

# LOOK OUT FOR...



◀ Hedgerows offer an everchanging kaleidoscope of colour and fragrance. From stitchwort, wood anemone and snowdrops, primroses and cowslips, to garlic mustard and wild roses.

▶ The fast flowing stream you cross is the River Bure on its way to the Norfolk Broads. The Bure is a rare chalk stream and one of Norfolk's major rivers, from which Briston gets its name.



◀ Rarer and larger than rabbits, brown hares are best seen in the spring and early summer before the crops get too tall.

▶ Fungi are nature's vital decomposers and most plants rely on fungi in their root systems for their survival. In autumn, Mill Lane is a great place to see these.



◀ Cuckoo Bridge used to carry the M&GN railway line from Melton Constable to Corpusty & Saxthorpe. The track was removed in the early 1960s. You also cross the old track bed at point 7.

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# BRISTON WALKS

WALK 6: 5 miles / 2 hours

Across the water meadows



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# WALK 6

## Across the water meadows

Approximate distance: 5 miles

Estimated walking time: 2 hours

Accessibility: Level roads, footpaths and farm tracks. Parts of this walk can be very muddy at times. Farm animals may be present.

- 1 Start at Briston recreation ground car park. Turn left onto Stone Beck Lane then right onto Hall Street.
- 2 At the bend keep ahead onto Stone Road which bends sharp left, right then left.
- 3 At the junction take the road to the right (Hellpit Lane) which ascends before bending to the left.
- 4 Follow the Restricted Byway sign right, onto a grass track.
- 5 Go through a gate and turn right descending beside the trees to cross a stream then head diagonally left to a footbridge in the furthest corner. This area can be waterlogged at times.
- 6 Turn immediately right over one stile then another through a gap (can be a little overgrown!) in the hedge. Continue straight ahead across a field to another gap in the trees.
- 7 Continue ahead, down a slope and over a footbridge. Walk towards the farm with the trees on your right, over a stile then across the yard to the left of the buildings.
- 8 Emerge to turn right onto Saxthorpe Road, which eventually becomes Thurning Road.
- 9 At the crossroads go straight ahead onto Mill Lane and follow this as it bends left then right.
- 10 Turn right onto Craymere Beck Road. Ignore the track to the left (Ridlands Road).



- 11 Follow a Footpath sign left and keep right when the path forks.
- 12 Turn right to go under Cuckoo Bridge then straight ahead to return to the recreation ground.

SCALE

