

Key Info

Start and finish:

Wroxham Broad Car Park, Private Road,
Wroxham NR12 8TS

Distance: 4.5 miles

Time: 1.5 - 2.5 hours

Locks/Portages: 0

OS Map:

Explorer 40

The Broads



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1 Launch from the public slipway in the car park at Wroxham Broad turn right and paddle around the edge of the broad until you come to its first link with the River Bure.

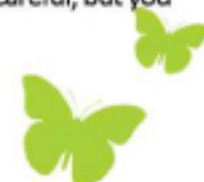
2 Turn right onto the river and paddle the mile or so to the entrance to Salhouse Broad. On the way you'll pass two small, pretty but private broads on your right and the closed off entrance to Hoveton Great Broad * (also private) on your left.

3 Paddle past the first entrance and turn into the broad at the second cut (¾ mile further on) and then paddle clockwise around the shore of Salhouse Broad.

4 There are moorings, camping and a small ferryboat on the broad, but otherwise it is very quiet and peaceful. Eventually you'll come to the second exit from Salhouse; turn left back onto the Bure and head back towards Wroxham Broad.

5 Paddle clockwise around the shore of Wroxham Broad back to the car park. If the yacht club is busy, be careful, but you have as much right to be there as they do.

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Both broads are connected to the River Bure and attract little through traffic. Apart from the large sailing club on Wroxham broad there is very little development along the shore. Salhouse broad is remote, quiet and a haven for wildlife.

On the Broads, keep to the shallow edges and on the river, travel on the right and keep well clear of cruisers and yachts. At weekends there will be sailing regattas on the broads, so if you cross the open water, keep well away from the racing area or you may learn some new nautical terms!

Some of the broads are very exposed and windy and you can encounter sizeable waves. It is advised that buoyancy aids are worn and swimming is actively discouraged. The bottom is mostly very deep soft mud and the water, whilst often clear, is not the cleanest and can contain very high levels of bacteria and algae which may be harmful if ingested. The larger broads and rivers are heavily used by motor cruisers and sailing yachts. On the rivers it is not only important to keep to the right hand side of the river but also to keep out of the way of larger craft whose helmsmen may not know or may choose to ignore the conventions! Also, remember that boats under sail may need to tack. Always pass behind them.



The invasive non-native shrimp (*Dikerogrammerus villosus*) has been found in the Broads. This shrimp has become widespread in Europe and threatens our native species. There is no risk to public health or pets. Water users must be vigilant and Check, Clean and Dry equipment and clothing to help stop the spread of all invasive aquatic species.

Safety and Licenses

We want you to enjoy a safe trip, so here are a few tips for staying safe and paddling responsibly.

Paddle Safe:

Be prepared and take the right kit:

- Wear a correctly sized buoyancy aid
- Mobile phone – in a waterproof case
- Whistle – to attract attention in case of emergency
- Map and / or route description
- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions + spares in a dry bag
- Food, drink & suncream!

Paddle Responsibly:

Respect the natural environment and other users:

- Respect other waterway users #sharethespace
- Be environmentally aware, minimise your impact
- Ensure you have the correct licence if required
- Observe navigational rules – keep right and give other users space
- Check, Clean, Dry after every trip!

Licences: The waterways in this trail are managed by the Broads Authority, and require paddlers to hold a licence. British Canoeing membership includes a full annual licence for this waterway – please take your membership card with you as this acts as your licence. Non-members can either purchase a British Canoeing membership from www.britishcanoeing.org.uk or buy licences direct from Tolls Office, Broads Authority Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RY

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