

Walks from Elm Loft

Walk 1 – about 50 mins.

Turn right out of the drive and proceed down the road to the carpark and Upton Staithe. Take the footpath up the right-hand side of the dyke and walk along the riverbank until you reach a wooden building with moorings. *(You can walk behind this building and keep straight on to Acle Bridge where there is a good pub)*. Turn right down the path into the woods. At the end of this path go through the gate on your right, cross the field and go through the gate into another wood. You will cross a narrow metal bridge and then come to a wide track. Cross this track and keep straight on through the reed bed, returning to Upton Staithe.

Walk 2 – about 25 mins.

At Upton Staithe turn right along the footpath through the wood. (Return path on Walk 1). When you reach the wide track turn right and bare right at the end into the village. Keep straight on until you come to the junction with Boat Dyke Road. Turn right and return to Elm Loft *(or carry straight on to the White Horse Pub)*.

Walk 3 – About an hour

Walk down Boat Dyke Road turning left into Back Lane. At the end of this lane turn right through a metal gate leading onto Upton Marshes. Follow the concrete path baring left ** and then take the track to the right. You will see a black windmill directly ahead of you. Proceed to this windmill going through another metal gate and up onto the riverbank. Turn right along side the River Bure and then back along Upton Dyke to the boat yard.

Walk 4 – about an hour (short walk) or up to 2 hours (longer walks). Start as for Walk 3 to **. Look out for a small gate and a bridge to your left. Cross this bridge and turn right. Continue along this path between the ditches, keeping right and you will eventually come to a gate on the left which will take you into Upton Fen nature reserve. (No dogs allowed). To return to Upton continue a little further along this path until you see a gate on the right. Short walk – Go through the gate, cross the fields and continue straight along the concrete path to come back to the beginning of the marshes. Long walk – Don't cross the field but continue until you reach a track and then turn right and onto the concrete path to Upton.

Walk 5 – about 30 mins

Turn left out of the drive, then left, then right, then left. You will see a large pink house on the right. Along side this house is a footpath. This takes you to Fishley Church and further on to Acle. The Church is worth a visit and is open on Fridays.