

CROMER TOWN WALK

Norfolk

Distance: 2.6 miles

For any of my canine friends looking to quash that rumour that dogs can't look up, I recommend the Cromer Parish Church which boasts the tallest medieval tower in the county to provide something worth looking up for. Those with owners interested in history - especially with regard to the fishing industry - should be prepared to be left outside the Cromer Museum on Church Street for a little while, but don't worry, the walk that's to follow is so good it rivals an ear scratch. And I don't say that often.



Let's Begin



Cromer Seafront

Start your jaunt at Cromer's Information Centre, where you should turn on to The Croft - which is in line with the car park - and carry on along this road as it turns left into Colne Road. The second right is The Loke; go down that road.



When the road bears right, cross over it and go down the footpath there (which is called Love Lane). If your owner has trouble finding it, look out for the Arbor Road sign and lead them just to the left of it - the footpath is there.



Enjoy a sprint over the hill and down to meet Roughton Road. If you're anything like me your pronunciation of this road will be excellent: "Ruff!"



You'll pass East Wood on your right and an old Victorian hospital on the left - something your owner is sure to find interesting.



Walk across Roughton Road and you should be on Mayfield Drive. Take the first left into Greenfield Close.

Turn right onto the path at the end of Greenfield Close then take a right at Norwich Road, heading uphill. Don't run on ahead if you're off the lead: you'll need to cross with your owner at one of the crossing points coming up.



Take a left into Furze Hill and trot along the tarmac path which takes you into St Martin's Close. When you reach the end, take a right along Mill Road but don't get distracted by any passing dogs or blowing leaves - you'll need to take an almost immediate left on to Harbord Road.



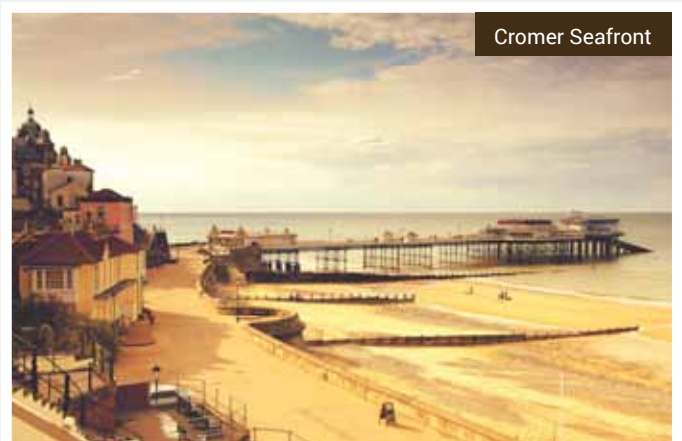
Harbord Road will bear sharp right, but you want to go on ahead to York Road. Carry on to the end then turn left to enjoy a scamper up Cliff Road.



Head across Overstrand Road and you'll reach a footpath that takes you into Links Wood. Enjoy a good sniff around here - I don't feel like I've really made the most of it until my nose is covered in dirt.

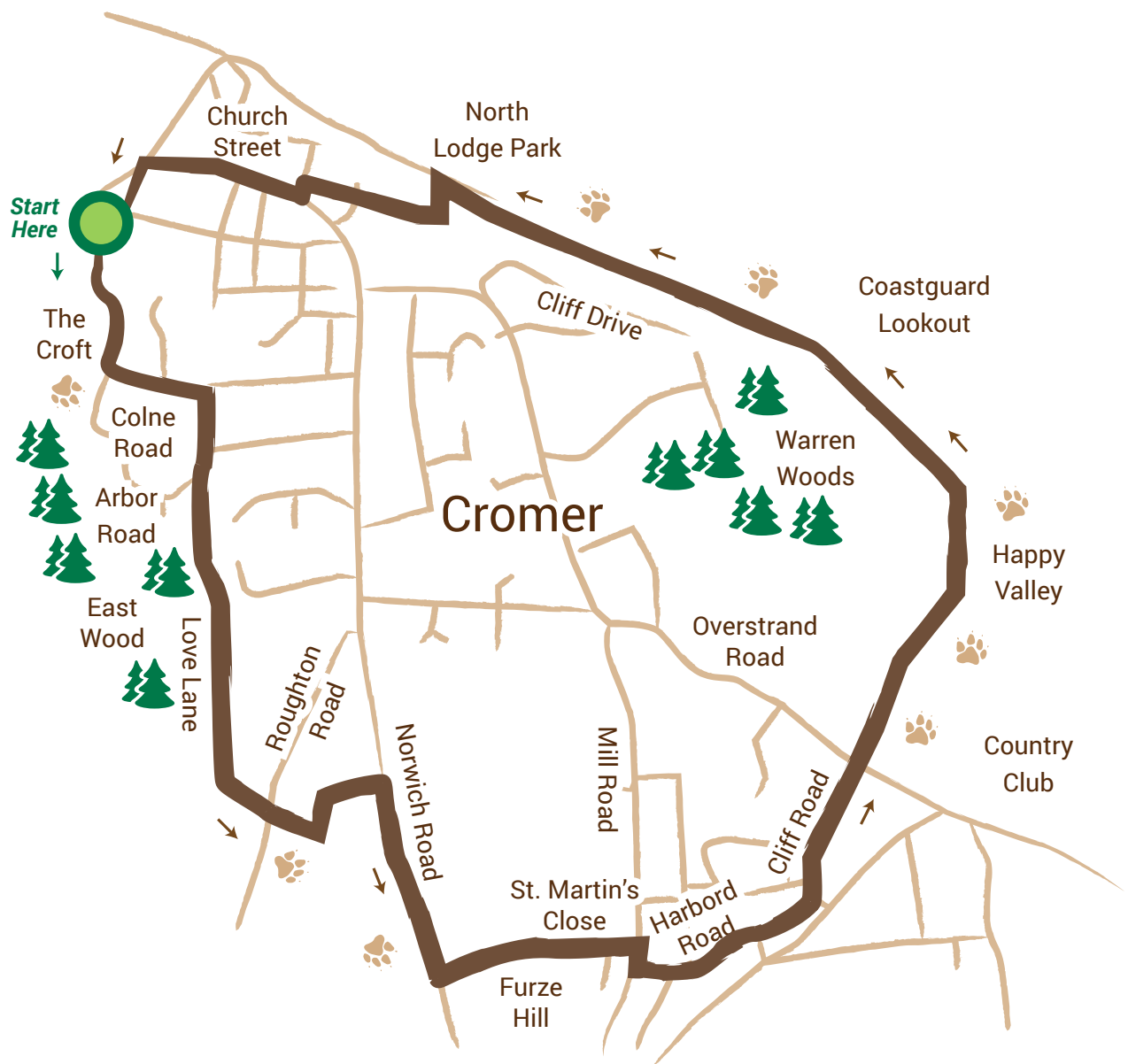


Take the Elizabeth Fry Walk along to Happy Valley. When you reach them, climb the steps there and walk past Cromer Country Club. Prepared to be patted and stroked by a few stray holidaymakers.



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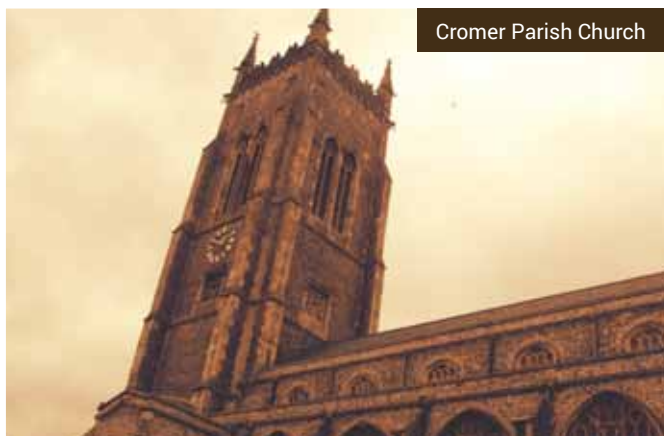


Carry on through Happy Valley then, when you come to the end, take a left on to the clifftop pathway.

Enjoy a gentle trot downwards, towards Cromer. You'll pass the Henry Blogg Memorial where your owner may like to take a moment to think about the man referred to as the 'greatest of the lifeboatmen', the most decorated in Royal National Lifeboat Institution history. I like to take a moment to think of his dog, Monte.

Bear right when you reach the end of the path and you'll cross a cobbled slope that takes you into Surrey Street. When you reach the end of that street turn left then right onto Church Street.

You'll pass the Cromer Museum - an interesting place I hear, but a bit lacking in places to roll around - and the church. Use the pedestrian crossing then take a left on to Chapel Street and back to the Information Centre where you began.



Cromer Parish Church