



Distance
10.6km/6½ miles



Time
3 hours



Grade
Easy



Refreshments
2 pubs/1 café



Boardman's Mill on the riverbank at How Hill.

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This is one of the classic Broads walks. It takes you to How Hill, a beautiful thatched house used as an environmental study centre, where you'll also see three different types of wind-powered drainage pumps. Here too is pretty Toad Hole Cottage, the tiny home of a Victorian eel-catcher. The walk beside the River Ant takes you past reed beds, and the newly created Buttle Marsh, where land is being encouraged to revert to wetland in order to attract bitterns and other water-loving birds. If you want to extend the walk by 4km, you can visit the ruins of Benedictine St Benet's Abbey. The gatehouse is the largest of the remains, curiously surmounted by the brick tower of a windmill built some 200 years ago.

By Clive Tully.

1 Start

Head north from car park back the way you arrived by car. Turn L on to the Yarmouth road, and where you see King's Arms pub ahead of you, turn L on to High Street, with 15th-century St Catherine's Church, R. Continue along Staithe Road, then turn R on to Lovers Lane.

2 1.8km/1 mile

Turn L at crossroads on to Norwich Road, then R at footpath waymark across a field, then behind some houses. Turn R and then L on to Turf Fen Lane. Where a footpath crosses road go R, and then L on to How Hill Road.

3 3.2km/2 miles

At How Hill, walk through car park and past Toad Hole Cottage. Turn L on to riverbank. Once you've cleared remainder of trees, there's a

PLAN YOUR ROUTE



ROUTE

Is it for me? Easy paths (fields, riverbank, green lane); some road walking; can get muddy. Suitable for all
Stiles None

START/PARKING

Car park at Womack Staithe, Horsefen Road, Ludham, grid ref TG391180

Nearest town Stalham

Refreshments King's Arms, Ludham; Dog Inn; Alfresco Tea Rooms

Public toilets

Womack Staithe and Ludham Bridge

Public transport
Sanders Coach Services 701 Catfield -Hoveton stops at Ludham

MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer OL40; Landranger 134



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magnificent view to your L of How Hill. On the opposite bank is Turf Fen windpump.

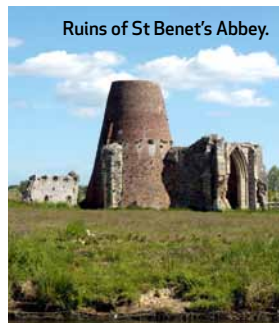
4 7.4km/4½ miles

At Ludham Bridge, turn L on to Norwich Road. You can get refreshments here, or further on at the Dog Inn, after which you turn R on to Hall Road.

3 8.4km/5¼ miles

Turn L on to track past Ludham Hall. A rather unusual barn at end of farm buildings incorporates remains of the Abbot of St Benet's private

chapel. If you want to see the remains of St Benet's Abbey, stay on Hall Common Road, and take next small road R. Follow



Ruins of St Benet's Abbey.

this lane for just over 1.5km until you arrive at St Benet's Abbey. Return same way to Ludham Hall.

6 8.5km/5¼ miles

Follow track north-east until you reach Lovers Lane. Turn R here, and then retrace your steps back to start. **walking**

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