**Walks & Green Spaces in Norwich**

**GREEN SPACES**

**Plantation Garden**

Plantation Garden is a 3-acre Grade II listed garden and former chalk quarry. Here you’ll find a Victorian Gothic fountain, flower beds, lawns, Italianate terrace, woodland walkways, 10-metre long Victorian-style greenhouse and rustic bridge.

In summer, there's a big programme of live music, performance and family shows, outdoor cinema and wonderful Sunday afternoon homemade teas!

**Price:** £2

**Opening Hours:** daily, 9am – 6pm (April – September) & 9am – 4pm (October – March)

**Location:** Earlham Road

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, head west along Bethel Street and Upper St Giles to the footbridge crossing Grapes Hill. At the top of Earlham Road, cross the road opposite The Cathedral of St John the Baptist and walk for 1-minute. The entrance to Plantation Garden will be on your left.

***10 minutes***

[www.plantationgarden.co.uk](https://www.plantationgarden.co.uk)

**Chapelfield Gardens**

With plenty of space to relax and run around, Chapelfield Gardens is a great spot to escape the bustle of the city. The band stand in the centre of the park is often used for events.

There’s a children’s play area, a small food stand offering coffee, snacks and ice cream, and a larger restaurant for delicious all-day brunch.

**Location:** Chapel Field East

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, head west along Theatre Street. On the intersection of Theatre Street and Chapel Field East, cross the road into Chapelfield Gardens.

***5 minutes***

<https://www.norwich.gov.uk/parks-and-green-spaces/find-parks-and-green-spaces/chapelfield-gardens>

**Walks**

**Riverside Walk**

Norwich’s riverside walk takes you from the city centre at Riverside all the way to the beginning of Marriott’s Way (see below) on Barn Road.

Following the River Wensum, the leafy route takes you past landmarks like Cow Tower, Pull’s Ferry and St James Mill, as well as grand weeping willows and a ‘beach’ where little ones can feed the ducks.

**Location:** Start at Novi Sad Bridge at Riverside Leisure Centre. End at the beginning of Marriott’s Way at the roundabout on Barn Road.

**Route from The Forum (to Riverside):** From The Forum, head through Norwich Market and the Royal Arcade to Castle Meadow. Head up Farmers Avenue to the right of Castle Quarter and cross the road, following Rouen Road, until Novi Sad Friendship Bridge is on your left. Cross the bridge and start the riverside walk on your left (following the river towards the train station).

***16 minutes***

<https://www.visitnorwich.co.uk/service/riverside-walk/>

**Whitlingham Country Park**

Whitlingham Country Park sits on the outskirts of Norwich and is the gateway to the Broads National Park. With over 280 acres of beautiful countryside, you can walk or cycle around the 2-mile man-made lake before exploring trails further into the woodland.

The park has cycle paths, a picnic meadow, and a visitors centre with a café, information point and toilet facilities.

**Price:** FREE, pay-and-display parking

**Location:** Trowse Newton

**Route from The Forum:** If you’re taking the bus, head to Stop BR on St Stephens Street via Rampant Horse Street. Disembark the bus at Trowse Primary School (6 minutes), then cross The Street and follow Whitlingham Lane on your right for 1 mile until you reach the visitor centre.

In the car, follow the inner ring road southeast to the roundabout opposite Norfolk County Council, taking the first exit to Trowse Newton. Cross the bridge and take the first left, following Whitlingham Lane until the car park and visitor centre are on your left.

If you’re walking from The Forum, head down Rampant Horse Street, up Westlegate and along Ber Street. At the end of the road, turn left and follow Bracondale (ring road) all the way along, over the roundabout, and across the bridge into Trowse Newton. Turn left along Whitlingham Lane and follow the road for 1 mile until the visitor centre is on your left.

***10-minute drive, 40-minute bus journey (includes walking to your destination), 1-hour walk***

<https://www.whitlinghamcountrypark.com/>

**UEA Broad**

Located on the University of East Anglia’s gloriously green campus, UEA Broad is a man-made lake that’s home to a rich variety of wildlife, as well as outdoor art as part of the Sainsbury Centre’s free-to-visit Sculpture Park.

Follow the trail around the Broad, and other paths into the surrounding woodland and marshes.

**Price:** pay-and-display parking

**Location:** University of East Anglia

**Route from The Forum:** If you’re driving to UEA Broad, follow Earlham Road and Watton Road west out of the city centre. Turn left onto Colney Lane at the traffic lights and follow the road round past Norwich Research Park and Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital. Head straight over two main roundabouts into UEA Wildlife Trail car park. Form here, follow the woodland pathway, which will lead you to the Broad.

From The Forum, you can take the 25 or 26 bus to UEA from Stop BM on Red Lion Street (via Rampant Horse Street). Disembark after 15-minutes at North Park Avenue and walk south along Bluebell Road, where you’ll immediately see an entrance to UEA Broad on your right.

If you’re walking, it’s 2.7 miles. From The Forum, head west along Theatre Street, through Chapelfield Gardens and across the inner ring road, heading down Unthank Road. Turn left onto Park Lane (opposite Tesco), then left along Portersfield Road. Follow the road (which becomes Jessopp Road) to the end. Then cross the ring road (Colman Road) and follow North Park Avenue until you reach Bluebell Road and cross to the entrance of UEA Broad.

***15-minute drive, 30-minute bus journey (including walking to your destination), 1-hour walk***

<https://assets.uea.ac.uk/f/185167/x/c001cdde36/uea-wilflife-trail-3.pdf>

**Marriott’s Way**

Following two disused railway lines for 26 miles between Norwich and the historic market town of Aylsham, Marriott’s Way is a popular route for walkers and cyclists.

Starting in the city centre, admire a wealth of wildlife, woodland and wildflower meadows along the way, spotting native plants and animals that change with the seasons. Public art created from the rail tracks marks your progress.

**Location:** Start at Barn Road, Norwich. End at Aylsham.

**Route from The Forum:** From the front of The Forum, make your way north past City Hall to Lower Goat Lane, heading down St Gregory’s Alley and across St Benedicts Street to Westwick Street. Follow the road west until you reach the ring road (Barn Road) and turn right. Cross the road at the roundabout, where you’ll find the beginning of Marriott’s Way alongside the River Wensum.

***20 minutes***

<https://www.visitnorwich.co.uk/service/marriotts-way/>

**Taverham Mill**

Taverham Mill is an idyllic nature reserve on the outskirts of Norwich. It’s dog-friendly and offers woodland, wildflower meadows, grassland and fishing lakes to walk around.

There is also a visitor centre, play area and cafe. From spring to early autumn, it’s home to Highland Cattle. During this time, you can also hire a canoe at an extra price and get out onto the River Wensum.

**Price:** adults £6, children £4, family ticket £17 (FREE parking)

**Opening Hours:** 10am – 5pm, Monday - Saturday and 10am – 4pm, Sunday (March – October) & 10am – 4pm, Wednesday – Sunday (November – February)

**Location:** Taverham

**Route from The Forum:** You can get a direct bus from Stop BE on St Stephens Street, a 1-minute walk from The Forum along Rampant Horse Street. It’s a 30-minute bus journey to Taverham, then a 12-minute walk along Sandy Lane in Taverham.

In the car, head down Grapes Hill and turn left onto Dereham Road. Follow the road to the ring road and turning right at the roundabout onto Sweet Briar Road (towards Hellesdon). Turn left onto Hellesdon Hall Road at the first set of traffic lights and right onto Low Road to Drayton High Road. Take an immediate left onto Taverham Road until you see the entrance to Taverham Mill on your left.

***20-minute drive, 45-minute bus journey (includes walking to your destination)***

<https://anglianwaterparks.co.uk/taverham-mill>