

LOOK OUT FOR...



◀ The Copeman Centre was the village primary school from 1844 until 1984. It was refurbished and re-opened as a village hall in 1988 and hosts many local groups and events.

▶ The Spinney is a piece of land owned and managed by Briston Parish Council. There's a memorial tree and benches for a well-earned rest.



◀ Wood sorrel grows on the banks of the stream near Growle Abbey (a private residence) which indicates that this is ancient woodland. The boardwalk was installed in 2008.

▶ The stream itself is one of Norfolk's major rivers, the Bure, from which Briston gets its name. It continues east through the Norfolk Broads, eventually joining the River Yare at Great Yarmouth.



◀ The railway embankment was part of the M&GN Joint Railway branch line from Melton Constable to Corpusty & Saxthorpe.

▶ Look out for marsh tits, great-spotted woodpeckers (pictured) and barn owls, as well as through the trees for roe or muntjac deer in the meadows alongside.



BRISTON WALKS

WALK 2: 3 miles / 1 hour

The Spinney & Growle Abbey Boardwalk



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WALK 2

The Spinney & Growle Abbey Boardwalk

Approximate distance: 3 miles

Estimated walking time: 1 hour

Accessibility: Level roads, track, boardwalk and footpaths.

Two stiles and steps up and over a railway embankment.

Parts of this walk can be muddy at times.

- 1 Start at Briston recreation ground car park. At the north end of the Pavilion, turn right to go through an alleyway leading to Hall Street.
- 2 Cross Hall Street and walk towards the Copeman Centre, then veer left across the village green to join Mill Road, turning right.
- 3 At the end of Mill Road by Frogmoor Farm, turn right and then left onto Pack Lane.
- 4 At the top of Pack Lane is The Spinney. Turn right to continue along Tithe Barn Lane.
- 5 Take the next right onto Hellpit Lane which eventually bends to the right.
- 6 At the road junction turn sharp left and follow footpath signs onto a track. Pass through two gates and continue straight ahead, past Growle Abbey and over a stile into the wood. Follow the path beside the stream until it joins a boardwalk which ends at steps up and over a railway embankment.
- 7 After a second stile beyond a large shed, emerge onto Thurning Road and turn right.
- 8 Turn right onto Reepham Road. Bear right then left onto Hall Street, taking care at the bend in the road.
- 9 Turn left onto Stone Beck Road to return to the recreation ground car park.



SCALE

