham, turn right, and head east for East Barsham. Continue until you reach Fakenham Rd.
3.3miles/5.3km	880yds/800m	Turn left into Fakenham Rd. All Saints' churchyard is on this corner, and the entrance to the church 100yds down Fakenham Rd.
3.4miles/5.4km	110yds/100m	<p>Arrive at All Saints, East Barsham.</p> <p>The Barsham Arms pub, and East Barsham Manor, are just past the church, on the same side of the road.</p> <p>To continue, carry on along Fakenham Rd. When the pavement ends, you will find the verge on the right-hand side of the road is generally wider and easier to walk along, but look out for an easily missed footpath leaving from the left of the road (Grid ref TF 9179 3454). It is actually around 50yds after the point indicated on the OS Explorer map. There is no signpost, just a gap in the hedge.</p>

3.9miles/6.3km	990yds/900m	Take the footpath on your left, following it across fields and via a footbridge over the River Stiffkey to North Barsham, where you reach a lane.
4.1miles/6.7km	440yds/400m	Turn right into the lane, and look out for All Saints, North Barsham, on your left.
4.2miles/6.8km	110yds/100m	Arrive at All Saints North Barsham. To continue, carry on down the lane towards Houghton St Giles
4.6miles/7.5km	770yds/700m	Arrive at the Slipper Chapel , and the Catholic Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham . To continue, take the footpath that runs off left from the lane, just after the Slipper Chapel, at a crossroads where Grays Ln runs to your right. Continue until you reach the course of an old railway line
4.7miles/7.6km	110yds/100m	Turn right onto the course of the old railway line and continue towards Walsingham until a lane crosses your route.
5.6miles/9.1km	0.9mile/1.5km	Where a lane crosses the route, turn right into Blind Dick's Ln and continue until you reach Fakenham Rd.
5.8miles/9.3km	220yds/200m	Turn left into Fakenham Rd, which becomes High St, for Walsingham. Continue until you reach a square with Holt Rd turning right. Turn right into Holt Rd, and the entrance to Walsingham Abbey is on your right
6.1miles/9.9km	660yds/600m	Arrive at Walsingham Abbey . To continue, leave the abbey grounds and carry on down Holt Rd for the Anglican Shrine, which is on your left.
6.2miles/10km	110yds/100m	Reach the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham , and the end of the pilgrimage.