

AYLSHAM & AREA

BURE VALLEY RAILWAY

Norwich Road, Aylsham NR11 6BW 01263 733858 www.bvrw.co.uk

Runs between Aylsham and Wroxham, the 'Capital of the Norfolk Broads' with country stations serving the villages of Brampton, Buxton and Coltishall. The 18 mile round trip runs through the picturesque Bure Valley. Take the Boat Train and take a cruise of the Broads.

THE CANOEMAN

10 Norwich Rd, Wroxham NR12 8RX 0845 496 9177 www.thecanoeman.com/

TheCanoeMan's Woodland Activity Centre (WAC) offers a range of woodland activities from wildlife walks through to archery, bushcraft and other woodland activities. Meeting at **TheCanoeMan** Shop in Wroxham you are taken by mini bus to your activity day where you take part in a canoe trail to the WAC.

Paddling through the quiet backwaters to the WAC you will see lots of wildlife. Once there you will be taught the art of bushcraft, learning to light fires without matches or lighters, how to build a rainproof shelter, backwoods cooking, plant and tree identification and uses, plus more. After lunch a woodland archery session will discover who the next Robin Hood is!

The canoe journey back gives further opportunities to get close to local wildlife

See more activities online.

REDWINGS HORSE SANCTUARY

Spa Lane, Aylsham NR11 6UE 0870 040 0033 www.redwings.org.uk/get-involved/visit/ aylsham-visitor-centre

This is home to 50 residents including real-life Black Beauty Maya, donkey duo Wiggins and Wacko, and Redwings' notorious herd of Shetlands, "The Gangsters". The centre is also host to a jam-packed schedule of activities during school holidays and a great place for school and group visits.

CROMER & AREA

AMAZONAS ZOO

Hall Road, Cromer NR27 9JG 01263 510 741 www.amazonazoo.co.uk

The zoo is home to over 200 tropical animals including Jaguars, Monkeys, Snakes, Tapirs, Flamingos and other birds including a newly acquired Toucan. There are at least four Feed The Animal events a day, with jaguar and pumas on alternate days.

PRIORY MAZE AND GARDENS

Cromer Road, Beeston Regis, Sheringham NR26 8SF Tel: 01263 822986 www.priorymazegardens.co.uk

Set within 10 acres, there are various themed gardens, and the hedge maze. The wildflower meadow provides habitat for countless moths and and other insects during mid summer. Look out for bee orchids and the common marsh orchid in Summer.

RNLI LIFEBOAT STATION

End of Cromer Pier, Cromer NR27 9HE 01263 512237 www.facebook.com/rnlicromer

Kids will love it with the chance to get involved by dressing up in crew kits, using flags and equipment, plus toys to find out about the station and what they do. Tours include a chance to meet some of the crew and walk alongside the Tamar class lifeboat.

SPLASH SHERINGHAM

Weybourne Road, NR26 8HF 01263 825675

www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/splash-leisure-and-fitness-centre/swim

Splash Sheringham offers a Leisure Pool featuring a 150 ft giant waterslide and a wave machine! The wave action of the wave machine is pitched at levels related to the age of the kids, so if it's full of young kids expect a gentle swell but if it's later and full of teenagers then they ramp it up a notch! The flume splashes down into it's own little area separate to the pool so there's no full dunk ending just a gentle slowing down.



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THE POPPY LINE

North Norfolk Railway Sheringham Station NR26 8RA 01263 820800 www.nnrailway.co.uk

Most trains have a van with ramp access for buggies and wheelchairs; but buggies can be folded and carried aboard the vintage passenger coaches.

Make a day of it and ride on as many trains as you want! Special events throughout the year are held – see website for more details.

HILLTOP OUTDOOR CENTRE

Old Wood, Sheringham NR26 8TS 01263 824514 www.hilltopoutdoorcentre.co.uk

Activities available include: Air Jump, Super Swing, Climbing, Tree Top Trail, High Ropes, Vertical Challenge, the Fan Descender, Crate Stacking and Team Tasks, Archery, Mountain Biking and the Big Zipper! Loads of active family fun for the over 8s.

BEESTON HILLS PUTTING GREEN

Cliff Road, Sheringham NR26 8BJ 01263 823320

www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/splash-leisure-and-fitness-centre/swim

If you want a tricky little course - this is the place for you. It isn't a crazy golf course, but when you see the hill in the middle of it - you'll think "how on earth!"

THE MUCKLEBURGH COLLECTION

Weybourne, Sheringham NR25 7EG 01263 588210 www.muckleburgh.co.uk

The site was an Anti-Aircraft Artillery range and along with a camp at Stiffkey, represented the main live firing training ranges for ACK-ACK in World War II.

The heart of the Museum is the NAAFI building which underwent several years of restoration and enlargement. There are over 120 vehicles, tanks and guns with a back-up of 3,000 other exhibits. Across the meadow, in front of the main building, is the compound area.

FAKENHAM & AREA

PENSTHORPE NATURE RESERVE AND GARDENS

Fakenham Road, Fakenham NR21 0LN 01328 851465 www.pensthorpe.com/

Meet some of our rare and native species such as Cranes, Corncrakes and Red Squirrels, paddle in the WildRootz stream, slide down 'The Worm' and hop aboard our Landrover as you explore with our Wensum Discovery Tour. The WildRootz passport is packed full of fun and informative facts and leads you on exciting trails around the reserve. There are over 30 individual pieces of play equipment including a 11m high giant slide tower and a beautiful meandaring shallow stream, this 2 acre outdoor adventure play area makes Pensthorpe Natural Park one of Norfolk's most exciting days out.



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DINOSAUR ADVENTURE PARK

Lenwade, Norwich, NR9 5JW 01603 876310 www.dinosauradventure.co.uk

Explore the Dinosaur Trail and Neanderthal Walk. Meet the animals in the Secret Animal Garden, with activities and demonstrations. Enjoy the Adventure Play Area, DINOMITE indoor adventure play, Dippy's Splash Zone, Raptor Races, Jurassic Putt and much more.

WROXHAM BARNS

Tunstead Road, Hoveton NR12 8QU 01603 783762 www.wroxhambarns.co.uk

Wroxham Barns is difficult to sum up. There are animals, but it is not a zoo, there is a junior farm where you can bottle feed the lambs at Junior Farm in spring and calves in the summer, but it is not just a farm. There are shops and craft workshops where you can buy things, but it is not a shopping mall. And you may enjoy the 18 hole championship mini adventure golf course and children's funfair, but it is not... you get the picture! It is just a good afternoon out if you have small children. There is an award winning café too.

BEWILDERWOOD

Horning Road, Hoveton NR12 8JW 01692 633033 www.bewilderwood.co.uk

BeWILDerwood is an adventure, a magical world where you can float across the Scary Lake, cross jungle bridges, visit treehouses, whizz down the Wobbly Wires, climb up between the trees and escape the Sky Maze, build dens with braken and sticks and dress up and join in with the enchanting daily storytelling. BeWILDerwood is a world with more than a sprinkling of fairy dust for the whole family.

NORWICH PUPPET THEATRE

St James Whitefriars, Norwich NR3 1TN 01603 629921 www.puppettheatre.co.uk

As well as hosting a variety of touring puppetry companies from Britain and overseas, featuring the best of British and international theatre of animation for all ages, Norwich Puppet Theatre present an ongoing programme of craft-based workshops for children with special

WROXHAM MINIATURE WORLDS

sessions for adults.

Station Business Park, Horning Road West, Hoveton NR12 8QJ 01603 781728

www.wroxhamminiatureworlds.co.uk

First a disclaimer: this attraction is for hardcore fans of model villages, collections of dolls and playing with children's train sets. Wroxham Miniature Worlds have the largest indoor modelling attraction in the UK. Display table heights and levels of detail and fragility suit children over 5 years (no buggies), but there are designated baby friendly days, when pushchairs are permitted.

There's an exhibit of the UK's Top 100 Toys on display plus hand-built dolls houses and vintage model arcade games that you can still play!

MUSEUM OF THE BROADS

The Staithe, Stalham NR12 9DA 01692 581681 www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

This collection of vintage boating paraphernalia has been built around the area's socio-economic relationship with the waterways. The museum is located in the picturesque Stalham Staithe. It is family friendly with trails and activities for children, like Kiddie Quizzes, a Wildlife Trail and Teddy Bear Wingmen to accompany you.

There are knot tying lessons and follow the cute duckling trail.

The Victorian steam launch will take you along the waterways, life-jackets are provided and friendly and informed commentary and a cafe with refreshments, or enjoy a picnic by the river. Closed between December and March.

HORSEY GAP AND RIVER TRIP

Horsey, Norfolk NR29 4EF 07791 526440

www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/family-fun/ Horsey_Gap_and_River_Trip/2505

Horsey Gap and River Trip runs between December and March. The lovely beach at Horsey plays host to many hundreds of seals that come here to breed. So it's wonderful for photos! The tours are generally an hour long, which is an ideal duration for families with young ones.

Then between May and September families can enjoy an informal all weather wildlife tour departing from the staithe by Horsey Windpump. There are also early morning and evening private tour hire

available, to catch sunrise or sunset.

PETTITTS ADVENTURE PARK

Church Road, Reedham NR13 3UA 01493 700094 www.pettittsadventurepark.co.uk

At Pettitts Adventure Park there are rides galore for young children, exotic and domestic animals and birds to see, as well as animals to feed and pet. There is also Pettitt's famous miniature railway to discover too. Lots of excitment for smaller children!



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