

You will be able to see some special village signs on the route. The tradition for Norfolk villages to have their own individual signs was apparently started at the beginning of the 20th century by King Edward VII. He suggested that villages around Sandringham show their individuality using elaborate signposts. Later other villages adopted this idea.

Village signs

Broads by bike

The Broads and surrounding countryside are the ideal place for cycling. Quiet roads, gentle slopes, beautiful countryside and fresh air, all combine to make cycling a real pleasure.

There are plenty of pretty villages within easy reach, with ancient churches, wind pumps, pubs, cafes and other attractions to enjoy. You can even make it to the nearby coast, with its rolling waves, dunes and beautiful sandy beaches.

Above all, there are stunning views of the Broads, with sails gliding across marshland fields, all beneath the spectacular skies for which the area is famous.

Further information

Leaflets for other Broads bike trails in the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads are available from bike hire centres and the Broads Authority.

The Broads Authority is responsible for navigation, conservation, planning, tourism and recreation in the Broads.

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For further tourist information visit www.enjoythebroads.com



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Safe cycling

- * This is not an off-road route, you will meet cars and other vehicles on these roads during your trip.
- * Take care crossing and using main roads.
- * Please ride in single file on busy roads, and never more than two abreast on others.
- * Remember to signal before manoeuvring – other road users need to know.
- * Please keep to roads, bridleways and byways - footpaths are for pedestrians.
- * Give pedestrians and horses plenty of room and slow down as you pass - horses can be easily startled, and may not hear you coming.
- * Wear a safety helmet, and bright reflective clothing even in daylight.
- * You must use lights after dusk - it's important to be seen. Check whether you have time to complete your route in daylight before you start.

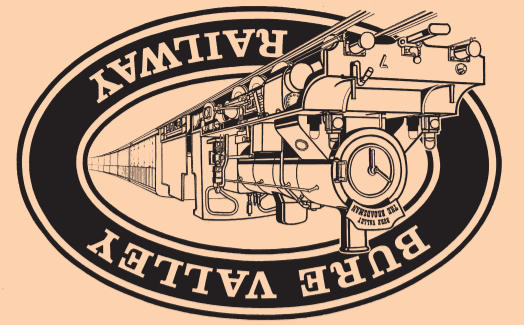


hire centre

Broadland Cycle Hire
at Bewilderwood Treehouse Adventure
t: 07887 480331



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This is a nine mile route between Hoveton, Wroxham and Aylsham. It follows part of the former Great Eastern Railway route which is now the narrow gauge Bure Valley Railway. Why not take the option of going on beyond Buxton to Aylsham? You can always get the train back. Tel 01263 733858 for details or pick up a timetable. Refreshments are available at Hoveton and Aylsham stations. Please give way to pedestrians on the path.

The Bure Valley Path and cycle track



BROADS BIKE TRAIL

Half day
15 miles
(24 km)

Bure Valley Path



Broads Bike Hire

Hoveton

Ashmanhaugh

Coltishall

Buxton

Hoveton

places to visit

please check opening hours

- historic churches
- Hoveton Hall Gardens
- Wroxham Barns
- Great and Little Hautbois
- optional longer route 24 miles to Aylsham (via the Bure Valley Path)



Broads Authority

The Broads - a member of the National Park family

AYLSHAM
4 miles
(6 km)

footpath to Oxnead Church
Steps to road - dismount and take care.

Buxton Station
Lamas
Steps to footpath to Buxton Mill

BUXTON

Little Hautbois Hall (Mayton Hall)

LITTLE HAUTOBOIS
Steps to common and ponds.

Dismount to cross major road, then turn right and after 50 yds (46 m) follow sign to left to Coltishall Station B&B. A track to the left leads to the Bure Valley Path.

GREAT HAUTOBOIS

1 Bewilderwood Treehouse Adventure

A huge forest of wild family fun and outdoor adventure. Treehouses, zip wires, jungle bridges, Crocklebugs, boat trips, marsh walks and great organic food.

2 Hoveton Hall Gardens

Beautiful woodlands and walled gardens, including woodland and lakeside walks.

3 You may notice the landscape here is different – there are no broads! The higher chalky ground here meant that the area never became waterlogged so peat never formed.

4 Wroxham Barns

Open daily 10.00am–5.00pm. Crafts, gifts, refreshments, junior farm, toilets.

5 Orchards – look out for blossom in spring.

6 Leafy hedges provide food and shelter for a variety of animals.

7 Ancient parkland with old oaks.

8 Coltishall

Enjoy a picnic here or visit one of the many pubs. One hundred years ago Coltishall was a bustling industrial settlement. Anchor Street, by the river, was the site of important wherry building yards. The former maltings on White Lion Lane are now residential.

9 Horstead Mill

Horstead has the remains of an old water mill and a pleasant meadow to picnic in. Coltishall Lock is the limit of navigation for the River Bure.

10 Great and Little Hautbois

Hautbois is pronounced 'Hobbis' locally. Great Hautbois has a ruined church and an attractive common and ponds. Little Hautbois is a small hamlet with only a few houses. You can see the Elizabethan Little Hautbois Hall from the path.

11 Buxton with Lamas

Buxton has an unusual village sign, a millstone. It is a reminder of how important the mill was. The mill burned down a few years ago and was rebuilt. It is now converted to private apartments.

Buxton was once the home of a 19th century architect called Thomas Cubitt. Anna Sewell, author of 'Black Beauty', is buried at the Lamas Quaker burial ground. A plaque commemorating her can be seen on the wall in the village. She was born in Great Yarmouth and spent many of her holidays on her grandfather's farm in Buxton.

Bure Valley Path
level crossing (take care)

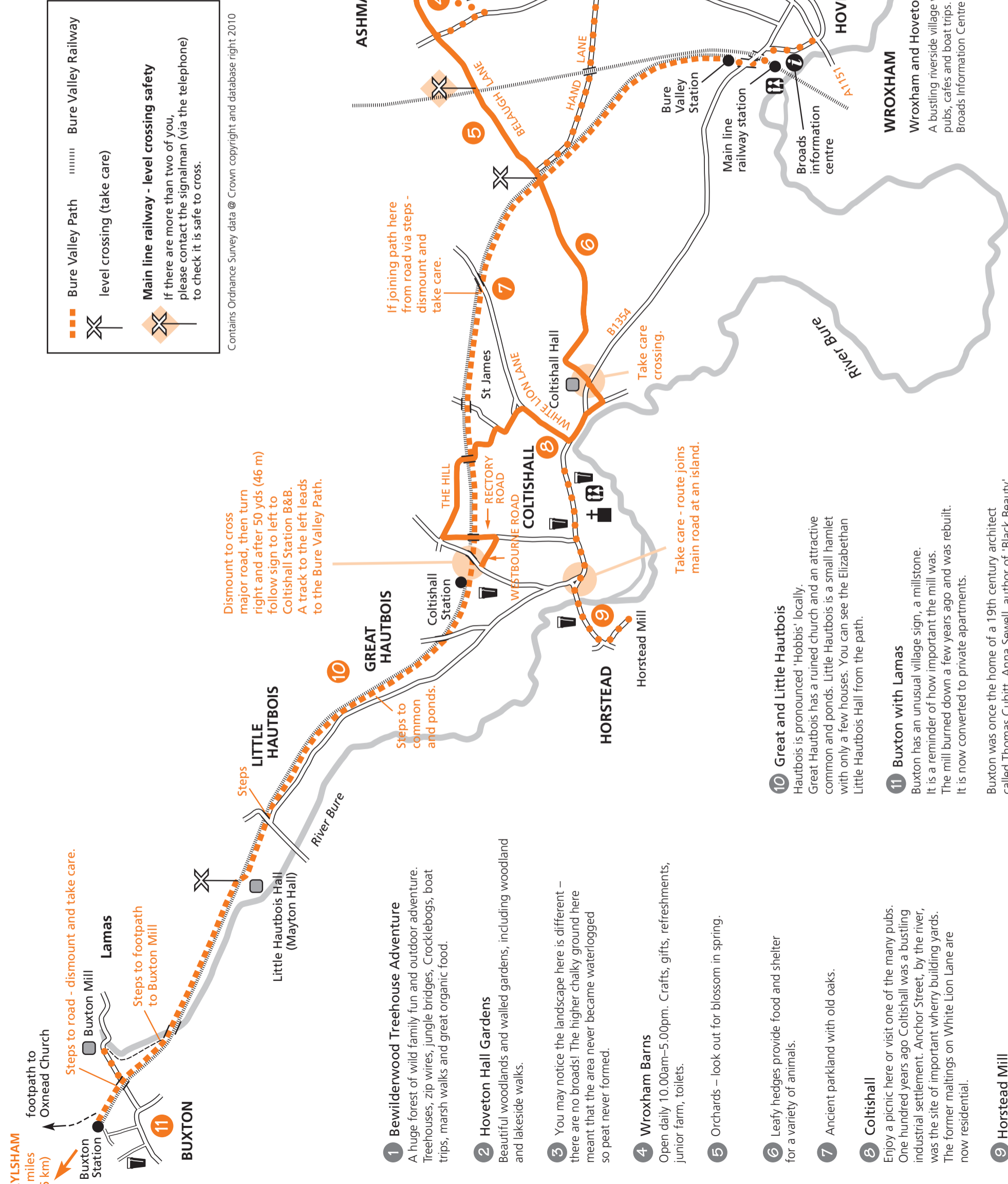
Main line railway - level crossing safety
If there are more than two of you, please contact the signalman (via the telephone) to check it is safe to cross.

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on-road bike trail
option/detour
caution needed

church
public house
parking
toilets
cafe

approx scale
0 1 km 1 mile



Bewilderwood
A Curious Treehouse Adventure

start

River Bure

WROXHAM

Wroxham and Hoveton
A bustling riverside village with shops, pubs, cafes and boat trips. Broads Information Centre and toilets.

HOVETON

Main line railway station

Bure Valley Station

ASHMANHAUGH

St Swithin's, round tower church
1/2 mile (0.75 km)

Hoveton Hall Gardens

St Peter's (1624)

LONG LANE
Take care crossing.

B1354
Take care crossing.

Take care - route joins main road at an island.

If joining path here from road via steps - dismount and take care.

St James
Coltishall Hall

Coltishall Station

Horstead Mill

Little Hautbois Hall (Mayton Hall)

Wroxham Barns

St Swithin's, round tower church